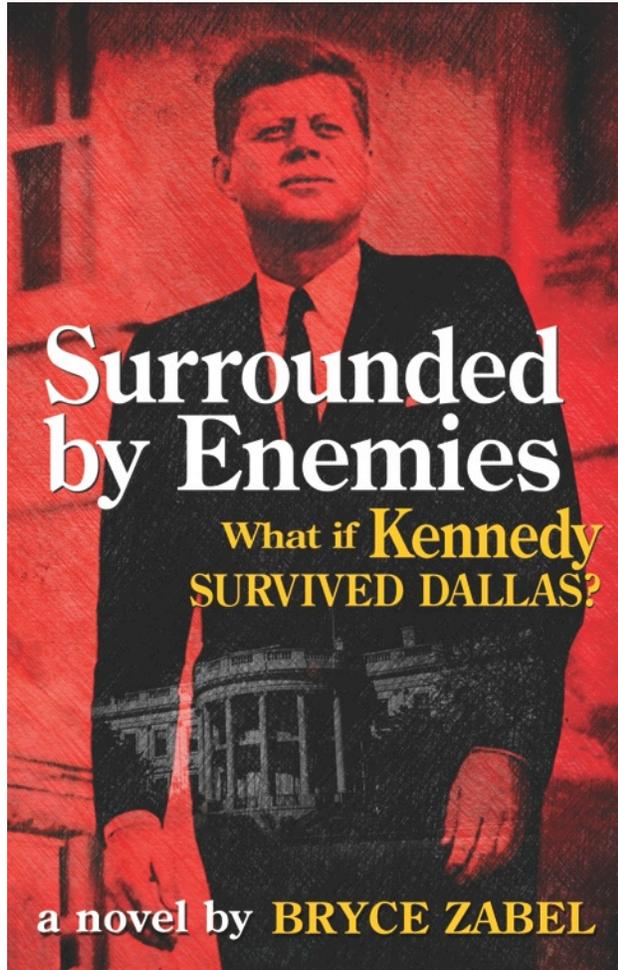


# **SURROUNDED BY ENEMIES:** **What if Kennedy Survived Dallas?** *A novel by Bryce Zabel*



If President John Kennedy had survived the ambush at Dealey Plaza a half-century ago, what other twists might history have taken?

In his meticulously researched novel, *Surrounded by Enemies: What if Kennedy Survived Dallas?*, author Bryce Zabel delivers a supercharged but plausible alternative narrative of that era, conjecturing what would have happened had the charismatic president escaped unscathed on November 22, 1963.

Since the assassination, other writers have speculated about the important work for peace and equality that President Kennedy could have done had his life been spared. But award-winning Hollywood writer/producer Zabel boldly re-imagines a shocking post-1963 political scenario that is

painfully disruptive to the nation, culminating in a Constitutional crisis and even the president's impeachment.

Without resorting to sci-fi gimmicks, Zabel instead explores what we now know about the underbelly of JFK's presidency to portray him returning to a very different Washington, D.C. where the stakes are high on so many fronts. After all, someone had just tried to execute him in broad daylight on a public street in front of a national television audience. The president and his brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, essentially become the first conspiracy theorists, determined to strike back at their enemies.

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This is not a time-travel story with a protagonist sent back to save JFK. It is not a rose-colored glasses look at an idealized “what if.” Instead we get a hard look at the dark secrets of the Kennedy administration -- and of those who have the motive and means to brutally remove him from office, including such surprising culprits as Vice President Lyndon Johnson.

The provocative and compelling narrative covers the period from Kennedy’s near-miss in Dallas through the subsequent political earthquake of 1964-1966. We witness the president interact with his family and close circle of famous friends and colleagues, with the colorful politicians and government leaders of that era, and with such Sixties icons as the Beatles, Marilyn Monroe, boxer Cassius Clay and astronaut Neil Armstrong.

Zabel’s novel is cleverly presented as a commemorative retrospective assembled by contemporaneous journalists on the staff of a fictitious newsmagazine, *Top Story* -- and incorporates into the narrative wittily designed faux-magazine covers depicting JFK with those luminaries he got to meet only in Zabel’s parallel universe.

Bryce Zabel’s *Surrounded by Enemies* literally breathes new life into the Kennedy years, and intimately portrays a decade even more surreal than the one found in conventional history books.

*Surrounded by Enemies: What if Kennedy Survived Dallas?* is available as a Publish Green eBook through Amazon, iBook, Nook and other sellers; as a Mill City Press trade paperback; and as an Audible.com audiobook narrated by Edd Hall (*The Tonight Show*). It is the first in a series of alternate history novels under the alt.WORLDS imprint from Stellar Productions.

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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Hollywood writer/producer **BRYCE ZABEL** is the creator of NBC's Emmy Award-winning *Dark Skies* which dramatized the UFO cover-up through the perspective of the Kennedy years. The former CNN correspondent is also the winner of the Writers Guild of America award for his Hallmark miniseries *Pandemic*, and has written for *Atlantis*, *Mortal Kombat II*, *Blackbeard* and *The Poseidon Adventure*. Zabel has created five primetime television series, including Fox's *M.A.N.T.I.S.*

and *The Crow*. He served as the elected Chairman/CEO of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and he has taught producing for the USC School of Cinematic Arts. His book, *A.D. After Disclosure*, now in its fourth printing, was a Barnes & Noble "New & Noteworthy" selection.

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## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING:

"I have always had a deep love for classic "What If?" stories, but the best ones are often the alternate events that probably came within a millisecond of actually happening. That is precisely what Bryce Zabel has done here, painstakingly designing JFK's life post-1963. I have some experience with shattered timelines and altered realities but this one kept me guessing every page."

--**Damon Lindelof**, *writer/producer (Lost, World War Z, Prometheus, Star Trek Into Darkness, Tomorrowland)*

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"Bryce Zabel and I went down the road of revising the Kennedy historical record together on the NBC series *Dark Skies*. This time instead of giving new meaning to the established JFK chronology he's created a brand new one altogether. *Surrounded by Enemies* is an exhilarating ride, full of twists and turns that never were, but surely could have been."

--**Melissa Rosenberg**, *TV/film writer/producer (Dexter, Twilight film series)*

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"Of all the what-if scenarios ever written about JFK, this is the one that rings true. It is an account that takes us deeper into the clandestine world that JFK himself tried, and ultimately failed, to gain control over during his life in our timeline. In the parallel history of *Surrounded by Enemies*, Kennedy's struggle only intensified after Dallas, and the entire nation bore witness."

--**Richard M. Dolan**, *author (UFOs and the National Security State)*

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"Plausible development, building from what we know about what really did go on, and a whacking good story... *Surrounded by Enemies* delivers on both, big-time. So hold on to your hats, folks. You're in for quite a ride."

--**Harry Turtledove**, *alternate history author (How Few Remain, World War)*