

TOP PICKS



ABOUT BRAD

Brad Mattes is President and CEO of Life Issues Institute, internationally headquartered in Cincinnati OH. The organization was founded by pro-life pioneer Dr. John C. Willke and Brad in 1991 and continues to serve the educational needs of the pro-life movement through a variety of channels. Brad is married to Ellen and they are proud parents to four sons and have four grandchildren.

ON THE RADIO

Every day, *Life Issues* provides a 1:00 update on pro-life news to help equip listeners with a biblically-based outlook on issues confronting our culture. In addition to the daily feature, a weekly email delivers a summary of concerns and offers resources to amplify that education of audiences. Brad is also a frequent interview guest on all aspects of the pro-life spectrum, from pre-birth to end of life concerns.

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TOP TEN READING LIST

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As a new year begins, we’re resuming our speaker recommended “Top 10” reading lists. This month, we’ve asked President of Life Issues Institute, Brad Mattes, to share his favorites.

1. **The President’s Club** (*Nancy Gibbs & Michael Duffy*) — This is an incredibly interesting look at the inside, never before known interactions between members of this exclusive club—including unwanted advice from past presidents for the current commander in chief.
2. **Hand of Providence: The Strong and Quiet Faith of Ronald Reagan** (*Mary Beth Brown*) — Ronald Reagan was widely known as a deeply religious person. Mary Beth Brown gives readers a more detailed look at the faith of one of our most beloved presidents.
3. **The Wright Brothers** (*David McCullough*) — The author compiled an amazingly detailed account of one of the most important advancements in our nation’s history. It’s a testament to the benefit resulting from good work ethics.
4. **On Hallowed Ground** (*Robert M. Poole*) — A moving documentation of how our nation’s most revered cemetery originated and flourished. In an affront to local slaves, they were buried off to the side, not far from their ghetto that was eventually leveled for expansion, and now are resting in America’s most cherished soil.
5. **Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass** (*Frederick Douglass*) — The writings of an extremely intelligent and articulate, self-educated former slave. No wonder it’s a classic.
6. **Team of Rivals** (*Doris Kearns Goodwin*) — If you like history, you’ll love this painstaking look at events leading up to the election of Abraham Lincoln as our president.
7. **The Reagan I Knew** (*William F. Buckley Jr.*) — One icon of conservatism writing about another. Good stuff.
8. **Dead Wake** (*Erik Larson*) — The author weaves a tapestry of facts and events leading up to the final, tragic crossing of the ship *Lusitania* 100 years ago. He brings readers aboard the ship for an exciting journey.
9. **Fraternity, A Journey in Search of Five Presidents** (*Bob Greene*) — My curiosity of all things presidential drew me to this book in which the author interviews past presidents, revealing their take on their own presidencies and resulting history.
10. **Cuba, Lost and Found** (*Edward J. Neyra*) — Readers accompany a US citizen’s repeated travels with family members to visit his native Cuban roots. Neyra’s views of the Cuban blockade and current political situation are unique, possibly representing a changing culture of American-Cubans.



[SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY IS JANUARY 15]

From Life Issues Institute, *End of Life: Who Gets to Choose?* swings attention from beginning of life to end of life issues. Understanding the process, and choosing life in the midst of medical procedures and more, is a clear call for believers committed to the sanctity of life. It’s a moving and powerful underscoring that life is precious. For information on this half-hour special, contact Lee@ambaa.com.