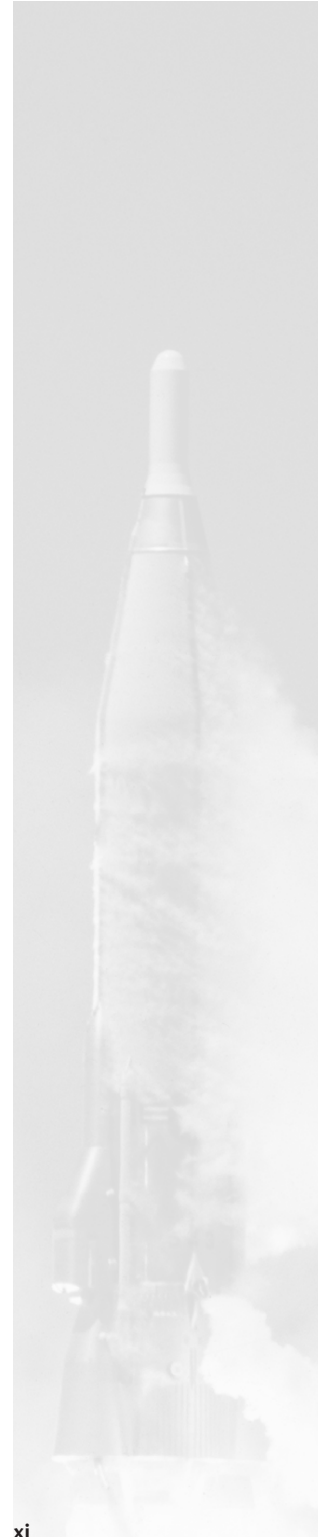


## Reader's Guide

**C***old War: Biographies* presents biographies of fifty men and women who participated in or were affected by the Cold War, the period in history from 1945 until 1991 that was dominated by the rivalry between the world's superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union. These two volumes profile a diverse mix of personalities from the United States, the Soviet Union, China, Great Britain, and other regions touched by the Cold War. Detailed biographies of major Cold War figures (such as Fidel Castro, Winston Churchill, Mikhail Gorbachev, John F. Kennedy, Nikita Khrushchev, and Joseph R. McCarthy) are included. But *Cold War: Biographies* also provides biographical information on lesser-known but nonetheless important and fascinating men and women of that era. Examples include nuclear physicist Igor Kurchatov, the developer of the Soviet atomic bomb; U.S. secretary of state George C. Marshall, a former Army general who unveiled the Marshall Plan, a major U.S. economic aid program for the war-torn countries of Western Europe; Kim Il Sung, the communist dictator of North Korea throughout the Cold War; and Condoleezza Rice, the top U.S. advisor on the Soviet Union when the Cold War ended in November 1990.



*Cold War: Biographies* also features sidebars containing interesting facts about people and events related to the Cold War. Within each full-length biography, boldfaced cross-references direct readers to other individuals profiled in the two-volume set. Finally, each volume includes photographs and illustrations, a “Cold War Timeline” that lists significant dates and events of the Cold War era, and a cumulative subject index.

## **U•X•L Cold War Reference Library**

*Cold War: Biographies* is only one component of the three-part U•X•L Cold War Reference Library. The other two titles in this set are:

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- A cumulative index of all three titles in the U•X•L Cold War Reference Library is also available.

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To Aaron and Kara Hanes, that their children may learn about the events and ideas that shaped the world through the latter half of the twentieth century.

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