

Noted Sports Author and Cultural Historian Richard Johnson lists his favorites...

FAVORITE PICTURES OF AUTHORS

Mark Twain with lifelong friend John Lewis



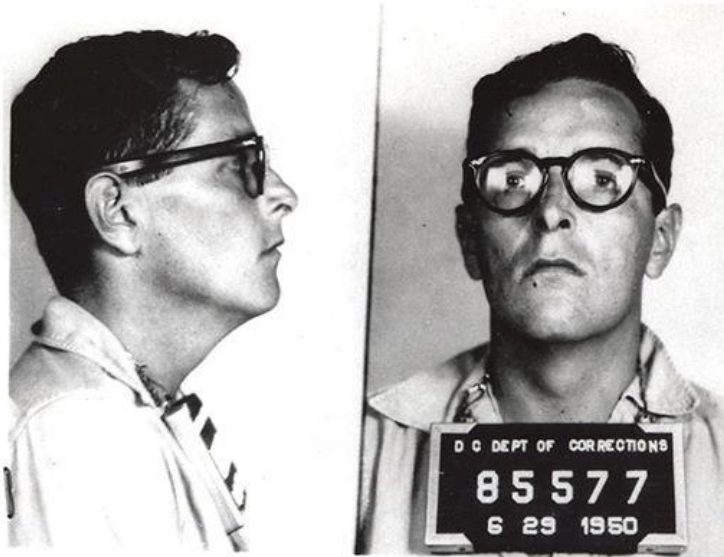
RING LARDNER, JR.

"Are you or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?"

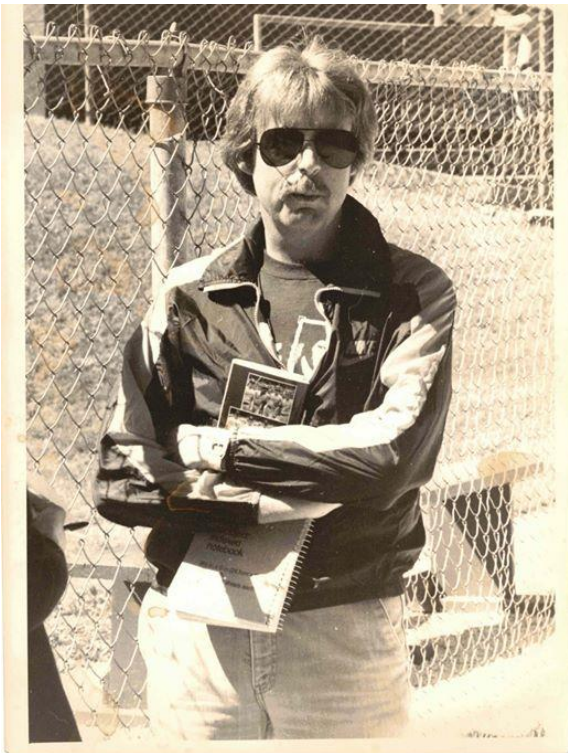
"I could answer exactly the way you want, Mr. Chairman," I replied.

"It is a very simple question," he continued. "Anybody would be proud to answer it—any real American would be proud to answer the question: Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Communist Party?—Any real American."

"It depends on the circumstances," I told him. "I could answer it, but if I did, I would hate myself in the morning."



Peter Gammons The Boswell of Baseball Notes



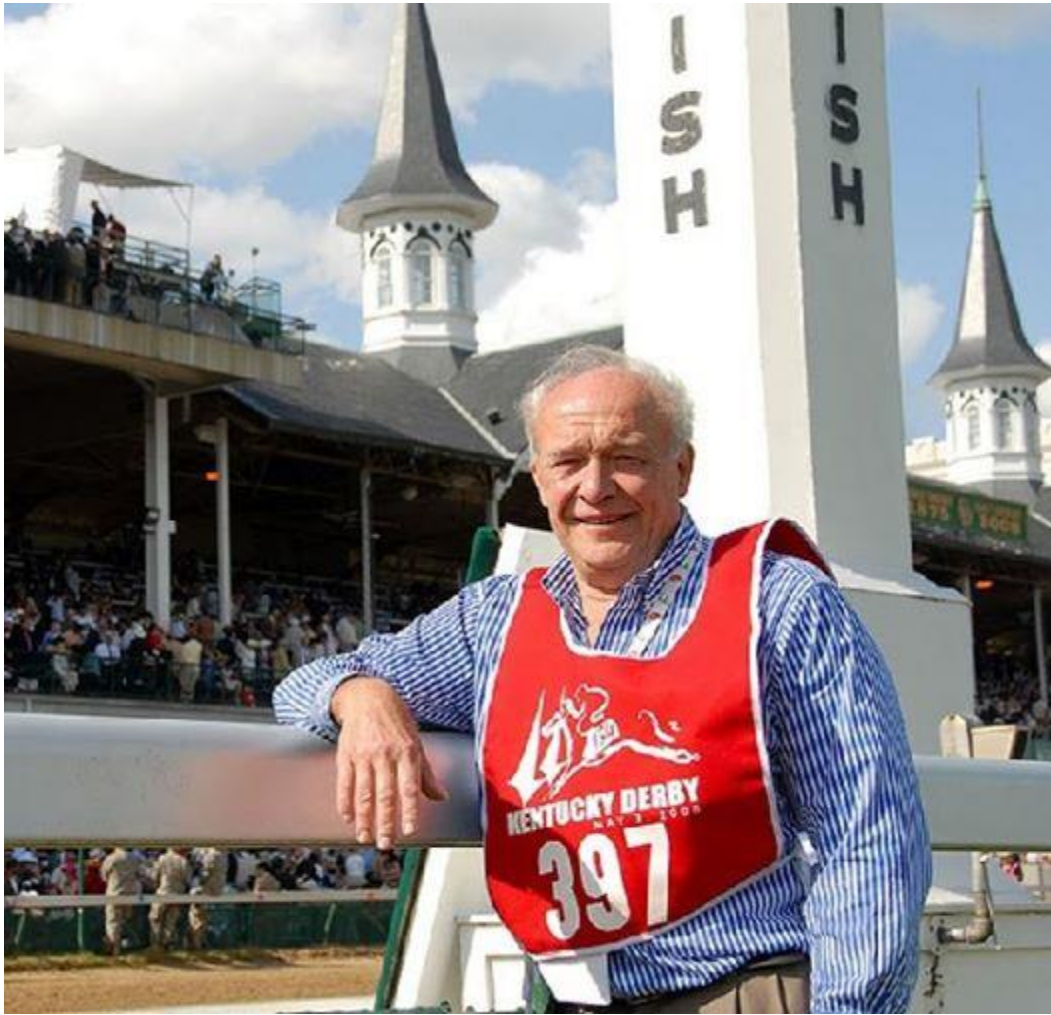
Jim Bouton "burn em inside"



Roger Ebert...now in heaven's press room with college buddy and fellow legend Bill Nack



Bill Nack on his turf.



Samuel Beckett



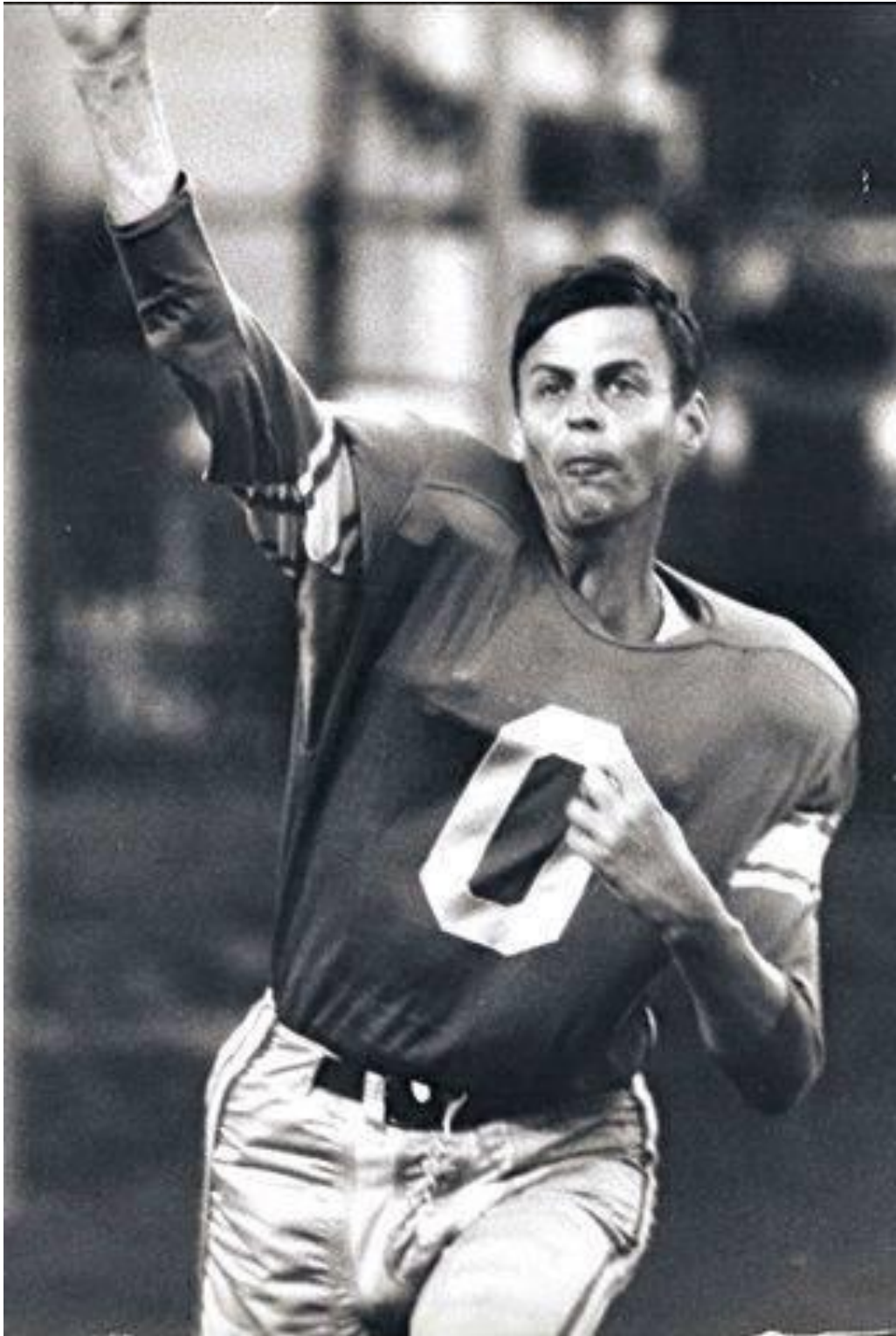
James Baldwin in Paris



Nelson Algren of Chicago "Never eat at a place called Mom's"



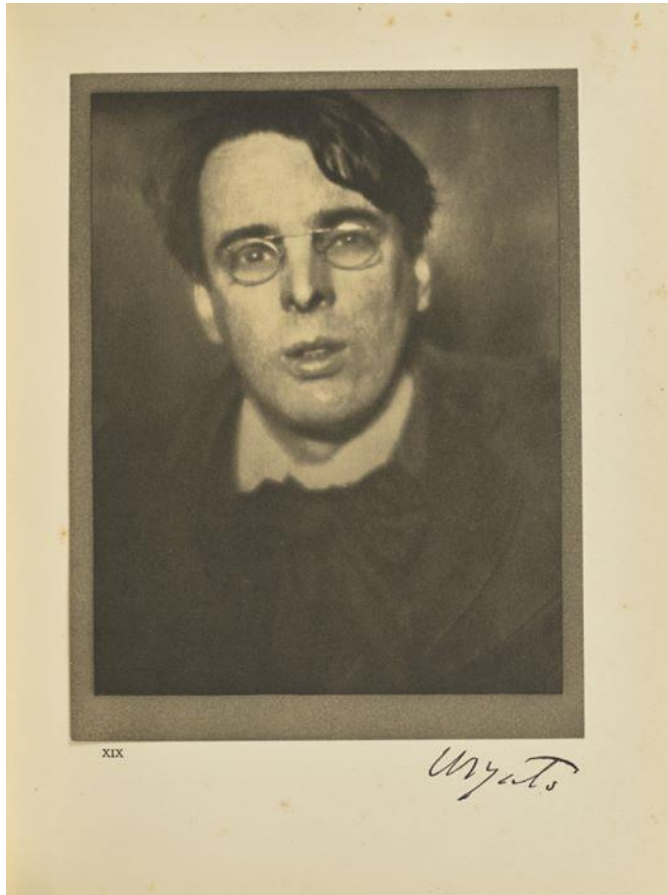
Plimpton..By George...what a gentleman and an underrated author to boot.



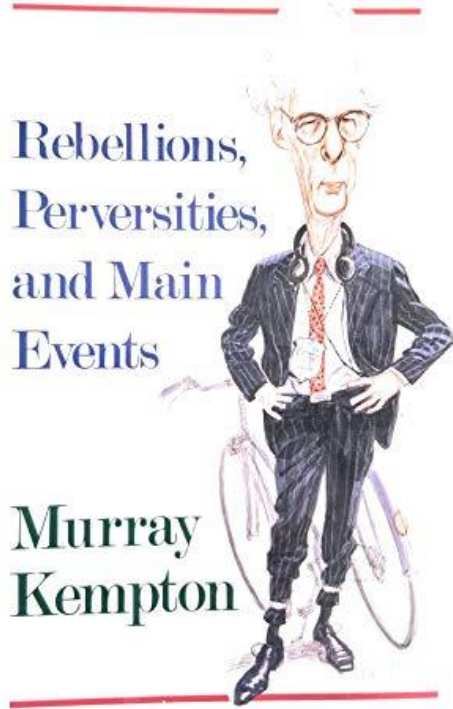
TOM WOLFEHello Dali



Yeats



Murray Kempton



Poet Marianne Moore and what appears to be Little Sebastian's ancestor



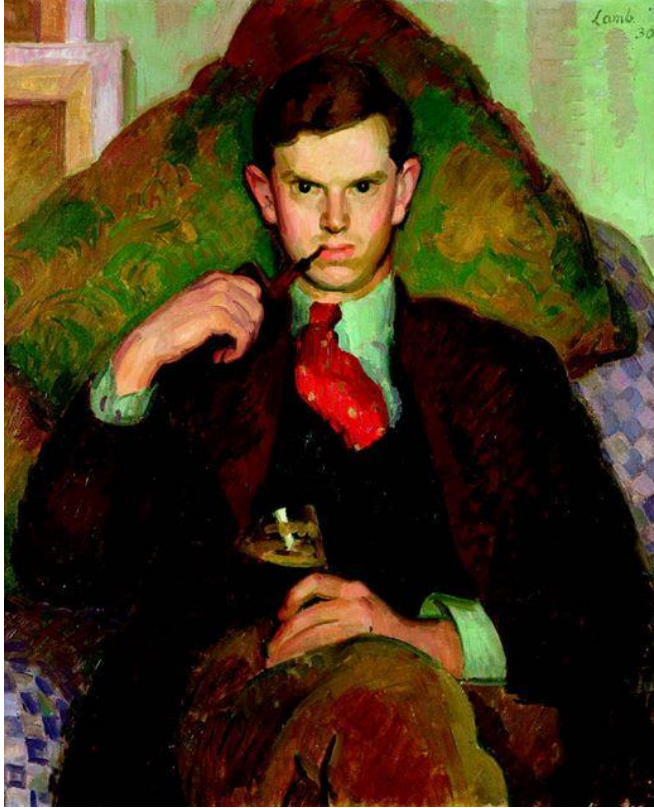
Himself....Brendan Behan



Nora Ephron



Evelyn Waugh by Henry Lamb



Bob Ryan, The Commissioner with a friend



Frank Deford at work



Howard Bryant.....I can smell the boxwoods, Wimbledon?



Leigh Montville / Essential style, substance and humor. Nice eyeglass frames too.



Glenn Stout, brother/colleague.
No better writer of sports history anywhere.



Bill Littlefield / Not ONLY a friend...Not only a gifted writer, editor, teacher and citizen. One of my role models. Here at the Polo Grounds. Say Hey!



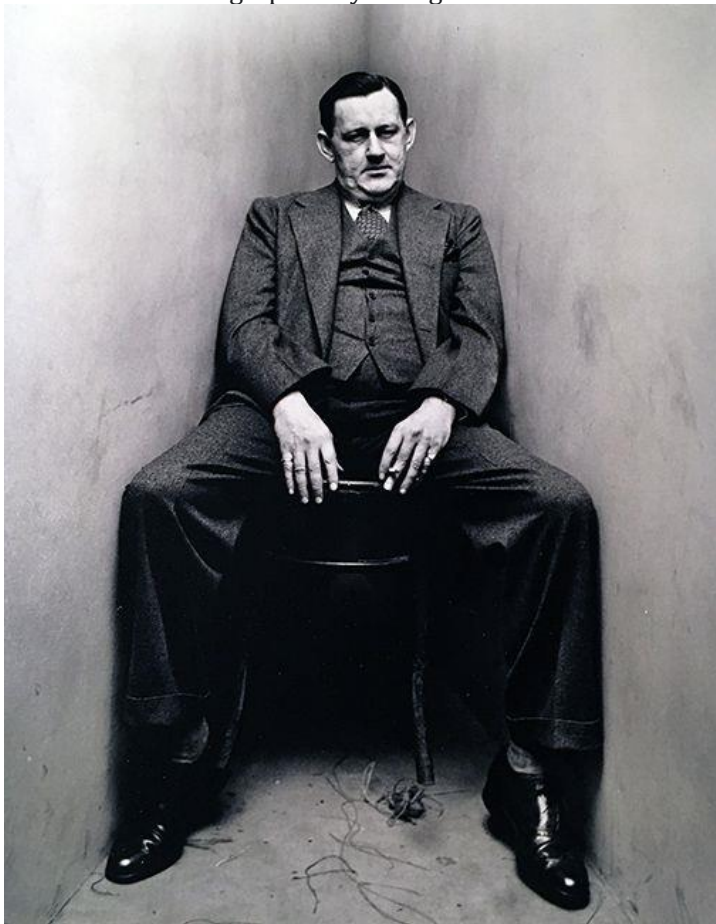
Roger Angell...A wise village elder, now in his 100th year.



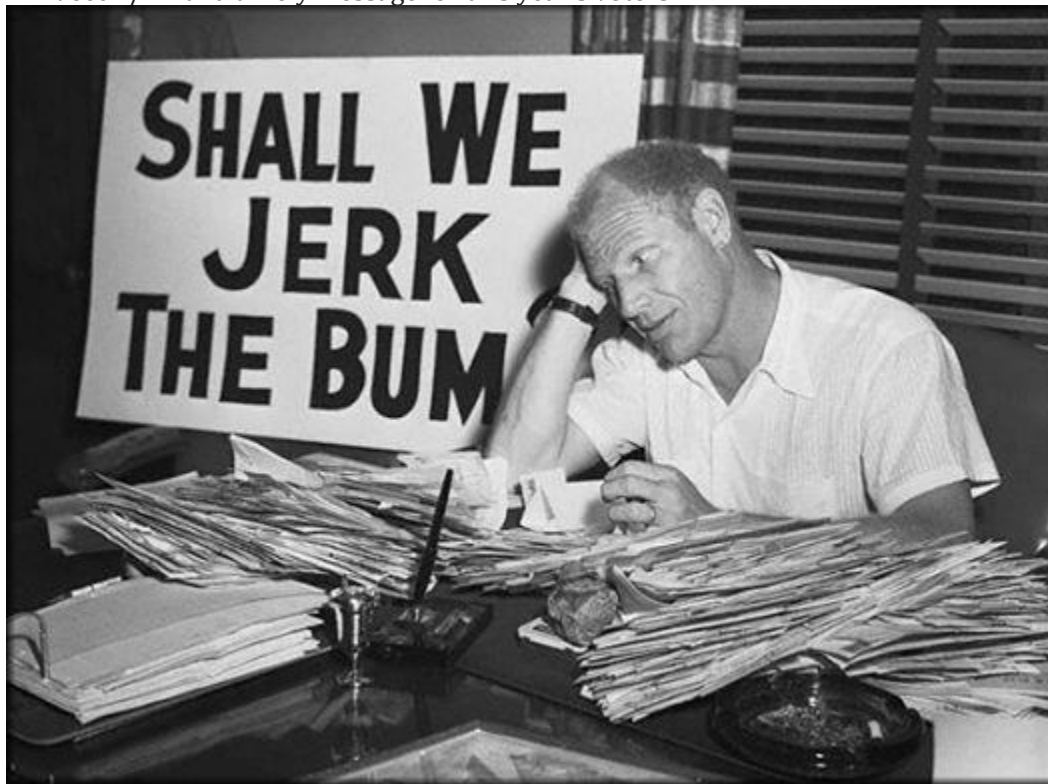
John McPhee / Prose as clean as mountain spring water.



John O'Hara / As conscious of class and it's trappings as any American writer. Possessed of great talent, his first two novels were/are masterpieces as are many of the many short stories he penned for The New Yorker. Photographed by Irving Penn.



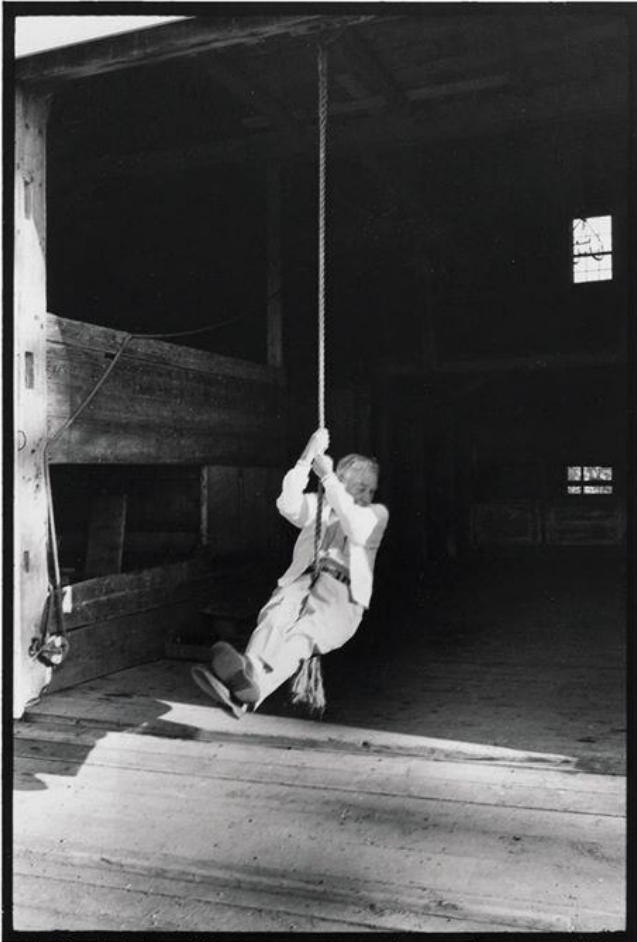
Bill Veeck / With a timely message for this year's voters



David Halberstam at his desk in Nashville where he worked for four years before heading to the NY Times. Possessed of a God-like voice and generous nature. He was very kind to young writers. His brother Michael was a friend of my father.



EB "Andy" White / Master of the short piece, essay, and a masterpiece called "Charlottes Web."
Roger Angell's step-dad.



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Jim Clemente

HH Munro a/k/a Saki / I treasure my plump Penguin paperback of his incredible stories.
He died in combat in 1916 after having enlisted at age 43. His last words, "Put out that darn cigarette."



Flann O'Brien / Myles o' prose



Lesley Visser / Pioneering writer/broadcaster and chronicler of all those Bay State high schools with hyphenated names. My ever charming friend.



Robert Caro and wife and fellow writer Ina. His Robert Moses and LBJ biographies are unequalled and exhaustive portraits of power in what many recognized as the American Century. We'll need an Edward Gibbon to chronicle what appears to be our decline.

