Pete Souza Bio

Pete Souza is a best-selling author, speaker and freelance photographer based in Madison, Wisconsin. He was the Chief Official White House Photographer for President Obama for all eight years and an Official White House Photographer for President Reagan. His book, **Obama: An Intimate Portrait**, published by Little, Brown & Company in 2017, debuted at #1 on the New York Times bestseller list; it is one of the best-selling photography books of all time.

His 2018 book, **Shade: A Tale of Two Presidents**, also debuted at #1 on the New York Times bestseller list. Shade is a portrait in Presidential contrasts, telling the tale of the Obama and Trump administrations through a series of visual juxtapositions.

Pete has lectured many times on his photography including at the Smithsonian Museum of American History, Carnegie Hall, Harvard University, Facebook, and in Italy, The Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, India, and the United Kingdom. He has appeared on *CBS Sunday Morning, Dateline NBC, ABC’s 20-20. NBC Nightly News, Morning Joe, Face the Nation, Fox News Sunday, The 11th Hour with Brian Williams, All In with Chris Hayes,* and *The Today Show.*

***The Way I See It***, is a documentary based mostly on Souza’s New York Times #1 bestsellers, *Obama: An Intimate* Portrait and *Shade.* It is an unprecedented look behind the scenes of two of the most iconic Presidents in American History, Barack Obama and Ronald Reagan. The movie reveals how Souza transforms from a respected photojournalist to a searing commentator on the issues we face as a country and a people. It was named Best Documentary by the New York Film Critics and was the winner of the Critics’ Choice Award for Most Compelling Living Subject of a Documentary. It was also nominated for an Emmy for Best Outstanding Documentary.

Pete’s next book, ***The West Wing and Beyond: What I Saw Inside the Presidency*,** will be released in late September 2022 and is filled with stunning photographs and powerful storytelling of the Presidency from his time inside the White House.