



Radio Free Europe: An Insider's View (Paperback)

By J. F. Brown

Vellum, United Kingdom, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. This is the story of the critical role played by Radio Free Europe during the Cold War, as recounted by veteran RFE official J. F. Brown, who served as director from 1978 to 1983. Jim Brown had written about Eastern Europe from RFE, but never about RFE until he wrote this book. He conveys his understanding of how Radio Free Europe functioned as a decentralized organization that empowered exiles, while also conveying what it, and they, could and could not offer East European listeners. Jim Brown's explanations of the function of the central news department as an internal news agency, of discussions with and trust of exile broadcast chiefs, of RFE's cautious approach to broadcasting to Poland under martial law after 1981 to cite only three examples from the book illuminate the editorial policies and internal relationships that made RFE a success. His portraits of key personalities over the years help us understand that RFE was not just an institution; it was a unique multinational group of people. (From the Foreword by A. Ross Johnson). The historical analysis Brown brings is extremely valuable and adds...

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