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## **The #1 International Bestseller from the Executive Producer of the hit Netflix series *House of Cards*, starring Kevin Spacey.**

**Francis Urquhart** is back and the newly elected **Prime Minister** continues his climb to power. This time he will take on **the King himself**, threatening to expose Royal secrets. This game is **winner-takes-all, but who will walk away the victor?**

The role of the monarchy in modern Britain comes under scrutiny as Prime Minister Francis Urquhart threatens to expose Royal secrets when his plans are blocked by the idealistic new King. Their differences of opinion quickly degenerate into open hostility.

The battlefield ranges from architecture to the underprivileged; the battle is fought with rigged opinion polls, manipulated newspaper headlines, sexual scandal and economic brinkmanship as Urquhart sets out to destroy not only the King's family and friends but even the King himself.

Continuing the dark tale of greed, corruption, and unquenchable ambition, *To Play the King* reveals that no matter the country, politics, intrigue and passion reign in the corridors of power. **An explosive political thriller, fans of Vince Flynn, David Baldacci and Robert Ludlum will enjoy this second tale of Urquhart's intrigues and schemes.**

As a former advisor to Margaret Thatcher, Conservative Party Chief of Staff, and now peer of the realm and Conservative member of the House of Lords, Baron Dobbs provides an insider look at the twists and turns of British politics.

Other books in the *House of Cards* series:

House of Cards, Book 1 – The dark, twisting schemes of a politician determined to succeed

To Play The King, Book 2 – Newly elected Prime Minister plots to take on the Monarchy to grab even more power

The Final Cut, Book 3 – The perfect finale to this twisted trilogy, Urquhart refuses to close his career quietly

## **What readers are saying about *House of Cards*:**

"Engrossing, brilliantly written, fast moving political drama."

"Superb trilogy of political ruthlessness"

"great read and an uncanny look at British politics from an ex politician. **Buy it and get hooked.**"

"**Engaging and fun** to read with all the drama expected from Dobbs."

**"Full of intrigue and manipulation.** The Machiavellian Prime Minister pitted against the Monarchy in a bitter fight to the death."

**"an explosive end and full of intrigue,** both political and personal."

"a masterful performance"

"If you are a fan of the modern TV series than you should definitely pick up these books."

## **What reviewers are saying about *House of Cards*:**

'Michael Dobbs has an uncanny knack of forecasting the future. A fascinating read and a conclusion that would send a chill through Buckingham Palace.' - Sunday Express

'With a friend like Michael Dobbs, who needs enemies? A good romp, and gloriously cheeky. Dobbs' books grab because of their authenticity - the man knows his stuff.' - The Times

'Rattles along from scandal to scandal...excellent entertainment.' - Mail on Sunday

## **What everyone is saying about the *House of Cards* books:**

"This blood and thunder tale, lifelike and thoroughly cynical, certainly carries the ring of authenticity....**a great triumph.**" -The Independent

"...a political thriller writer with **a marvellous inside track** knowledge of government." - Daily Express

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