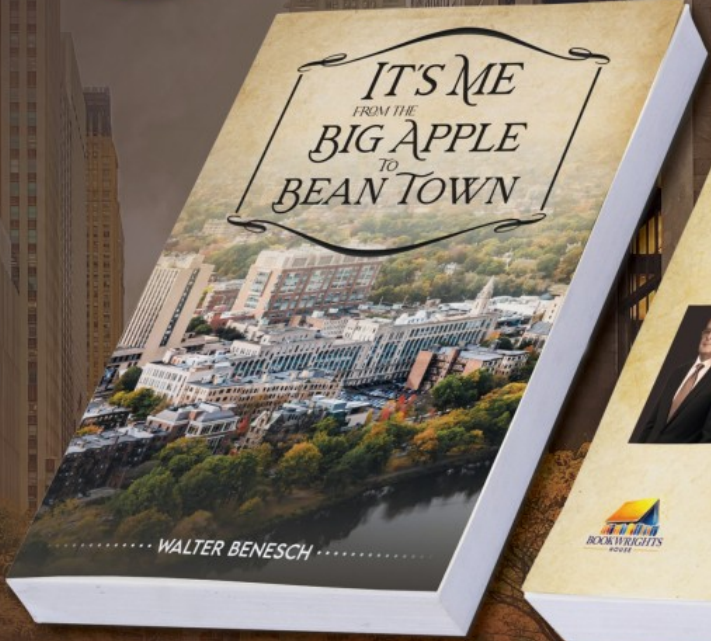


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Walter Benesch was born in Lenox Hill Hospital, NYC, and raised in Connecticut. He earned his M.A. in Anthropology from The New School, studying under Ralph Holloway and Michael Harner. His early career included social work in Harlem and the South Bronx, and he was a foster caregiver to Nim Chimpsky, the chimpanzee in Columbia University's sign language experiment. Later, he earned a MSSS from Boston University and went on to serve as a senior official in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. There, he led the development of The Y2K Management Plan for the Department of Defense. He retired after over 30 years of federal service, including work with the Department of Homeland Security. An active Freemason, he held high honors and lectured widely, with many of his talks featured on YouTube via Sapere Audi.

Canoga Park, California Jul 17, 2025 (Issuewire.com) - Walter Benesch's [*It's Me from the Big Apple to Bean Town*](#) is a truly captivating and soul-stirring memoir that welcomes readers into a life lived with profound curiosity, courage, and deep conviction. Through a series of heartfelt letters to his daughter, Benesch recounts his most pivotal experiences with disarming honesty and humor, guiding us

from the vibrant streets of 1970s New York City to the academic pathways of Boston.

Benesch, a graduate of Franconia College and The New School for Social Research, brings a distinctive voice shaped by his diverse career. His journey spans years in social work, academia, federal service, and even his early days as a cab driver in bustling Manhattan. Each chapter of his life, from his birth at Lenox Hill Hospital in NYC and his upbringing in Connecticut, has contributed to a rich tapestry of experiences.

One of the most remarkable layers to his already multifaceted life is his unforgettable role as a foster father to the famous chimpanzee, Nim Chimpsky. This unique involvement in Columbia University's sign language experiment highlights Benesch's capacity for unconventional and deeply impactful connections.

Benesch's academic pursuits include earning his M.A. in Anthropology from The New School, where he studied under notable figures like Ralph Holloway and Michael Harner. His early career saw him dedicated to social work in challenging environments like Harlem and the South Bronx, underscoring his commitment to community and human welfare.

Later, Benesch pursued further education, earning a MSSS from Boston University. This led him to a distinguished career in federal service, including a significant role as a senior official in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. Here, he notably led the development of The Y2K Management Plan for the Department of Defense, showcasing his leadership and strategic planning abilities. He retired after over three decades of federal service, which also included work with the Department of Homeland Security.

Beyond his professional achievements, Benesch is also an active Freemason, holding high honors and lecturing widely. Many of his insightful talks are accessible on YouTube through Sapere Audi, demonstrating his continued dedication to sharing knowledge and wisdom.

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