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### *How fine is the line between democracy and dictatorship?* **Hartmann's Latest Thriller Poses Political Questions**

White River Press is proud to announce the publication of Betsy Hartmann's timely novel, *Deadly Election*, in February 2008.

In *Deadly Election*, Lyndon Tottman is the President's human crutch, an invaluable aide who protects the man who sits in the Oval Office. They share a passion for power, a need to always be in control, and an alcoholic past. It's an election year and the Democratic contender stands a good chance of winning in November. But Lyndon and his boss have no intention of losing, no matter what. Hartmann's riveting novel explores the greatest "what if?" question in American politics: what if a sitting President decided not to heed the voters' judgment?

When the President succumbs to his overpowering thirst, can his renewed drinking be kept from the public? When Lyndon Tottman and others in the President's inner circle decide to impose their rule, what will it take to stop them? With the country's future hanging in the balance, a Supreme Court justice, a young Congressional aide, and a grieving mother are swept into a fight for their ideals—and their lives.

*Deadly Election* is not only a great read, it's a thought-provoking book for a country in the midst of a general election. Hartmann asks readers to contemplate the implications of an unchecked lust for power, and its corrosive influence on individuals. She examines the courage inherent in ordinary people when faced with clear questions of right and wrong. *Deadly Election* is, truly, a story for our times.

### **Praise for *Deadly Election***

**An elegant mystery story that confronts the darkest imponderables of our post- 9/11 world.**

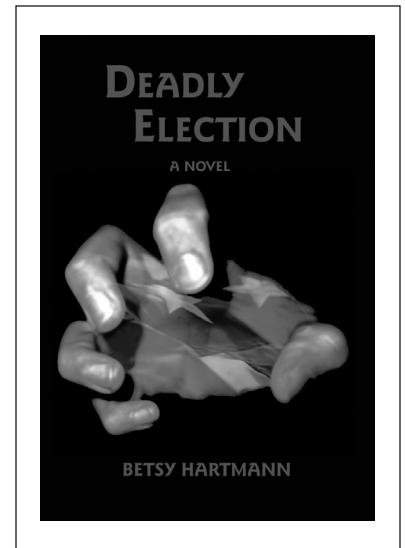
— *Kai Bird, co-author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning biography, American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer*

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**A dangerous book — required reading for anyone who takes our democracy for granted.**

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