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COKIE ROBERTS

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR &
POLITICAL COMMENTATOR FOR ABC NEWS AND NPR

Former Co-Ancor, *This Week* with Sam Donaldson & Cokie Roberts, Cokie Roberts is a political commentator for ABC News, providing analysis for all network news programming, as well as for NPR. From 1996-2002, she and Sam Donaldson co-anchored the weekly ABC interview program, *This Week*. In her more than forty years in broadcasting, she has won countless awards, including three Emmys. She has been inducted into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame, and was cited by the American Women in Radio and Television as one of the fifty greatest women in the history of broadcasting. In addition to her appearances on the airwaves, Roberts, along with her husband, Steve Roberts, writes a weekly column syndicated in newspapers around the country by United Media. They are also contributing editors to *USA Weekend Magazine*, and together they wrote *From this Day Forward*, an account of their more than forty year marriage and other marriages in American history. The book immediately went onto *The New York Times* bestseller list, following Cokie Roberts' number one bestseller, *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters*, an account of women's roles and relationships throughout American history. Her earlier books, *Founding Mothers* and *Ladies of Liberty* (published in 2004 and 2008 respectively), also became instant bestsellers. Cokie Roberts holds more than twenty honorary degrees, serves on the boards of several non-profit institutions, and on the President's Commission on Service and Civic Participation. In 2008, the Library of Congress named her a "Living Legend," one of the very few Americans to have attained that honor.