



***Destiny of the Republic: a Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President* (2011)**

Candice Millard

A fascinating story of James A. Garfield, his vision, and how he became president, intertwined with stories of Charles Guiteau, the delusional man who shot him, and the disastrous medical care the president received in the aftermath of the shooting. This book leaves the reader with a greatly enriched understanding of a tumultuous period in American history.

***Killing Lincoln* (2011), *Killing Kennedy* (2012), *Killing Reagan* (2015)**

Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

These books center their historical accounts of presidents on their assassinations and attempted assassination. Easy to read, filled with some little known facts and historical backgrounds, the stage is set for the attacks and then the outcomes and effects are described along with an account of the investigations.

***Assassination Vacation* (2005)**

Sarah Vowell

Sarah Vowell embarks on a road trip to sites of political violence, from Buffalo to Alaska, Washington to the Dry Tortugas, to better understand our nation's ever-evolving political system and history. As she does so, she exposes the glorious conundrums of American history and culture with wit, probity, and an irreverent sense of humor.

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HAIL TO THE CHIEF: PRESIDENTIAL FICTION AND NONFICTION

"Suffrage is the pivotal right."

–Susan B. Anthony

"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

–Franklin D. Roosevelt

"Give us the ballot and we will no longer have to worry the federal government about our basic rights ..."

–Martin Luther King, Jr

**A selection of presidential fiction and nonfiction books
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FICTION

The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln (2012)

Stephen L. Carter

In this alternative history, Abraham Lincoln survives the assassination by John Wilkes Booth only to be put on trial and possibly be impeached. Abigail Canner, a young black woman, comes to his defense and tries to prove his innocence.

Mount Vernon Love Story (2002)

Mary Higgins Clark

Rumors have flourished over the years about the true relationship between George and Martha Washington. In this novel, Mary Higgins Clark applies extensive historical research to create a fictional account of a love story for the ages.

Crooked (2015)

Austin Grossman

What if we were all wrong and Richard Nixon was actually a hero during the Watergate Scandal? In this alternative history, Nixon uncovers an occult secret and tells the truth behind the Cold War and Watergate. The story gives an interesting look behind the scenes into the President's life.

11/22/63 (2012)

Stephen King

High school teacher Jake Epping steps through a time portal into small town Jodie, Texas in the fall of 1958. In five years JFK will be assassinated in Dallas. Can Jake stop the death of a president?

The Plot Against America (2004)

Philip Roth

In this frightening alternative history, Charles A. Lindbergh, heroic aviator and rabid isolationist, is elected President in 1940. Shortly thereafter, he negotiates a cordial "understanding" with Adolf Hitler, while the new government embarks on a program of folksy anti-Semitism.

NONFICTION

The Residence (2016)

Kate Andersen Brower

A portrayal of the daily lives of the First Family, through the eyes of the maids, butlers, cooks, florists, doormen, engineers—all of those whose job it is to make life run as smoothly as possible in the White House.

41: A Portrait of My Father (2014)

George W. Bush

George W. Bush, the 43rd President of the United States, has authored a personal biography of his father, George H. W. Bush, the 41st President. This unique and intimate biography lets us see the whole man: his personal life, his career as a Naval aviator in the Pacific during World War II, and his rise from Ambassador to the United Nations to Director of the CIA to Vice President and President. His eldest son's book is the perfect vehicle to pay tribute to both the accomplished statesman and to the warm and decent man and father.

JFK's Last Hundred Days: The Transformation of a Man and the Emergence of a Great President (2013)

Thurston Clarke

Follow the final dramatic months in the life of President John F. Kennedy—from the death of his newborn son, to his Western conservation tour, to the signing of the Partial Test Ban Treaty, to that fateful day in Dallas—and imagine what might have been.

The Presidents Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity (2012)

Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy

A telling look at the American presidency and the last thirteen presidents who held the office. Bound together forever by the experience and yet eternal rivals for history's favor, they helped and hindered each other as they sought to serve America long beyond their terms.

George Washington's Secret Six: the Spy Ring that Saved the American Revolution (2013)

Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger

From all walks of life, six ordinary people, including a woman, became General Washington's elite Culper Spy Ring. Intelligence gathering, secret codes and simple bravery helped forge a new nation.

FDR'S Funeral Train (2010)

Robert Klara

It is 1945. World War II has not ended and the president has died unexpectedly. The train that will deliver his body to its final resting place also holds his bereaved widow, a Soviet spy and the next President of the United States, Harry S. Truman. Along the entire thousand-mile trek, thousands of Americans bear witness to the love and respect for the only president to have ever served four terms, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.