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Presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jon Meacham is one of America's most prominent public intellectuals. A contributor to TIME and The New York Times Book Review, Meacham is a highly sought-after commentator, regularly appearing on MSNBC, CNN, and other news outlets. A skilled orator with a depth of knowledge about politics, religion, and current affairs, Meacham has the unique ability to bring history to life and offer historical context to current events and issues impacting our daily lives whether we realize it or not - to audiences of all backgrounds and levels of understanding. Named a "Global Leader for Tomorrow" by the World Economic Forum, he is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a fellow of the Society of American Historians. Meacham is a distinguished visiting professor at Vanderbilt University where he holds the Rogers Chair in the American Presidency. His latest New York Times bestseller, And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle, was published in October 2022. Meacham is the author of multiple New York Times bestsellers including, Songs of America, which is a celebration of the music that helped shape a nation. Co-written by musician Tim McGraw, Songs of America was praised as "a glorious celebration of our diversity" by Quincy Jones and an "unusually well-written and moving story" by Ken Burns. Another #1 New York Times bestseller, The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels, examines the present moment in American politics and life by looking back at critical times in U.S. history when hope overcame division and fear. In 2020, he released, His Truth Is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope - an intimate and revealing portrait of civil rights icon and longtime U.S. congressman John Lewis and guickly gained bestseller status. Meacham is a frequent guest on Morning Joe; Real Time with Bill Maher; The 11th Hour, and was featured in Ken Burns' documentary series The Roosevelts: An Intimate History. In 2015, Fox News produced an hour-long special about Meacham's Destiny and Power.