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About the Author
The investigative staff of the Boston Globe received the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service in 2003 for its reporting on the crisis in the Catholic Church. The book was written by Boston Globe reporters Matt Carroll, Kevin Cullen, Thomas Farragher, Stephen Kurkjian, Michael Paulson, Sacha Pfeiffer, Michael Rezendes, and Walter V. Robinson.