God and Ronald Reagan: A Spiritual Life

In this groundbreaking book, political historian Paul Kengor draws upon Reagan's legacy of speeches... But as Kengor establishes convincingly, God and Ronald Reagan: A Spiritual Life. Kengor's analysis of Reagan's upbringing is particularly useful in understanding his spiritual life. Reagan's father, an apathetic Catholic, left his sons' religious education to their mother, Nelle, the most active member of the local Disciples of Christ evangelical church. The indefatigable Nelle gave religious readings, appeared in dramas, taught Sunday school, led discussions and prayer meetings, and aided the ill and the destitute. Neighbors considered her prayers to be so powerful that many believed she had the gift of supernatural healing. Her son Ron became similarly active in the church and Ronald Reagan book. Read 43 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Ronald Reagan is hailed today for a presidency that restored ... Goodreads helps you keep track of books you want to read. Start by marking "God and Ronald..." as Want to Read: Want to Read saving... Currently Reading. Read. Other editions. Enlarge cover. "God and Ronald Reagan" combines the fluid writing of a trade book with the scholarship (one-quarter of the text is footnotes) of a true academic. This is an amazingly engaging read, a true page turner, and a revealing look at Reagan's heretofore ignored faith. As Reagan rides into the sunset of his life, Kengor sheds new light on one of the enduring figures of the twentieth century. Do yourself a favor and read this book. Kengor has done a marvelous job in telling the story of Reagan's spiritual journey. Anyone interested in God, politics, or the person of Reagan, will enjoy this book. Very well written.