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America's Most Dangerous Politics

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Cross to Bear is the inside account of the Louisiana's governor's race that had the whole world watching, and that in many ways foretold events in America's bizarre presidential race of 1992. The reader gets a back-seat view of this fascinating, often funny, sometimes frightening ride through the wild terrain of Louisiana politics. The current national political phenomena of racial alienation, voter rage, sex-life inspections and third-party challenges exploded first in Louisiana before rocking the American scene. This true story reads like a fast-moving novel in developing the characters of David Duke, struggling to shake his racist, anti-Semitic past as he incites the voter anger and raises millions; ambitious and aloof Buddy Roemer, battling his political demons while struggling through his mid-life crisis; and of the scandal-plagued Edwin Edwards, notorious gambler and womanizer, politicking for redemption in one last, improbable comeback bid. Along the way the reader meets the henchmen, bagmen, yes-men, Klansmen and girlfriends who keep politics interesting and dangerous in America's last banana republic.

John Maginnis, a Louisiana native, is the author of the 1984 book on Louisiana politics, *The Last Hayride*. The syndicated political columnist is the editor and publisher of *Louisiana Political Review* and a frequent commentator in the national media.

From the Back Cover

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