

Mark Bernstein is author of eleven books on American history and biography.

His work, *Grand Eccentrics: Turning the Century*, republished in 2017, presents turn-of-the-century Dayton, Ohio, as this nation's first 'Silicon Valley.' In 1901, the U.S. Patent Office identified Dayton as producing more patents per capita than any American city. There, among other things, the Wright Brothers invented flight, Charles Kettering invented the automotive self-starter, and John H. Patterson made the cash register the first machine of business.

He is author of two Ohio political biographies. The more recent, *McCulloch of Ohio: For the Republic* [2014], is the first full-length biography of the Republican congressman who led bipartisan efforts to pass the 1964 Civil Rights Act, 1965 Voting Rights Act, and 1968 Open Housing Act. This followed *John J. Gilligan: The Politics of Principle* [2013], the first full-length biography of the Ohio's transformative governor and the state's most significant post-World War Two Democrat. Earlier work includes *World War II on the Air* [with Alex Lubertozzi and Dan Rather, 2003], an account of Edward R. Murrow and the CBS radio coverage of the European Theater, packaged with a 55-minute audio CD of archival broadcasts narrated by Rather.

He was interviewed on-camera on "Left Behind Cities," PBS' FRONTLINE [2018], and on "Million Dollar Idea" [2015], a Smithsonian Institution television series on American inventors, and has given nearly 200 book talks and radio interviews. His 100 magazine articles have appeared in *Smithsonian*, *Smithsonian/Air & Space*, *American Heritage of Invention and Technology* and elsewhere.

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