



Michael Grunwald



Award-winning reporter, author and environmental authority Michael Grunwald is a senior correspondent for *Time* magazine. His groundbreaking book *The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise*, takes a riveting look into the natural, social and political history of the Everglades. Hailed by Carl Hiassan as having "the epic ingredients of a great novel—greed, betrayal, carnage and valor," Grunwald's book serves as a compass for environmental progress.

The Swamp chronicles the dramatic story of the settling of The Everglades, once America's final frontier, and now the focus of an unprecedented restoration process. By highlighting the remarkable people who have "tried to settle, drain, tame, develop, sell, preserve and restore the Everglades," Grunwald illuminates man's hubris, the unintended consequences of meddling with nature, and the subsequent attempts to make amends.

At the podium, Grunwald brings audiences along the stunning journey of the destruction and possible resurrection of the Everglades. In detailing the land's history, Grunwald stresses the importance of reviving ecosystems for the future. As stated in his book, "The Everglades is a moral test...If we pass, we may deserve to keep the planet."

A veteran reporter, Grunwald has written extensively about climate change, energy policy, biofuels, water issues, and other environmental topics, as well as covered Washington and presidential politics for years.

He has won the George Polk Award for national reporting, the Worth Bingham Prize for investigative reporting, the Society of Environmental Journalists award for in-depth reporting, and many other journalism honors.

After graduating from Harvard College in 1992, Mike worked at *The Boston Globe* as a local reporter and then a national reporter. In July 1998, he joined the national staff of *The Washington Post*, where he served as a Justice Department reporter, New York bureau chief, congressional correspondent, investigative reporter, and Outlook writer.

He lives in Miami with his wife Cristina, son Max, and their Boston terriers, Shamu and Candy.