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**John W. Dean : Lost Honor** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lost Honor:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Deep Throat and self-examination By A Customer John Dean's follow-on to *Blind Ambition* is an interesting self-examination punctuated with commentary on Dean's suspicions regarding the true identity of Bob Woodward's source Deep Throat. The latter is the reason the book sold (if it did) while the former obviously was Dean's motivation for writing the book. I listened to rather than read the book. The recording was well done, and the topic lends itself to the book on tape approach. Dean's tone is conversational, although the material may be a bit impenetrable unless one has a basic working knowledge of Watergate and its players. Dean's self-examination is illuminating not only of his own feelings but also of our media culture, which presumably has only gotten worse since this book was published 20 years ago. Dean's predictions about presidential scandals of the future and the media's handling of it were prescient. I would like to see a book by Dean on Monicagate. Dean's analysis of the Deep Throat question is incisive. He starts with the obvious, but he also examines the obscure, behind the scenes players who may have had the information necessary to be Deep Throat. His commentary on the shoddiness of the Washington Post's reporting is a bit self-serving; he prefers to see himself as the one who broke the story. That said, it is a thoughtful and seemingly fair rebuttal of the conventional wisdom that "Woodstein" brought down the president. All in all, a satisfying trip to an earlier time. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. WATERGATE JUNKY By R. L. NUNNO I have been fascinated with the far reaching Watergate monster since the Senate Committee hearings in 1973. I distinctly remember having the unpopular feeling that John

Dean was telling the truth amidst the multiple lies of all of Richard Nixon's "flunkies". When the revelation of the Nixon White House tapes corroborated virtually all of Dean's testimony, I looked forward to his story. "Lost Honor" is a great follow-up to Dean's initial account of the amazing cover-up that engulfed and destroyed a presidency ("Blind Ambition"). 5 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Fine work on John Dean's life post watergate  
By A Customer  
It has been several years since I read this book, however it was a very good follow up to John Dean's book on the Watergate affair and his role in it. I have found that many times over the years after I read a book, and become intrigued with the main character's life, hoping for a sequel. This book filled that need for me. John Dean is a very interesting, multi faceted, much misunderstood individual. Reading the second book, helps to understand him and his motivations in the Watergate affair.

Released from prison in January 1975, John Dean thought that the nightmare was over, that Watergate was behind him. He was wrong, because even as he tried to move away from the events of Watergate, he felt compelled to look deeper into the one remaining mystery of that era: the motives and identity of the man who had come to be known as "Deep Throat." The impact of Dean's ultimate conclusion goes far beyond what once had seemed a harmless piece of trivia. Dean's conclusion shakes our confidence in the concept of trust itself, and raises almost as many questions as it answers. "A must read about the quest for a new beginning from one of the best known Watergate figures." (B-O-T Editorial Review Board)

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Counsel to Richard Nixon, Dean offered sensational testimony about the Watergate break-in and its attempted cover-up that eventually drove the President from office. Dean's *Blind Ambition* laid out his side of the story, and that book is still the subject of controversy. He wrote this one in an attempt to fill in some of the blanks and also tell us what happened to him between his release from prison in 1975 and 1980. Probably the most interesting feature is Dean's speculation about the identity of "Deep Throat," the secret high-level source for much of what the *Washington Post* published during the scandal. Even today, there is no definitive exposure of this mystery person, who may be an amalgam of several people but most likely is a single, extremely clever individual. During the period covered by *Lost Honor*, Dean made a foray into journalism and became briefly famous again for describing an off-color racial joke by Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz that caused Butz's resignation. The author also tells us a lot about his personal life, adding tidbits to his early biography and chronicling the rocky but steady marriage to his wife, Mo. Narrator Edward Holland is gentle and thoughtful, and although there are no histrionics in a book such as this, he carries the tale well enough to hold the listener's attention. Mandatory for Watergate buffs and a nice choice for recent history collections.  
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