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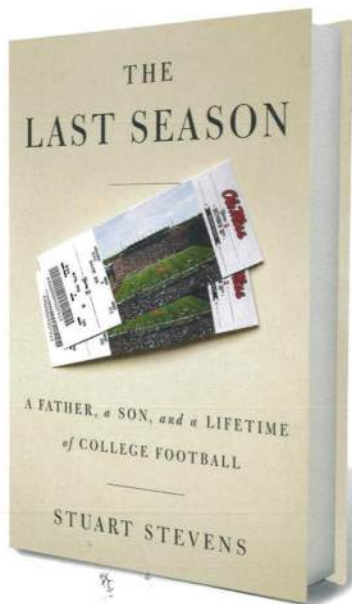
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The book is framed around a season of college football games that Stevens attended with his 95-year-old father. "For me, the connection to my father and to football is really a reflection on growing up," he says.



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Racial tension dominated Stevens' childhood in the south. "Mississippi is haunted by race," he says. "A sense that something really terrible had happened here was always lingering in the background."

THE LAST SEASON: A FATHER, A SON, AND A LIFETIME OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL

➔ MOTIVATED BY A CRIPPLING DEFEAT, POLITICAL CONSULTANT STUART STEVENS REFLECTS ON HIS CHILDHOOD, LOSS AND THE PASSING OF TIME.

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Stuart Stevens was a strategist for George W. Bush's 2000 and 2004 campaigns and led Mitt Romney's 2012 effort, among others. His writing includes books and essays on travel, and scripts for the TV shows *Commander in Chief*, *Northern Exposure* and *I'll Fly Away*.



Q: You were inspired to write this book after Mitt Romney lost the 2012 presidential election. Is it a book about loss?
A: Who knows if I would've written it if Romney had won, but certainly placed me in a mindset of thinking a lot about loss on multiple levels—that the rumor that we might be mortal could be true, the passing of time and what's really important. Romney's father was a very large figure in his life, and we talked about fathers in all the hours we spent on the plane and bouncing around on buses.

Q: Is there a message in this book?
A: You write a book like this in part as a sense of self-discovery. It's a deep form of reflective therapy. I would hope that it would make those who have aging parents think about spending perhaps a little more time with them.

Q: Politics and sports are about winning. Why ponder loss?
A: When you've failed, it forces you to reflect more on the larger construct. There's a certain liberation that comes from losing when you realize you can still survive.

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By Geoffrey Kent

➔ Travel has been a part of Geoffrey Kent, the founder of upscale expeditions company Abercrombie & Kent, since the moment he was born to British parents while they were on safari in Zambia. Kent leveraged his unorthodox upbringing on a Kenyan farm to explore the African continent and transform the safari into a luxury travel experience.

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