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## Available for interview: Gideon Haigh



President Donald Trump speaking to Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Oval Office (photograph by Sean Spicer, White House press secretary, Wikimedia Commons)

*'Michael Wolff has a prose ear of the purest tin. His sentences are cantilevered with clichés: holy grails, silver bullets, magic bullets, domino theories, ground zeroes, road maps, smoking guns, feedback loops, free passes, quantum leaps and dead meats ... Fire and Fury, then, is the self-amused, morally weightless salute of one hollow showman for another. Perhaps it is no better than Trump's cruel, mendacious, and vituperative administration deserve. The rest of us could do with something other than The Least and the Lightest.'*

Michael Wolff's book *Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House* – with its insider account of Donald Trump's first year in office – may be an instant bestseller, but our reviewer Gideon Haigh finds it sloppy, self-regarding, and bombastic.

**Gideon Haigh** has been a journalist for thirty-four years, and now works mainly for *The Australian* and *The Times*. He is the author of more than thirty books. His most recent book, *Father & Daughter*, is a collection of stories with his eight-year-old daughter Cecilia; his next book, *A Scandal in Bohemia: The Life and Death of Mollie Dean*, will be published by Penguin in April.



Gideon Haigh  
(photograph by Charlotte Haigh)

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