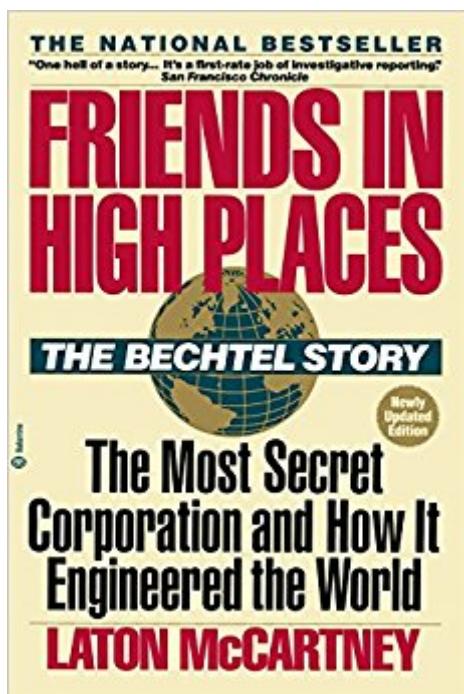


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# Friends In High Places: The Bechtel Story: The Most Secret Corporation And How It Engineered The World



## Synopsis

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Laton McCartney is the author of the national bestseller Friends in High Places: The Bechtel Story—The Most Secret Corporation and How It Engineered the World, The Teapot Dome Scandal: How Big Oil Bought the Harding White House and Tried to Steal the

Country, and Across the Great Divide: Robert Stuart and the Discovery of the Oregon Trail. McCartney has written extensively on business, finance, and politics for many national magazines. He and his wife, Nancy, divide their time between Wyoming and New York City.

Bechtel? Who? No one really knew that this multi-million (probably billion) dollar corporation existed until Laton McCartney had the courage to do his homework and publish his findings. After the publishing there was objection by Bechtel and the book disappeared. Now it is back, and I for one am quite satisfied with this outcome. As I already had an original copy I purchased this copy for a friend. The information within is unsullied by the objections. Mr. McCartney did his homework to present the corporate and US Government truths about Hoover Dam, The San Francisco bridge and the replacement of the ships lost at Pearl Harbor. Through mule power Dad Bechtel built an empire! For a fictional counter perspective please freely visit Legacy: Let the games begin (Volume 2). Although it is best to go in order to understand the foundation for the "more perfect union" one can begin the journey in Vol 2

The book was very well written! The influences money can buy has always intrigued me. The individuals portrayed are just a reminder of what can be accomplished when assembling an extremely powerful team with its own checks and balances.

Great book. Lived a lot of it with some of the late 70's/80's and early 90's guys!

This great book gives another perspective (that of a global business) for understanding many of the historical events of the last century. Think of it as explaining "what is" about the world in a few different historical narratives that you already know. A very easy to read business history. Well written with short chapters that help move it along nicely.

Excellent condition.

A must read for those who dig reading between the lines and want a peak behind the iron curtains.

This was an interesting read. I found it a bit dry but it still offered some great insights into the corporate mentality.

I just finished reading this book and the main complaint I have is that it wasn't in depth enough. You get to the part where the author mentions Bechtel was involved in a CIA sponsored coup to overthrow the regime in Syria and this gets like only four paragraphs- 200 words at the most- and he moves on. Something like that should be a 20 pages at least in my opinion and many of the chapters feel have a similar feel to it. Overall since there are not many books written on this subject I feel overall the book is worth reading.

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