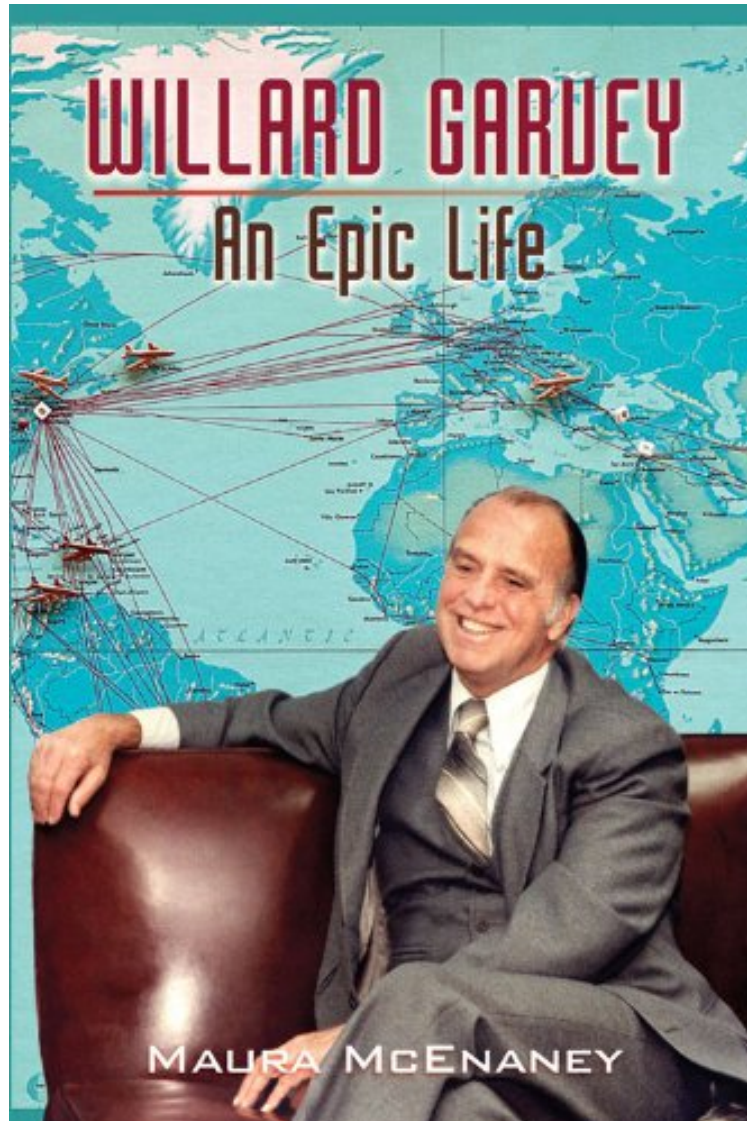


Willard Garvey: An Epic Life

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Maura McEnaney : Willard Garvey: An Epic Life before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Willard Garvey: An Epic Life:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Purpose and Vision on Display By Richard Rowland Willard Garvey's life was centered on the vital importance of individual liberty to genuine human progress. His purpose and vision matched that of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Everything he did, mistakes and all, was centered on that freedom mandate purpose and his vision of what it should look like. He did not seem to care much about achieving personal credit. He never rejected it but never showed a desire to get it. This is a refreshing and nutritious read if you love individual liberty as much as Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson did. Willard

Garvey moved the needle. I wish the 56 could see his life. It would affirm their vision and sacrifice. The American Dream lives on and on. Thanks Willard.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Gerald Haleygood book3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Excellent job outlining the life of one of America's great entrepreneurs.By Paul KorzeniowskiGreat book.Nice job of tying Willard's life to the times in which he lived. Great job of research by the author.

Pulitzer Prizewinning journalist Maura McEnaney's fascinating and wide-ranging biography of businessman and entrepreneur Willard Garvey is, in many ways, a history of 20th-century America itself. Having come of age during the Dust Bowl, Garvey rode the rails during the height of the Great Depression to work in the California orchards made famous by *The Grapes of Wrath*. He sailed the *Queen Mary* to fight in World War II, and was one of the first three American officers in Berlin after its fall, subsequently attending the Potsdam Conference. Upon returning to the United States, he found success in real estate and foreign investments and funded affordable housing projects from South America to Asia, all the while campaigning tirelessly for independent journalism and limited government at home. McEnaney presents an intimate, humanizing portrait of an individual who could very often seem larger than life and offers readers a story of American progress, devotion to family, and a drive for success.

Willard Garvey is, yes, great fun to read! What a saga; Garvey defines the term "larger than life." It is a wonderful story of a tireless pioneer and entrepreneur who carried the torch for free markets and freedom to innovate all around the world—overcoming obstacles which would have made any reasonable person turn tail and run like hell. In these confusing times, it is a tale that will both entertain and, better yet, inspire. Willard Garvey has renewed my spirits.—Tom Peters, bestselling author of *Thriving on Chaos*, *Liberation Management*, *In Search of Excellence* (with Robert Waterman, Jr.), *The Circle of Innovation* and other books—Willard Garvey was a long-time friend and supporter. As the wonderful book *Willard Garvey* shows, he was a man of action who could never sit still very long because he had so many projects that required his attention. As his friends and family will attest, men like Willard don't come along very often. I was honored to play a small part in his life.—Robert J. Dole, former Majority Leader, United States Senate—Willard Garvey is an engaging and motivating story about a leader who made a real difference!—Steven S. Reinemund, Dean, Wake Forest University School of Business; Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, PepsiCo, Inc.