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> A reformer who was always colorful, provocative, and controversial, Dan Walker became a political maverick, winning two tough elections to become governor of Illinois. Having once sat at the pinnacle of power in

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Illinois as the state's chief executive, Walker later found himself behind the bars of a federal prison following his conviction on charges of bank fraud. The Maverick and the Machine tells the dramatic story of Walker's rise from dirt-poor beginnings to successful trial lawyer, business executive, and governor of Illinois and then to the fall that sent him to prison. Disclosed for the