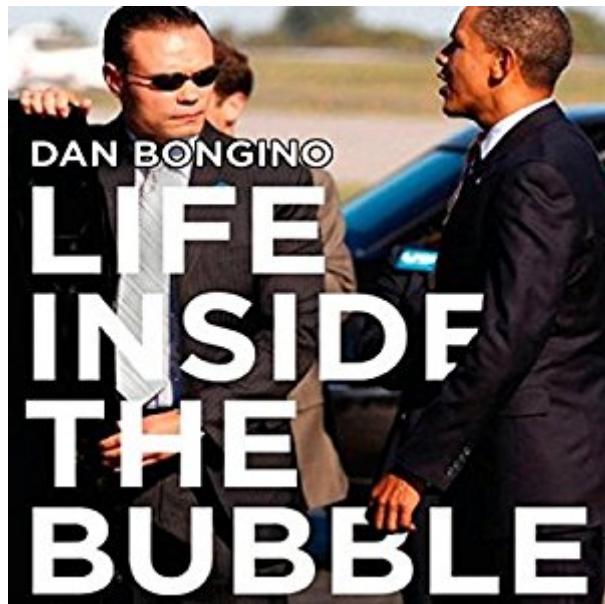


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# Life Inside The Bubble: Why A Top-Ranked Secret Service Agent Walked Away From It All



## **Synopsis**

He swore to take a bullet for the President and left it all behind to take a bullet for the American people. Why would a successful, twelve-year Secret Service agent resign his position in the prime of his career to run for political office against all the odds? New York Times bestseller, *Life Inside the Bubble* is an intimate look at life inside the presidential "bubble," a haze of staffers, consultants, cronies, acolytes, bureaucrats and lobbyists that creates the "alternate reality" in which monumental policy decisions are made. And it is the story of a dedicated Secret Service professional who, after years inside the "bubble," walked away in favor of sounding a clarion call to the American people in defense of sane government and the U.S. Constitution. Finally, why the Fast & Furious scandal, the bombings in Boston and the terrorist attacks in Benghazi are harbingers of what's to come without a bold change in direction. Take the journey with Dan Bongino from the tough streets of New York City where he was raised, and later patrolled as a member of the NYPD, to the White House as a member of the elite Presidential Protective Division, through his ultimate decision to resign from the Secret Service - during the Obama Administration - in the prime of his career to run for the United States Senate against the feared Maryland Democratic machine. Follow his experiences inside the Washington, D.C., matrix and discover why a government filled with some incredibly dedicated people nevertheless continues to make such frequent and tragic mistakes.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book flows very easily. It is a good story about life for the run of the mill Secret Service agent. The story focuses on the personal side of an agent's life. You get a sense of what they do, the

connected pressures, and the personal strains they all undertake in the name of duty. The story is light on the technical side of the job. You won't get much on the weapons, tactics and all of that good stuff. That is about the first 100 pages of the book. The second half of the book is where I ran into disappointment. His interviews on TV made the book sound like a new political scandal book. You won't see much of that in the book. Mr. Bongino talks about a few of the recent scandals. His summary of these events are very concise and entertaining. However he really doesn't offer anything new which hasn't been talked about before in the media. I did enjoy the chapter about his Senate run. He was able to get the nomination but lost in the general. That sort of does give the average person a sense of hope that the political class doesn't run everything. You do get a sense of who the author is in the book. He has little opinion inserts all through the book. There should have been more of that. You do get a sense that he is a true American hero. I hope eventually he gets elected.

I was lucky enough to receive a copy of this book last week before it hit the shelves. This is a compelling biography about a former Secret Service agent Dan Bongino and his life struggles. Bongino's story begins in Queens, NY as a child. His family was poor and life was tough. He talks about his time with the NYPD and how he landed a job with the Secret Service. It's packed with plenty of stories in between. Those of you who felt compelled to write a negative review of this book should now go back and actually read it. Don't pull a Pelosi, it's so obvious that you never read the book because you don't know what's in it. I pre-ordered 3 books for Christmas gifts and will order a few more. Great job Dan Bongino, I can't wait for the sequel!

Former Agent Dan Bongino has added a fine volume to the cannon of works on the Secret Service. I salute you, sir: you are a dedicated public servant and best of luck in all you do. Great book- very well written! Mr. Bongino speaks well on television, as well, and this book speaks just as well. Vince Palamara Author of "Survivor's Guilt: The Secret Service and the Failure to Protect President Kennedy"

My copy finally arrived and I loved it. It really was a "Snap Shot" into the life of Dan Bongino. There were no big secrets about what goes on behind the scenes in DC but you really got a feel for the Day to Day life behind the "Curtain". Really enjoyed it.

Dan tells it like it is. Thanx Dan , for not being afraid to speak out . The criminals in DC (yes,

including you-know-who too !) need to be exposed NOW before it's too late.

I couldn't put it down. His story is interesting, the book well-written, and inspiring. It made me work harder at the gym. I want to be tough too! It was riveting look inside the Secret Service and the gov't. The book answers some questions I've had about how, in the age of information, can the current administration be surprised and mystified by world events! I really appreciated the details about Benghazi. Nothing I heard on the news made sense. Politicians are counting on us not paying attention. When Jay Leno does his "Jay Walk" we laugh at how ignorant Americans can be about important issues, but it's not funny. It's scary. Reading this book reminded me again how glad I am that there are some tough, honorable people with our best interests at heart. Sadly if they are in WA DC, they can't get anything done. I went to buy several to give for Christmas, and what!? it's not out in hard back yet. I expect interesting things from Dan Bongino. Maybe elected office isn't the most effective way to get good things done. not WA DC anyway...

Honesty, courage , and pride in service did not deter the truth from being told.A rare conviction so strong, all the effort and success in meeting the requirements of the job description did not interfere with personal beliefs, and a decision had to be made by this person to step up to the plate and even try to change his career intentions after 12 years of being well thought of in the secret service, what he and roughly 63% of Americans and patriots believe . (Statistics are based on a reported 37% approval rate currently of this administration)This abuse of power must be challenged and it would take giving up a job he loved , to try to do something about it.He made sacrifices which included not seeing his family, ( his daughter asking him " daddy are you allowed to sleep here tonight?"), on a regular basis, traveling on twelve hour flights to Afghanistan, and doing all the planning just to have the some of these trips cancelled arbitrarily .He seemed to thrive on the tremendous stress of the planning it involved and his reward was keeping the president safe. No other tangible reward was received when he resigned, no recognition except his satisfaction he did his job well, and appreciative admiration from within the ranks of the service. Oh , and he had to be willing to take a bullet for whoever he was protecting at the time.He sets the bar high for himself just as most others do in the secret service. No whining, worked diligently for ever changing intelligence, and had an extremely high work ethic.I and many others would be overjoyed if he and others like him would be elected to the senate to perpetuate the truth , and achieve a balance while restoring dignity, decorum and balance to our constatuiionally intended three divisions of American government. legislative, judicial, and executive branches, (which for all purposes seem to consist of just two

lately.) We indeed need such people to clean out the present blatant disgrace while serving in these areas. We must return to our beginnings , and not perpetuate job security which he talks about as the main goal of people being re elected with no term limits in place currently. It takes money , conviction acted upon, and a good steady reputation. He didn't have the 6 million to win in Maryland's last race for the senate that his opponent literally bought. Hopefully that will change as America wakes up. A little dry in the beginning , but a valuable lesson in history regarding the fortitude it takes to serve in the secret service. Well worth the time it takes to read,

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