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My best book of 2023 is one I reviewed in these pages in May: Jonathan Eig's *King: A Life* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$35) a worthy successor to my own *Bearing the Cross* and a strong contender for next spring's Pulitzer Prize in biography.

I was likewise deeply impressed with Serhii Plokhy's *The Russo-Ukrainian War: The Return of History* (Norton, \$30) an authoritative introduction to the most important event of our lifetimes.

But by far the most powerful tome I perused this year is a privately published 640-page *Report on the Biden Laptop*, authoritatively compiled by Garrett Ziegler and available on the web from his 501c3, "Marco Polo." It's a transfixing window into the entire Biden family, and the scale of human depravity it relentlessly details is unforgettably disgusting.