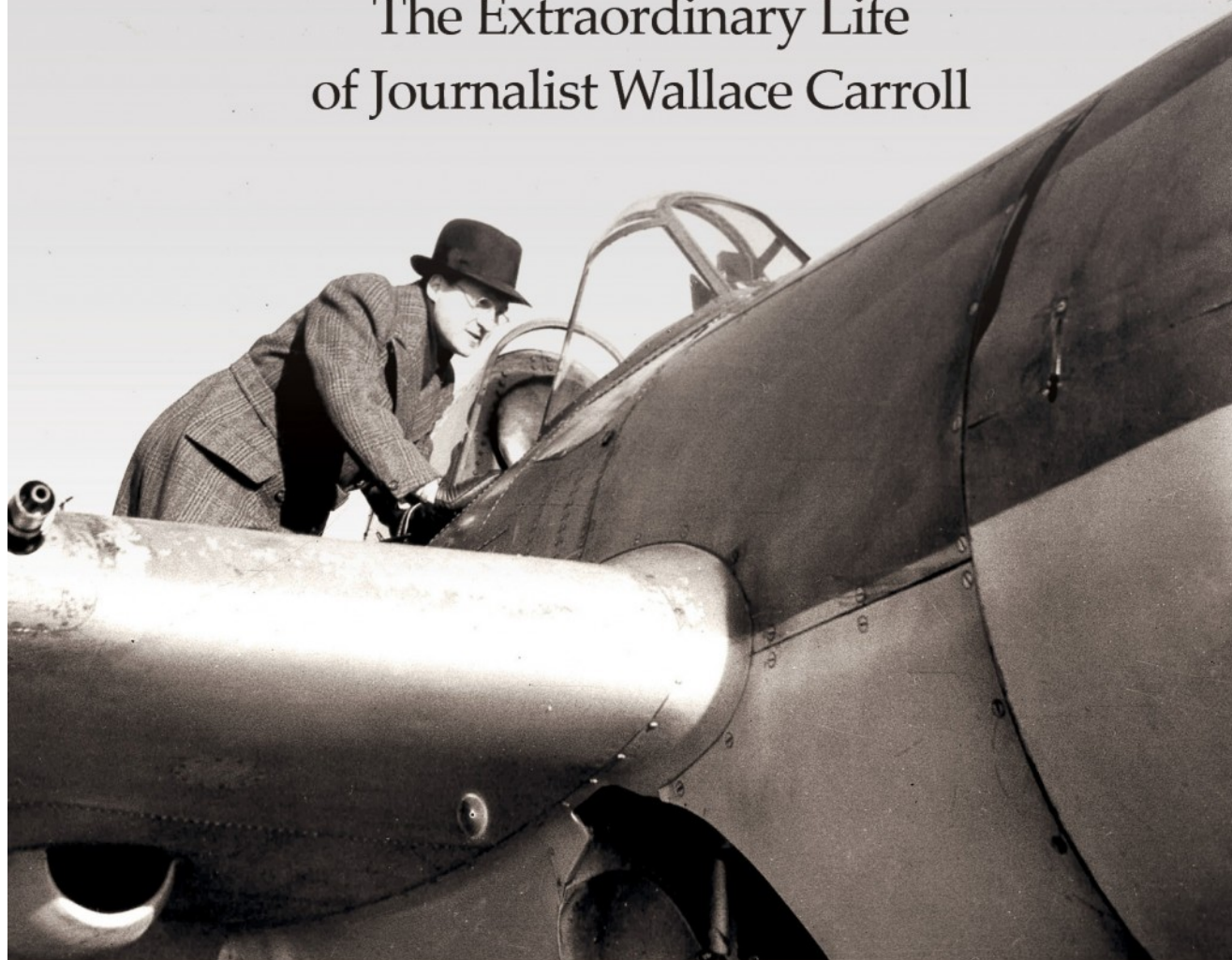


Journalist's biography sweeps national book of the year awards

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Century's Witness

The Extraordinary Life
of Journalist Wallace Carroll



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Roanoke, Virginia Jun 20, 2023 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Whaler Books is pleased to announce that *Century's Witness*, the Extraordinary Life of Journalist Wallace Carroll, has won the Gold Medal for biography in the Foreword Magazine INDIES, the Independent Book Publishers Association Benjamin Franklin Book-of-the-Year Award and The Gold Medal for Non-Fiction in the Independent Publishers, southeast regional IPPY Awards. These awards recognize the best books published in 2022 from independent and university presses and are regarded as one of the highest national honors for independent publishers.

Pulitzer Prize winner and Washington Post columnist George Will has called the book “a trip back in time when that phrase did not strike most Americans as an oxymoron, and when vibrant local newspapers were both causes and effects of national vigor.” Jon Sawyer, executive director of the Pulitzer Center hailed it “the best roadmap I know if we aim to restore journalism’s power to inform and persuade.” And Mark Nelson of the Center for International Media Assistance described it “A well-researched and captivating read.”

Century's Witness tells the story of Wallace Carroll, a highly respected and influential journalist of the 20th Century. Carroll represented the gold standard of news reporting. His career spanned 45 years, and as a United Press correspondent before and during World War II, deputy director of the Office of War Information, news editor of the Washington Bureau of the New York Times, and finally editor and publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, Wallace Carroll covered most of the significant events of the century, from the St. Valentine's Day Massacre in 1929 to the end of the Vietnam War. Filled with “you are there” stories and interviews with the likes of Winston Churchill, Dwight Eisenhower, and Josef Stalin, among others, His career story, captured by Mary McNeil—a former student of Carroll's—influenced a generation of reporters, editors, and publishers and gives us journalistic principles well worth revisiting today. “Anyone who cares about the values of daily newspapers should read it,” wrote Donald Graham, former publisher, The Washington Post.

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