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## April Ryan Bio

White House Correspondent April Ryan has a unique vantage point as the only black female reporter covering urban issues from the White House — a position she has held since the Clinton era. On behalf of the American Urban Radio Networks, and through her "Fabric of America" news blog, she delivers her readership and listeners (millions of African Americans and close to 300 radio affiliates) a "unique urban and minority perspective in news." Her position as a White House Correspondent has afforded her unusual insight into the racial sensitivities, issues, and attendant political struggles of our nation's last presidents.

April can be seen almost daily on CNN as a political analyst. She has been featured in Vogue, Cosmopolitan and Elle magazines, The New York Times, The Washington Post – to name a few. April is the 2017 National Association of Black Journalist's Journalist of the Year, and a Terker Fellow with the George Washington University School of Media and Public Affairs.

April Ryan has served on the board of the prestigious White House Correspondents Association. She is one of only three African Americans in the Association's over 100-year history to serve on its board. She is also an esteemed member of the National Press Club. April is a Baltimore native and Morgan State University graduate, and she gives back to this community by serving as a mentor to aspiring journalists and assisting with developing "up and coming" broadcasters. April considers her greatest life's work raising her two daughters, Ryan and Grace — who are phenomenal young women.

April Ryan is the author of the award-winning book, THE PRESIDENCY IN BLACK AND WHITE, and her latest book, AT MAMA'S KNEE: MOTHERS AND RACE IN BLACK AND WHITE (December 2016), where she looks at race relations through the lessons and wisdom that mothers have given their children. A paperback version of THE PRESIDENCY IN BLACK AND WHITE — with updates about the Tump White House is also available. The paperback edition is a <u>Washington Post</u> best seller. April's next book, UNDER FIRE will be published in September 2018.

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"As an African-American girl, I would never have thought that as a grown woman I would be a White House correspondent, a successful author, and on TV most days of the week. I worked hard to get where I am, and that hard work paid off. I am now viewed as one of the 'veterans' of the White House Press Corps, and I am the only African-American to have reported daily from the White House for over 20 years."

— April Ryan