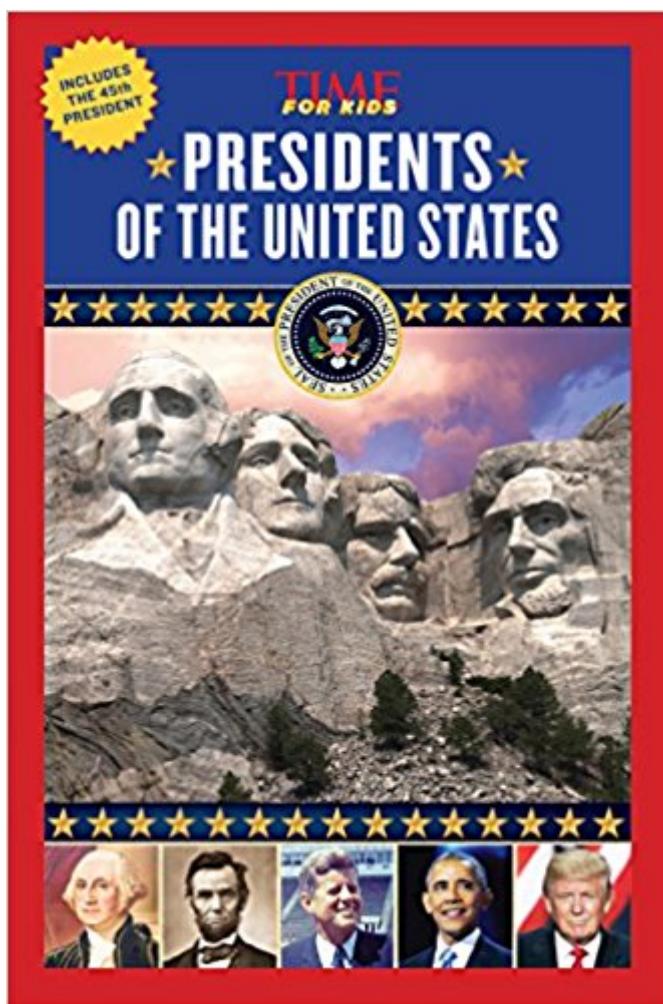


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# Presidents Of The United States (A TIME For Kids Book)



## Synopsis

TIME For Kids presents a complete overview of our nation's chief executives from George Washington to the newly elected 45th president! Did you know that James Monroe was the first president to appear without a wig in public? Or that George W. Bush appointed the first African-American secretary of state? Presidents of the United States invites the reader inside the White House to discover fascinating facts about the U.S. commanders-in-chief-their origins, accomplishments, and place in history-as told through famous quotes, important historical dates, and a timeline of events. Special sections cover the election process, the branches of government, and the role of presidents in the expansion of our nation from before the 13 colonies through westward expansion. With more than 200 photographs, illustrations, portrait reproductions, and maps.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 3-8 •This overview of U.S. presidents begins with a short synopsis on the creation of the U.S. government. Well-known presidents like Washington and Lincoln each receive a spread, while less covered leaders are given one-page summaries of their terms. A time line of key

dates runs along the bottom, providing some historical context. Each president's picture is included, with a snippet of information, such as dates in office and descriptions of family members, appearing underneath. Most images are in black-and-white, but the opening sections are in color. There are a few historical interjections throughout on topics such as westward expansion and the first ladies; material on the 45th president will be included following the upcoming election. Links to additional content about noteworthy U.S. sights can be found in the "Explore Some More" section, and a "Presidential Gallery" contains each president's picture and name. VERDICT Consider for collections that serve election-hungry students.  •Ellen Norton, Naperville Public Library, IL  
--This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

"Accessible, direct, and even-handed, it's a handy guide for readers looking to get a better sense of American politics past and present." -Publishers Weekly "A handy and informative book that covers each and every president of the United States." -Batch of Books

Great little history book, son loves it!

This was and excellent purchase, I wanted something brief and that would spike my 9 year old's interested and it delivered for sure!

I always worry a bit with books like this, that the biases of the writers or publishers are going to come through. While this book certainly isn't neutral, the information on past presidents is pretty good, but not so neutral about the last half-century. Each president gets a one- or two-page spread, and this is more than just a list of facts like when they were born, when they served, etc. That is there too, but the text gives a bit more biographical story about them and their accomplishments as well. In addition to the info on the presidents, there is additional information, mostly at the end of the book. Included are:  
\*The Story of the Presidency, talking about the creation of the office in the Constitution.  
\*The Three Branches of Government.  
\*Why Do We Have Political Parties? which talks about the Federalist, Democratic-Republican, and Whig parties, in addition to the parties of today (Democratic, Republican, Libertarian and Green Parties).  
\*Westward expansion, which is located between Jackson and Van Buren.  
\*The Road to the White House, which is an overview of the presidential campaign process  
\*2016 Election Spotlight, which talks briefly about Trump and Clinton  
\*Welcome to the White House, which gives a history of the building itself.  
\*The Nation's First Ladies, which is probably the most biased section in the book. A bit more about the First

Ladies.\*Paragraph One is about Martha Washington, and it seems fitting to devote a paragraph to the first First Lady.\*Paragraph Two discusses Abigail Adams.\*Paragraph Three and Paragraph Four are about Dolley Madison.\*Paragraph Five is about Eleanor Roosevelt.\*Paragraph Six is about Jacqueline Kennedy.\*Paragraph Seven is the longest paragraph, covering the "past four decades" of First Ladies. In order, there is a sentence on Jackie Kennedy, a sentence on Lady Bird Johnson, a sentence on Betty Ford, a sentence on Rosalynn Carter, a very short sentence on Barbara Bush, and a sentence on Laura Bush. Then there are three lengthy sentences on Hillary Clinton, followed by a sentence on Michelle Obama. Neither Pat Nixon nor Nancy Reagan are mentioned. So roughly half of the First Ladies article is about the "past four decades" which actually goes back nearly sixty years to cover Kennedy, Johnson and Betty Ford. If you actually look at the past four decades (Rosalynn Carter and beyond), half of the text is about Hillary Clinton. The verb usage is interesting too. Using just the last four decades, Rosalynn Carter (Democrat) "became an expert." Both Barbara and Laura (Republican) "worked." Clinton (Democrat) was "actively involved," "had her own political career," "served," and "ran." Michelle Obama (Democrat) "brought together communities." I just find it interesting that all of the Democrat wives accomplished big things, and the Republican wives merely "worked." I love this for a quick and interesting overview of the first 35 or so presidents. And I may have my high school students read the more recent entries and write an essay on the biases they pick up on.

7 year old loved this!

My oldest son is probably a bit too young yet (3.5yrs) to fully grasp this book but we've been reading one Presidential bio each night during storytime. I really like the format and writing style of this book. The writing is very approachable and gives concise bios on each president dating back to Washington. Most Presidents receive a single page bio with a timeline of important events at the bottom of each page. There's a ton of information packed onto every colorful page but it's all presented well and without any bias that I've picked up on. It's just facts about each President and important events and dates. This book is a perfect introduction for kids on our nation's important history and figures. There are additional, brief segments on the First Lady's and other historical highlights. There's obviously a lot this book doesn't cover, but as an introduction for kids, I feel the book is just right. Top marks all around. Recommended!

With the 2016 elections, both my 11yo and 5.5yo were really interested in learning about past

Presidents. When this book arrived, both of them sat together reading different historical facts about the Presidency/government and America's history, as well as the facts about each President. The book is set out in a simple enough way that my son could enjoy learning basic statistics, but also had enough interesting facts and stories that my tween really enjoyed it. I've included a picture of the Contents pages so you can see the variety of information provided. The stats for each president include birth date and location, where and when they died, political party, vice president, wife and children. There is also a nice write-up about their life/career and a picture/painting. Along the bottom of each page is a "Key Dates" timeline that lists important historical events. Several presidents have a two-page spread, though most have a single page. There are several other informative articles, including "The Road to the White House" explaining how to become President, a Spotlight on the 2016 Election, an article about First Ladies and the history of the White House, and more. Overall, I think they did a nice job on this book and it gives a great overview of the American President and those who have held that title. Both my kids have enjoyed looking through it multiple times, and my son asked to take it to school to show his teacher.

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