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The ultimate insider takes us behind the scenes, in the book everyone is waiting for.

As Jean Chrétien's right-hand man for thirty years in Ministries all over Ottawa, Eddie Goldenberg got to know how things worked — especially from 1993 to 2003, when he was Senior Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister.

What did this title mean? It meant that Eddie made things happen. For example, during Paul Martin's years at Finance, Eddie was the go-between who linked Chrétien and Martin, who were for much of the time barely on speaking terms. Or when vital decisions about the Iraq War had to be made, Eddie was the man who wrote the words, "If military action proceeds without a new resolution of the Security Council, Canada will not participate."

And that's the way this revealing book works; important decisions are used as case studies as we learn how things really happen in the tough world of politics.

Those less concerned with mastering the system will simply enjoy reading this as an engaging account of an exciting arena, filled with memorable anecdotes about the world's biggest names.

"Journalists look for winners and losers so as to make good headlines. The real story is much more interesting, but is harder to write, and is very difficult to put in a clip of a few seconds."

"President Bush smiled and said, 'You know the guy who wanted to see me, What's-his-name? I didn't see him.' I thought, poor Joe Clark; he had gone from 'Joe Who' to 'What's-his-name' in less than twenty years."

— Excerpt from The Way it Works

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