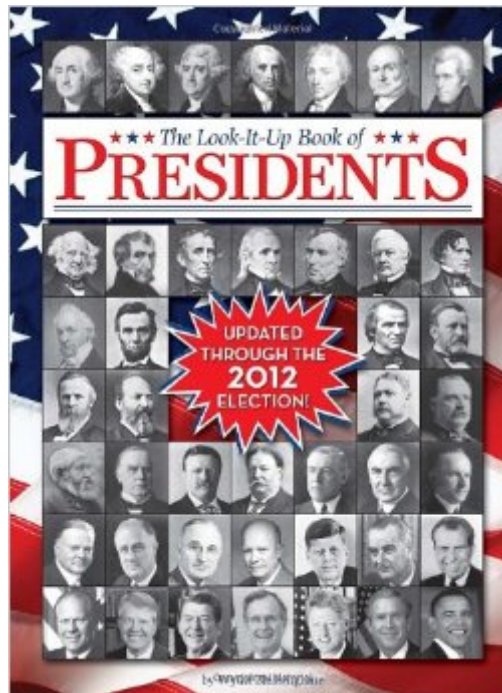


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# The Look-It-up Book Of Presidents (Look-It-Up Books)



## Synopsis

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## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

My first exposure to Wyatt Blassingame's The Look-It-Up Book of Presidents was the early 90's when my Aunt and Uncle gave the tome to me as a gift. Back then the book ended with President Reagan. Later on I updated my copy as President Bush 41 took and left office. In early 2009 I brought a copy of the book (after not owning a copy for several years) in order to have a book on the Presidents with President-elect Barack Obama in it. What keeps me coming back to the Look-It-Up Book of Presidents is how clearly the biographies of each President are written without

any confusing jargon. I'm also impressed with how neutral he is toward each President. For example Blassingame's narratives about President's Clinton's scandals and his foreign policy are written better than most news stories were during those years. This neutrality also extends to the major events of President Bush's term such as 9/11, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the Democratic takeover of Congress in 2006. However I was disappointed that there was no mention of Hurricane Katrina, which one would think would be a given. The biography of President-elect Obama is well written and neutral as well. Other facts such as the 1994, 2004 and 2006 deaths of Presidents Nixon, Reagan, and Ford are included. There is one weakness however. The list of Presidents in the front only includes general comments on how historians rank the Presidents up to Eisenhower. I think it would be a good idea to update the rankings to include the most recent Presidents after Eisenhower. Above all I'm glad I own the Look-It-Up Book of Presidents again. The book got me interested in history. I fully recommend it to children who need a basic reference and to adults who need a refresher on our Presidents.

This book was recently updated as it seeks to include all of the presidents. The fact that earlier editions of this book have been in print for several decades is a testament to its fine quality. It is written for the late elementary to middle school grade level but is a nice quick reference even for adults. The book tends to whitewash certain controversies and treat presidents in a more favorable light than might a longer, adult oriented book. Still, the book gives the basics of major scandals in the presidencies of Grant, Harding, Nixon, etc. Furthermore, the book gives the reader a basic understanding of who each of our presidents was and what the basic issues were during the presidency of each. Knowing the basics of each of our presidents is important for good citizenship and this book fills the bill nicely. I hope that this book will encourage readers to want to read full length biographies of some of the presidents profiled or, at least to delve deeper into their presidencies by reading a more complex, adult level book of this type. I highly recommend this great introduction to our presidents.

I bought a book that included current president Obama but received an older edition that only goes up to GW Bush. Normally, I would appreciate this sort of mistake....I too would like to forget y'all elected that bonehead....BUT as this is for a 5th grader's curriculum I kind of think it's important to include ALL of the presidents.

I bought the book for my grandson who is in the third grade and who is very interested in the history

of the American presidency. This book provides a nice summary of each US President through the Clinton administration.

Very interesting book. Educational and fun, what more can one ask! My 10 year old son is into history, so I got this for him, not even realizing how much I would enjoy it as well! Great for the whole family to read!

The book I received--used but in great condition and was printed in 1996. It covers Washington and up to first term of Bill Clinton. Of course, Both Bush Terms are missing and Obama's tenure is not included in the book...Given this, it is merely a partial history book of American Presidents. Otherwise, the book is well written and provides great information about the presidents covered as well as interesting information about specific achievements of each president. I'll keep the book but I wish that it was as described on the page.

I purchased this as a birthday gift for my daughter whose reading agenda is to read the bios of all the Presidents of the United States of America. This is a quick reference to refresh statistical and data memory from time to time. In fact, I found it so interesting and informative, I read the entire book before I gifted it to her!

My 7 year old niece loves reading about presidents, so I gave this to her for her birthday. She loves it and is able to read it just fine. It's also current which is great!

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