

INTRODUCTION

This book can be used in several ways: It can be read from cover to cover; it can be utilized as a reference (the Presidents appear in chronological order, from George Washington to George W. Bush); it can be used in a classroom setting to introduce an overview of historical information as it relates to the Presidents, incite further research, and provoke discussion; it can be used as a source for Presidential "trivia" -- the final sections contain dozens of multiple-choice questions related to the Presidents as well as several charts and tables showing Presidential "statistics" relative to the chief executives' personal circumstances and traits, states of origin, as well as a time line showing who lived when and in relation to which key events.

Of course, you could always use it to start a fire with, too.

Each Presidential chapter contains a number of sections. These are enumerated below with brief comments, where appropriate, about what is to be found in these sections:

Nicknames: Self-explanatory; some of these are readily understood, others rather obscure

Birth: Date and location of the future President's birth

Death: Date and location of the [former] President's death, unless still living

Significant Events During Term: These are all significant events that, in most cases, occurred in the United States. Sometimes the President had a hand in the events; more often he did not. Sometimes they were even the subject of the event, such as when the President died while in office.

Quotes: Interesting and "telling" quotes by and about the President, or that otherwise apply

How His Term Ended: Whether he chose not to run, was defeated for his party's nomination, was nominated but was defeated in the election, could not run due to term limits having been reached, died in office, or was assassinated.

Other Professions: Included here are only professions other than politics. For example, if the President under discussion had been or later became a Vice President, Congressman, Mayor, Governor, Ambassador, etc., those won't appear in this list, as they are not really different professions (it's all politics). If a President had been in the military, this is indicated by the word "Soldier" regardless of whether he served as a Private or a General.

Worst Mistake(s): This section expounds on particularly egregious deeds the President performed or perpetrated (oftentimes more than one thing).

Saving Grace(s): If the President did something positive that was especially noteworthy, that is discussed here (sometimes more than one thing). As people who are basically good sometimes do bad things, so people who are essentially rotten sometimes perform beneficent acts, too.

Notes: Interesting background information, facts and “trivia” about the President

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This book is the first volume in a trilogy on the individual partners in an interlocking unholy trinity that shapes modern society. The next will be *Gross Greed*, which will expose and shame the greedy commercial sector, followed by *Hellacious Hypocrisy*, which will scorch, excoriate, and blister hypocritical religion. As this book on corrupt politics does, those two will focus on perpetrators from the United States. This is not to say that the United States is necessarily the most corrupt, greedy, and hypocritical country, or that it harbors the worst political, business, and religious leaders; the U.S. is my focus merely because I myself am an American. Let other people write books about *their* country's history; that is not my bailiwick.

I dedicate “Profiles in Corruption” to everyone everywhere who is more interested in truth than tradition, cares more about morality than money, and is more concerned with what is right and just than with what is merely expedient.

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