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Safe with their famous.

Names and sunglasses and earpieces. But how much do we really know about how the agency operates? A new book reveals some secret, some scandals and shakeups. That might surprise you zero fail. The rise and fall of the Secret Service details, the agency's noble, but troubled history and how it's a political reputation has sometimes. Faltered, it's written by the Washington, post's. Carol Lynn egg, who joins me now. She's a Pulitzer Prize winner, a veteran investigative reporter. She interviewed dozens of current and former Agents government officials and whistleblowers in order to write the book Carol. You know that Tim McCarthy famously took that bullet for Ronald Reagan is that truly something they commit and pledged to do 1,000% Michael. I've seen the training, it's called attack on principle and it's an amazing thing. It's basically, like at the sound of a gunshot at the set at the site of trouble, they literally, as Tim McCarthy, did hurl themselves between the bullet. That's incoming and the president that's behind them, which which Tim McCarthy sort of famously, did instinctively the minute. John Hinckley got off the first shot. Born of

blood words that you use in the book, where tragedy begets change JFK's assassination, the end of open-air limos the Bremer shooting of George Wallace. Now, the Rope line is going to function differently, the Ronald Reagan attempted assassination by Hinckley. I guess was famous for to changes magnetometers of the crowd as well as the covered access. Now, when a principal arrives it's a shame That, it's always something that happens and then comes the change. So true. I mean we say that like American government writ large is often so reactive and the Secret Service has been to you know, what's funny is before he died. I interviewed President Reagan's detail leader. Bob De Prospero was kind of famous and he said to me, you know, we wanted to use magnetometers before that shooting at the Hilton. Before Reagan was almost killed that day because a bullet despite McCarthy's efforts despite his detail leader pushing the

Into the backseat of the limo as soon as he could a bulleted Ricochet against the limos door and went into his long. But the Prospero said we had hoped to have those but we always had resistance from the White House and that's a tension in this, you know, in this world in which the president wants to get reelected and look like he's an Everyman with the people not being protected from them. And the

Secret Service which is saying, look, dude, we got to keep you alive and We have to think about all the potential risks. The Secret Service agents, they know everything including which presidents or vice presidents have had sexual dalliances. What's the rule book? What's the coda? When do they speak up? When are they supposed to speak up? If at all

You know, there was a famous battle of the over this during the the investigation of the present, President Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky. It didn't start as a resident, vestigation into his relationship with a White House, intern, but it went all the way to the Supreme Court because investigators for the independent counsel wanted to hear and see what the witnesses standing beside the president, heard and saw. And those were the Secret Service agents.

The secret service director at the time fought like hell to prevent Agents from having to testify, he lost. And they did have to go to the grand jury. Now, the ones that went forward basically said that they knew that the president they didn't put it this way, but they knew the president had lied about saying that he had never been alone with Monica Lewinsky. The trouble is Agents. Want to protect the

president. They want to be close. They don't care about his moral decisions or Girl and Barris mints. What they care about is to security and when a president like President Kennedy President Clinton and others have tried to get away from the from the agents to get some privacy or get away from Agents to create an image of themselves as all-powerful and and normal. They've pushed the agents away and agents have to be able to protect what's on the other side of the door. They have to be able to know what woman is going into that room. Even if the

Residents having, you know, Anna. Tris affair with her apparel final question. Some believe this to be a very harsh portrayal of the Secret Service which by the way, was not my take having read all 500 pages. I thought if someone with your investigative chops looks at an organization of 7,000 people, you're going to be able to write a book like this regardless of what the organization might be. You know, the most important thing to me. I'm so glad first of all, I'm flattered that you and so many other people have Read it. It is a long book but it does have a lot of information in it. I was shocked by what I learned, and I thought I knew a lot about the Secret Service. The number one thing that I learned is, there it is, made up of incredibly dedicated

public servants. They'll sacrifice things. I couldn't, they'll do things that I know that I would crumble before I be able to deliver on, but their mission is zero fail and they told me a lot of Secrets at danger to them at risk to their careers.

Some of them lost their jobs for telling me this. That's how dedicated they were to telling the truth because they want this fixed. They want to be able to deliver on that zero fail Mission. That's how dedicated they are. So I know it's hard for the Secret Service leadership to take these lumps, but it really has to accept what these problems are fixed them. Instead of trying to cover for them and you know, appear impenetrable And pretend everything's all right because the American well they're also they're also in an untenable there in an untenable position where they've got to be right 24/7 and you know some some bad seed needs only one opportunity. Hey Carol, the books, great really great. Thank you so much for being here.

Thank you, Michael. Senate, minority leader. Mitch McConnell. Had a prime opportunity to derail Donald Trump for 2024, but he passed. How come I'll try to explain and this is your last chance to answer the

survey question. It's for [congress.com](https://congress.com), did the covid-19 virus originated naturally or by lab leak?

We share this place.

I am a Nigerian by Blood British by birth and American by residents. It is important to me that those same strands of inclusivity that flow through me are mirrored in the stories that we tell one world is a place where Africa has an equal seat at the global table alongside Europe. The Americas and Asia, every constant has a voice and where everyone watching has a stake in the global conversation. One world with Zain Asher, Tuesday to On CNN.

We have seen in this pandemic that we are vulnerable to shocks and what is ahead of us is a more shock from world to build resilience to this shocks. We ought to invest in people, so they are healthy educated, protect it in tough times and resilient we had to invest in nature. So Nature is resilient and of course we have to continue to invest in the resilience of our economy. I think that the pandemic has put a year ink on how a year and it is don't joke with nature. It also told us we are in this together,



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