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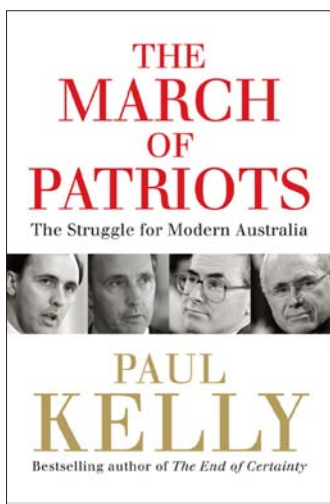
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### **THE MARCH OF PATRIOTS** THE STRUGGLE FOR MODERN AUSTRALIA

By Paul Kelly

KEATING AND HOWARD DIED AT THE BALLOT BOX FOR THEIR CONVICTIONS. THEY WERE THE LAST WARRIORS FROM AN AGE OF PASSIONATE INTENSITY AND THEIR LIKES WILL NOT BE SEEN AGAIN. THIS IS THEIR STORY.

*The March of Patriots* is the inside story of how Australia was governed by Paul Keating and John Howard. This is a book about power, policy and leadership; its unifying theme is the construction of an Australian model for success in the globalised age.

The book is based on Paul Kelly's interviews with Keating and Howard and more than 100 participants, including a number of senior former public servants who speak on the record.

Paul Kelly book takes us from Canberra to Washington and beyond, revealing the machine of government. He exposes for the first time the inside story of advice over the 2003 Iraq war; shows with fresh documents and interviews the secret tactics embraced by John Howard and Alexander Downer to make East Timor an independent country; documents the unknown institutional crisis Australia faced at the 1993 Keating–Hewson election; outlines the one scenario under which John Howard was ready to resign as Prime Minister during his third term; and reveals the divisions among Howard loyalists over the children overboard saga.

*The March of Patriots* also documents the inside story of the strategy that won Paul Keating the 'unwinnable' 1993 election and advice to Keating from inside his own office warning him against his republican campaign. We witness the political seduction of George W. Bush, the confrontation between the Howard government and the Clinton administration, and see what really drove Howard to take his stand against the Tampa.

Bold, vivid and meticulous, *The March of Patriots* is Paul Kelly's most ambitious book to date. A masterpiece of analysis and storytelling, it not only rewrites contemporary Australian political history, but compels us to rethink it as well.

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