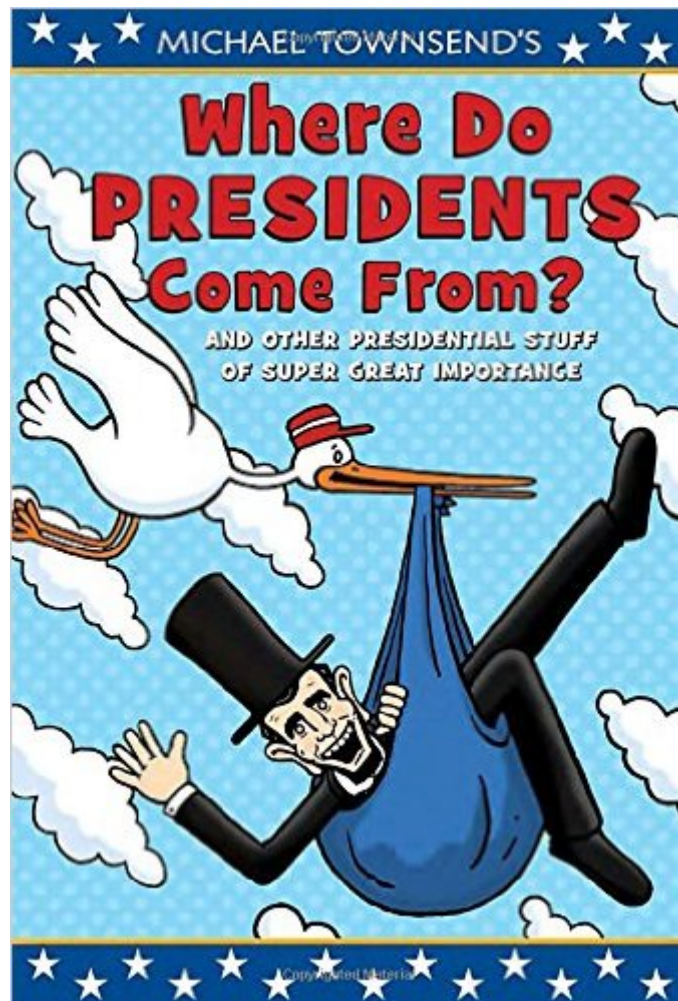


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# Where Do Presidents Come From?: And Other Presidential Stuff Of Super Great Importance



## Synopsis

So You Want to Be President meets The Far Side! Just in time for the 2012 election, Michael Townsend presents his comic book guide to everything you ever wanted to know (and maybe a few things you didn't!) about the President of the United States. It's full of insanely weird facts about our leaders (Did you know that President Coolidge had a pet pygmy hippo named Billy?), as well as the history and powers of the presidency, day-to-day life, and pros and cons of the job. Even the most mundane of facts become hilarious in this brilliantly cheeky guide to our nation's MVP.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

My daughter is a gifted 7 year old and I grabbed this book from our library and brought it home. She does enjoy history, biographies and comics so I thought this book looked like something she would enjoy. She couldn't put it down and kept wanting to read me all the parts she thought were funny out loud. She enjoyed the part about the Boston Tea party and has read it multiple times. I enjoyed the parts on how the Government works and is divided and how they explained the electoral college. The humor in this book reminds me a bit of the corny humor on cartoon network shows, not things that say an adult would consider funny, just cheezy, but plays into that age level humor that kids 8-12 really enjoy. My daughter several times outloud while reading it in the first hour stated, "This is a really great book!" She was in love from the first page. The book explains our countries history,

the split from GB, all the way to how and why we have a president, covers the rules about who can be elected, and even goes into a few details about foreign policy. Yet pops in random nonsense just to make sure you are paying attention. Many of the jokes were a play on the government vocabulary words that actually help the kids remember them better by putting a humorous connection to the word. I was impressed by how much Government History and Government process he was able to explain on a level they can understand, yet giving them a good concrete idea of how things actually work and why. I wish I had this book when I took Government and History in highschool, it may have helped me remember a few things, and how things connected a bit easier.

We bought this book by Michael Townsend for our two grandsons, ages 8 and 11, another copy for their cousins ages 11 & 13 and a friend also bought a copy for herself (over 60 yrs) as a fun way to learn about the presidents. To quote my 11 yr. old grandson, "It is a great book as it tells you about presidential history in a fun way". He didn't feel like it was being drilled into him and he learned and retained what he learned. He said some of the things about the presidents were so funny that he couldn't stop laughing. Of course the illustrations were wonderful. We'd all recommend this book to anyone especially children from 8 yrs. old on in elementary school. What a great way to learn history. Edythe & Samuel N. North Wales, PA

I teach Civics to middle school students...and this book just captured their attention (and mine!), particularly those with learning disabilities. They loved the pictures and crazy little jokes. I projected it on the board using the overhead and read selections out loud to them. They read all the speech bubbles using their best accents. We had a great time. I'd love to own a classroom set someday.

My son first brought this book home from his elementary school library, and he enjoyed it. I picked up, and found it fun and didn't want to put it down. A great way to learn the basics about US government, but other books would be necessary to go in more depth. Fun illustrations and humor hiding what might be dry content otherwise. A little sugar makes the medicine go down...

We already have his book about Greek Myths and just love it. It's gone through 2 kids already. Just started this one, but I hope it gives him a little more interest in American history because it's so silly!

My 2nd grader LOVES this book. I can't say I'm all that interested in history/presidents, but this book is fantastic. Funny, with great little facts and well-written. My son enjoys reading it, and I enjoy

reading it with him! I find that he's retained quite a few facts from it also, which is an added bonus! Can't wait to check out more from this author. Fantastic and educational book for young elementary kids.

I wish I could give this a thousand stars. My kids WANT to read about social studies and history!!! It is a lot of historical background and context that is written in funny comic book format with things like knock knock jokes. The information is easy for kids to understand. But don't let the comic book and jokes fool you - it is extremely full of great information!!! It explains about the colonial powers fighting, French and Indian war, taxation without representation, genesis of the US Constitution, etc, in an engaging way and using every day language - so that kids get the concepts. I am now searching for more books by this author.

I have a difficult time getting my son to read anything, so the fact that he has read this book twice unprompted says something! He laughs and laughs, and can't get enough of is book. I love the fact that he is learning, yet he doesn't realize it. Five stars!

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