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BEST-SELLING BIOGRAPHER OF EINSTEIN TO SPEAK AT CARTER LIBRARY *WALTER ISAACSON AT FREE LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING*

ATLANTA, GA. - Best-selling author Walter Isaacson will talk about his new, highly acclaimed biography of Albert Einstein at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, Thursday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. The lecture and book signing are free and open to the public. Doors to the Carter Library open at 6:30 p.m.

In "***Einstein: His Life and Universe***" Isaacson paints a vivid portrait of the scientist. *Booklist* calls the book "penetrating and magnificently nuanced." *Publishers Weekly* writes, "Isaacson focuses more on Einstein the man: charismatic and passionate, often careless about personal affairs; outspoken and unapologetic about his belief that no one should have to give up personal freedoms to support a state. Fifty years after his death, Isaacson reminds us why Einstein (1879–1955) remains one of the most celebrated figures of the 20th century."

Walter Isaacson, formerly the managing editor at *Time* magazine and head of CNN, is currently the CEO of the Aspen Institute. He has written best-selling biographies of Henry Kissinger and Benjamin Franklin.

Based on newly released personal letters of Einstein, this new biography explores how an imaginative, impertinent patent clerk -- a struggling father in a difficult marriage who couldn't get a teaching job or a doctorate -- became the mind reader of the creator of the cosmos, the locksmith of the mysteries of the atom and the universe. His success came from questioning conventional wisdom and marveling at mysteries that struck others as mundane. This led him to embrace a morality and politics based on respect for free minds, free spirits, and free individuals.

Historian Doris Kearns Goodwin says "with unmatched narrative skill, Isaacson has managed the extraordinary feat of preserving Einstein's monumental stature while at the same time bringing him to such vivid life that we come to feel as if he could be walking in our midst. This is a terrific work."

Copies of "Einstein: His Life and Universe" will be available for purchase at the reading. Following his presentation, Isaacson will sign copies of his book.

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