



Matthew Scully

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Matthew Scully (born [March 30, 1959](#), in [Casper, Wyoming](#)) is an American author, journalist, and speechwriter. He has worked as a speechwriter for President [George W. Bush](#), [Dan Quayle](#), [Dick Cheney](#), the late Governor [Robert P. Casey](#) of Pennsylvania, and vice presidential nominee Governor [Sarah Palin](#) of Alaska.

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Speechwriting career [[edit](#)]

Scully worked as a speechwriter in the 2000 presidential campaign, and served as a special assistant and senior speechwriter for President [George W. Bush](#) from January 2001 to August 2004. He has also written speeches for vice-presidents [Dan Quayle](#) and [Dick Cheney](#), Governor [Robert P. Casey](#) of Pennsylvania, and [Bob Dole](#).^[1] Most recently, he was the primary consultant and writer for [Sarah Palin's](#) acceptance speech at the 2008 Republican convention.^[2]

In an article in *The Atlantic Monthly*, Scully accused former White House chief speechwriter [Michael Gerson](#) of wrongfully taking credit for speeches allegedly written by Scully and other members of President George W. Bush's speechwriting team.^[1]

Literary career [[edit](#)]

Scully is the author of *Dominion: The Power of Man, the Suffering of Animals, and the Call to Mercy* (2002), described by Natalie Angier in a book review published in *The New York Times* (October 27, 2002) as a "horrible, wonderful, important book," in large measure "because the author, an avowed conservative Republican and former speechwriter for George W. Bush, is an unexpected defender of the animals against the depredations of profit driven corporations, swaggering, gun-loving hunters, proponents of renewed 'harvesting' of whales and elephants and others who insist that all of nature is humanity's romper room, to play with, rearrange, and plunder at will."^[3] Nichols Fox in a review published in the *The Washington Post* wrote that *Dominion* is "destined to become a classic defense of mercy."^[4] G. Gordon Liddy has also published a positive review, saying "A beautifully written and very powerful book."

Scully has also served as literary editor of *National Review* magazine,^[5] and has written for *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and *The Atlantic Monthly*.

Works [[edit](#)]

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- [Article in *Atlantic Monthly*](#) on [Michael Gerson](#), his [White House](#) speechwriting companion
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