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Author Jonathan Eig to Speak at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum

West Branch, Iowa – Saturday, August 20 at 2:00 p.m. New York Times best-selling author, Jonathan Eig, will speak at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum about his book, *Get Capone*.

Drawing on recently discovered government documents, wiretap transcripts, and Al Capone's handwritten personal letters, Eig tells the dramatic story of the rise and fall of the nation's most infamous criminal in rich new detail.

From the moment he arrived in Chicago in 1920, Capone found himself in a world with limitless opportunity. Within a few years Capone controlled an illegal bootlegging business with annual revenue rivaling that of some of the nation's largest corporations. Along the way he corrupted the Chicago police force and local courts while becoming one of the world's first international celebrities. Legend credits Eliot Ness and his "Untouchables" with apprehending Capone, but Eig shows that this wasn't so. In *Get Capone*, the man known as "Scarface" emerges as a complex man, doomed as much by his ego as by his vicious criminality. This is the real Al Capone.

Jonathan Eig is the New York Times best-selling author of four books: *Luckiest Man*, *Opening Day*, *Get Capone*, and, most recently, *The Birth of the Pill*. He is currently working on a biography of Muhammad Ali. He has appeared on NBC's Today Show, NPR's Fresh Air with Terry Gross, and two PBS documentaries made by Ken Burns. Jonathan lives in Chicago with his wife and children.

Currently on display at the Hoover Museum is the temporary exhibit, *Ain't Misbehavin'? The World of the Gangster*. The Jonathan Eig book talk is free with paid admission to the Museum. The Museum is open daily from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and located ¼ mile off Interstate 80 at Exit 254 in West Branch, Iowa. Visit the website at www.hoover.archives.gov or call 319-643-5301 for more information.