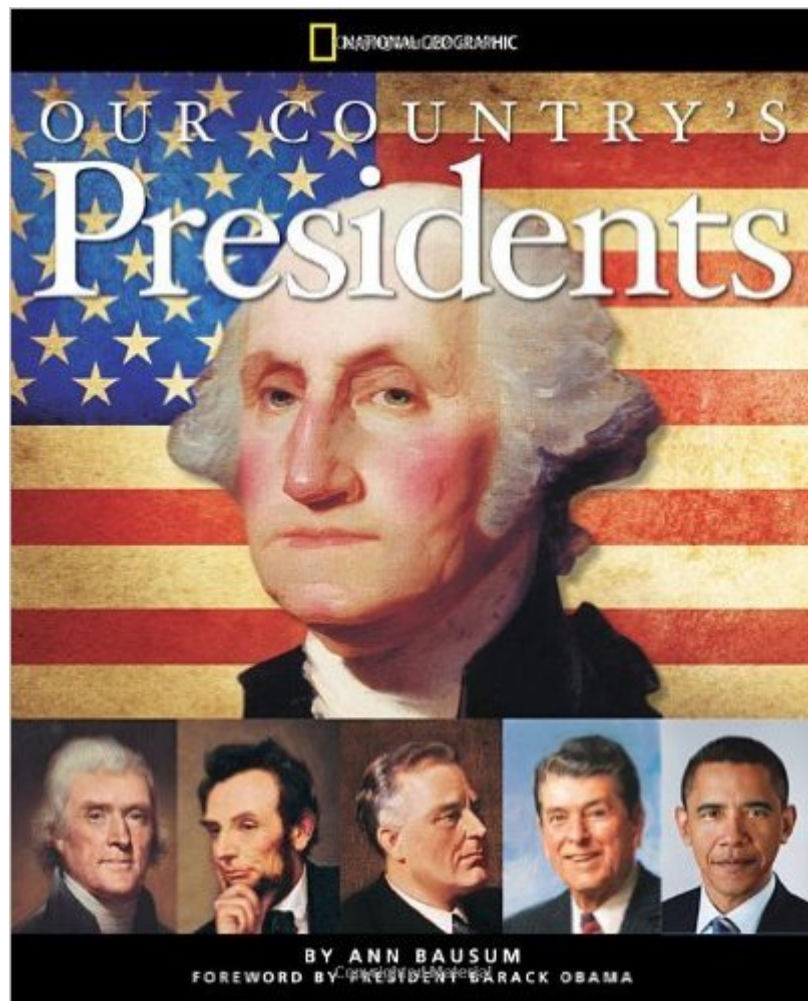


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# Our Country's Presidents: All You Need To Know About The Presidents, From George Washington To Barack Obama



## Synopsis

Forty-four men have taken up the responsibilities of the Presidency as the nation has grown from its colonial infancy into a modern superpower. They've faithfully executed the duties of the President--waged war, signed treaties, addressed Congress, and established government offices. But their impact goes far beyond the bounds of their job description. Each President has left his mark on the history of the United States and on the lives of the American people. Our Country's Presidents is packed with information about America's leaders. Find out why George Washington gave up his life as a Virginia planter to lead a nation, and why John Tyler was nicknamed "His Accidency." Walk with the Presidents through wars, depressions, civil rights movements, and the race for space. Romp with the Garfield kids in a White House pillow fight and mourn with the nation over John F. Kennedy's assassination. Eight all-new pages will contain exciting information and new images, and, of course, Election 2012, and a brand-new profile and photographic portrait of the new President (if applicable). In-depth text and historic images combine to make this volume the definitive family reference guide to the fascinating lives of the Presidents of the United States.

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## Customer Reviews

If you have elementary school kids - or just want a quick, handy, easy to read, source for presidential facts -- buy this book. It's full of interesting facts on each of our presidents - along with a

little context/history of each one's term in office. Make sure you get the right edition, because there are now many outdated versions of the book. Highly Recommend.

This book is not what most adults are looking for. It is short, 209 pages of which 44 are full page portraits of the 44 presidents. This book is gorgeously illustrated and has small two page summaries of sub topics such as "The White House, Powers of the President, Presidents and the Supreme Court, The First Ladies, Pollsters and Polling, The Electoral College and Former Presidents." It is an oversize book, approximately 9 X 11, again a format that works mostly in young adult books. As a hobbyist in the history of the American Presidency, I read a lot of books about the presidents and I would not hesitate to give this entertaining summary of the high points of all 44 presidents to any young person.

I was appalled with this book and I don't use that term lightly. The sections on President George W. Bush & President Barack Obama were atrociously and blatantly biased. It glosses over accomplishment/important events during President Bush's terms in office. It seems to emphasize several times 'he's riding his father's coat tails' without ever coming right out and saying those exact words. Obama 'inherited' a dilapidated, destroyed country--the worst in history (or since FDR)--- Bush had really left the country in ruins for his successor. The poor newly elected president tried to do the best he could for what he was given--- however--- the Republicans flexed its minority muscles and squashed everything he tried to do to make our country better. (What mean, horrible Republicans...) Bush's 'War on Terror' was continually mentioned--and what a failure it was and how Obama basically put an end to it (hmm..) when he caught Osama bin Laden--- who Bush was never able to capture. This book shows not one thing negative--- that is Obama's fault. It's the typical democratic 'previous admin's fault'...'cleaning up the previous President's mess'. This book was promising until I read the last 2 presidents. It lost all credibility and was a huge disappointment. Scholastic should not be putting this in our schools. That is also called 'propaganda'. I have showed this book to a dozen other people, some voted for Obama---- and they even expressed disgust that this is being distributed by Scholastic. I am surprised that National Geographic has their name and good reputation attached to this book. Stick with the facts. I don't need to read political opinions in my young, very impressionable first graders books from public school. I will no longer be purchasing Scholastic books.

I knew when I purchased the book that it was going to be a used one. The book looked like new! I

was very pleasantly surprised that the book was in such great shape. The only problem was the book on the advertisement included Obama and the book that I got only went up to Bush.

The author pictured on the cover what she picked as the country's six greatest Presidents. I question her choice of Obama. On the Forward written by Obama he said there were 42 Presidents before him then signed the Forward as the 44th President. Other than that the book gives a thumb nail sketch of each presidency as was its mission.

I bought this for my son who is a young adult with a neurological disability. He struggled in school when he is young, but now, in his 20s, he finds himself becoming interested in the history he had difficulty grasping when he was younger. This book, while designed for middle-school aged kids, is perfect for him, and indeed, any adult would find it fascinating. Reading the lives of the presidents gives one not only a biography of each leader of our country, but a sweeping overview of American history at the same time. History is often best learned by reading biographies of the individuals making that history. My son is really enjoying this book. It's lavishly illustrated. A good price for a high-quality, glossy hardcover as well.

Our 5 year old Grandson whose in Montessori pre-school and will be in kindergarten (Private) school come September has been learning about our US Presidents. He knows more about each president than me. Even tho this book is for adults it is also great for children. If anyone wants to learn about our US President, this book is for you. You learn what each president faced during his presidency and their decisions weren't always popular with the citizens. So much has been learned from our past that brought us to where we are today. The price is great!!! I am so glad I found it on .Thank you,

This book is politically biased. The bias is visible in everything from the choice of language to describe the Presidents to the photos chosen for each of them. The tone of the book is quite haughty and in some places openly lacks respect for some Presidents. I was hoping for a book which, in addition to dates and names, would clearly list biggest achievements and struggles for all Presidents, not only successes for some and only failures for others. This is the last book by National Geographic I will ever get.

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