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*Their Secret  
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From the author  
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Building the Great  
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look into  
Lincoln's White  
House and the  
aftermath of his  
death, via the  
lives of his two  
closest aides In  
this timely look  
into Abraham  
Lincoln's White  
House, and the  
aftermath of his  
death, noted  
historian and  
political advisor  
Joshua Zeitz  
presents a fresh  
perspective on  
the sixteenth U.S.  
president—as seen

through the eyes of history and  
Lincoln's two  
closest aides and  
confidants, John  
Hay and John  
Nicolay. Lincoln's  
official secretaries,  
Hay and Nicolay  
enjoyed more  
access, witnessed  
more history, and  
knew Lincoln  
better than anyone  
outside of the  
president's  
immediate family.  
They were the  
gatekeepers of  
Lincoln's legacy.  
Drawing on letters,  
diaries, and  
memoirs,  
Lincoln's Boys is  
part political  
drama and part  
coming-of-age  
tale—a fascinating  
story of friendship,  
politics, war, and  
the contest over

remembrance.  
The Arsenal of  
Democracy  
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Throughout  
World War II,  
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methods were adopted by other defense industries, particularly the aircraft industry. In *Arsenal of Democracy: The American Automobile Industry in World War II*, award-winning historian Charles K. Hyde details the industry's transition to a wartime production powerhouse and some of its notable achievements along the way. Hyde examines several innovative cooperative relationships that developed between the executive

branch of the federal government, U.S. military services, automobile industry leaders, auto industry suppliers, and the United Automobile Workers (UAW) union, which set up the industry to achieve production miracles. He goes on to examine the struggles and achievements of individual automakers during the war years in producing items like aircraft engines, aircraft components, and complete aircraft; tanks and other armored vehicles;

jeeps, trucks, and amphibians; guns, shells, and bullets of all types; and a wide range of other weapons and war goods ranging from search lights to submarine nets and gyroscopes. Hyde also considers the important role played by previously underused workers—namely African Americans and women—in the war effort and their experiences on the line. *Arsenal of Democracy* includes an analysis of wartime production nationally, on the automotive

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industry level, by individual automakers, and at the single plant level. For this thorough history, Hyde has consulted previously overlooked records collected by the Automobile Manufacturers Association that are now housed in the National Automotive History Collection of the Detroit Public Library. Automotive historians, World War II scholars, and American history buffs will welcome the compelling look at wartime industry

in Arsenal of Democracy. FDR's Battle to Power America University of Chicago Press NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Paul Kennedy, award-winning author of The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers and one of today's most renowned historians, now provides a new and unique look at how World War II was won. Engineers of Victory is a fascinating nuts-and-bolts account of the strategic factors that led to Allied victory. Kennedy reveals

how the leaders' grand strategy was carried out by the ordinary soldiers, scientists, engineers, and businessmen responsible for realizing their commanders' visions of success. In January 1943, FDR and Churchill convened in Casablanca and established the Allied objectives for the war: to defeat the Nazi blitzkrieg; to control the Atlantic sea lanes and the air over western and central Europe; to take the fight to the European mainland; and to end Japan's imperialism.

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Astonishingly, a little over a year later, these ambitious goals had nearly all been accomplished. With riveting, tactical detail, Engineers of Victory reveals how. Kennedy recounts the inside stories of the invention of the cavity magnetron, a miniature radar “ as small as a soup plate, ” and the Hedgehog, a multi-headed grenade launcher that allowed the Allies to overcome the threat to their convoys crossing the Atlantic; the critical decision by engineers to install a

super-charged Rolls-Royce engine in the P-51 Mustang, creating a fighter plane more powerful than the Luftwaffe ’ s; and the innovative use of pontoon bridges (made from rafts strung together) to help Russian troops cross rivers and elude the Nazi blitzkrieg. He takes readers behind the scenes, unveiling exactly how thousands of individual Allied planes and fighting ships were choreographed to collectively pull off the invasion of Normandy, and illuminating how crew chiefs

perfected the high-flying and inaccessible B-29 Superfortress that would drop the atomic bombs on Japan. The story of World War II is often told as a grand narrative, as if it were fought by supermen or decided by fate. Here Kennedy uncovers the real heroes of the war, highlighting for the first time the creative strategies, tactics, and organizational decisions that made the lofty Allied objectives into a successful reality. In an even more significant way, Engineers of

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Victory has another claim to our attention, for it restores “ the middle level of war ” to its rightful place in history. Praise for Engineers of Victory “ Superbly written and carefully documented . . . indispensable reading for anyone who seeks to understand how and why the Allies won. ” —The Christian Science Monitor “ An important contribution to our understanding of World War II . . . Like an engineer who pries open a pocket watch to reveal its inner

mechanics, [Paul] Kennedy tells how little-known men and women at lower levels helped win the war. ” —Michael Beschloss, The New York Times Book Review “ Histories of World War II tend to concentrate on the leaders and generals at the top who make the big strategic decisions and on the lowly grunts at the bottom. . . . [Engineers of Victory] seeks to fill this gap in the historiography of World War II and does so triumphantly. . . . This book is a fine tribute. ” —The

Wall Street Journal “ [Kennedy] colorfully and convincingly illustrates the ingenuity and persistence of a few men who made all the difference. ” —The Washington Post “ This superb book is Kennedy ’ s best. ” —Foreign Affairs [Freedom's Forge](#) Oxford University Press President Franklin D. Roosevelt coined the slogan “The Arsenal of Democracy” to describe American might during the grim years of World War II. The man who financed that arsenal was his Secretary of the Treasury, Henry

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Morgenthau Jr. This is the first book to focus on the wartime achievements of this unlikely hero—a dyslexic college dropout who turned himself into a forceful and efficient administrator and then exceeded even Roosevelt in his determination to defeat the Nazis. Based on extensive research at the FDR Library in Hyde Park, NY, author Peter Moreira describes Morgenthau’s truly breathtaking accomplishments: He led the greatest financial program the world has ever seen, raising \$310 billion (over \$4.8 trillion in today’s dollars) to finance the war effort. This was largely done without the help of Wall Street by appealing to the

average citizen through the sale of war bonds. In addition, he championed aid to Britain before America entered the war; initiated and oversaw the War Refugee Board, spearheading the rescue of 200,000 Jews from the Nazis; and became the architect of the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference, which produced the modern economic paradigm. The book also chronicles Morgenthau’s many challenges, ranging from anti-Semitism to the postwar “Morgenthau Plan” that was his undoing. This is a captivating story about an understated and often overlooked member of the Roosevelt

cabinet who played a pivotal role in the American war effort to defeat the Nazis. FDR's Inner Circle and the Politics of Power That Won World War II Basic Books Heroes are often defined as ordinary characters who find themselves facing extraordinary circumstances and, through courage and a dash of luck, cement their place in history. Chosen as President Roosevelt's fourth term Vice President for his admired work ethic, good judgement and lack of enemies, Harry S. Truman

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the end. Tightly focused, meticulously researched and drawing on documentation not available to previous biographers, *The Accidental President* escorts readers into the situation room with Truman during this tumultuous, history-making four months - when the stakes were high and the challenges even higher . . . *Rendezvous with Destiny* Prometheus Books Using previously unreleased documents, the author reveals new evidence that FDR knew the attack on

Pearl Harbor was coming and did nothing to prevent it. *How American Business Produced Victory in World War II* Bantam Named a Best Book of the Year by The Washington Post and NPR “ We come to see in FDR the magisterial, central figure in the greatest and richest political tapestry of our nation ’ s entire history ” —Nigel Hamilton, *Boston Globe* “ Meticulously



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researched and authoritative ” —Douglas Brinkley, The Washington Post “ A workmanlike addition to the literature on Roosevelt. ” —David Nasaw, The New York Times “ Dallek offers an FDR relevant to our sharply divided nation ” —Michael Kazin “ Will rank among the standard biographies of its subject ” —Publishers Weekly A one-volume biography of Roosevelt by the #1 New York Times bestselling biographer of JFK, focusing on his career as an incomparable politician, uniter, and deal maker In an era of such great national divisiveness, there could be no more timely biography of one of our greatest presidents than one that focuses on his unparalleled political ability as a uniter and consensus maker. Robert Dallek ’ s Franklin D. Roosevelt: A Political Life takes a fresh look at the many compelling questions that have attracted all his biographers: how did a man who came from so privileged a background become the greatest presidential champion of the country ’ s needy? How did someone who never won recognition for his intellect foster revolutionary changes in the

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country ' s economic and social institutions? How did Roosevelt work such a profound change in the country ' s foreign relations? For FDR, politics was a far more interesting and fulfilling pursuit than the management of family fortunes or the indulgence of personal pleasure, and by the time he became president, he had commanded the love and affection of millions of people. While all Roosevelt ' s biographers agree that the onset of polio at the age of thirty-nine endowed him with a much greater sense of humanity, Dallek sees the affliction as an insufficient explanation for his transformation into a masterful politician who would win an unprecedented four presidential terms, initiate landmark reforms that changed the American industrial system, and transform an isolationist country into an international superpower. Dallek attributes FDR ' s success to two remarkable political insights. First, unlike any other president, he understood that effectiveness in the American political system depended on building a national consensus and

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commanding stable long-term popular support. Second, he made the presidency the central, most influential institution in modern America's political system. In addressing the country's international and domestic problems, Roosevelt recognized the vital importance of remaining closely attentive to the full range of public

sentiment around policy-making decisions—perhaps FDR's most enduring lesson in effective leadership. Roosevelt and Churchill Oxford University Press In a book based on original archival findings, a prize-winning historian and author of *Taxing America* offers a sweeping history of the interplay between United States

domestic politics and foreign policy since World War II. The 1948 Election and the Battle for America's Soul Diversion Books In *The Sailor*, David F. Schmitz presents a comprehensive reassessment of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's foreign policymaking. Most historians have cast FDR as a leader who resisted an established international strategy and who was forced to react quickly after the attack

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Drawing on a  
wealth of  
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sources, Schmitz  
challenges this  
view,  
demonstrating  
that Roosevelt  
was both  
consistent and  
calculating in  
guiding the  
direction of  
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foreign policy  
throughout his  
presidency.  
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illuminates how  
the policies FDR  
pursued in  
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world. He shows  
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developed an  
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of ideas that  
prompted a  
debate between  
isolationism and  
preparedness,  
guided the  
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arsenal of  
democracy,  
proclaimed his  
war goals  
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four freedoms,  
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of the Lend-  
Lease Act, and  
announced the  
principles of the  
Atlantic Charter.  
This long-  
overdue book  
presents a  
definitive new  
perspective on  
Roosevelt's  
diplomacy and  
the emergence  
of the United  
States as a  
world power.

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Schmitz's work offers an important correction to existing studies and establishes FDR as arguably the most significant and successful foreign policymaker in the nation's history.

Penguin

A biography of Roosevelt's secretary of the Treasury, provides details on how the college dropout fueled his determination to defeat the Nazis by creating a financial program to finance the war and launched

the American aircraft program. No End Save Victory Random House Franklin Roosevelt was not only the first US president to be covered by public opinion polls, but his ratings have consistently exceeded those of all subsequent sitting presidents, save for John F. Kennedy. Moreover, Roosevelt also stands out with a popular appeal that is unsurpassed

by any of his successors serving at least a full term. The key to his approval, as this book shows, was wartime leadership, not economic performance. It began with policies preparing the nation for war in the two years before formal entry. To use FDR's own coinage, it was making the United States the "arsenal of democracy" in the battle against tyranny. That

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pursuit, not the New Deal, earned him high marks with the American people and re-election to an unprecedented third term. World War II--and its heavy human toll--did nothing to diminish FDR's popularity. As such, the FDR experience defies major paradigms of presidential politics. Yet, Roosevelt has been relatively ignored by scholars of public opinion.

What can FDR's experience teach us and his successors about rousing broad public support, particularly during wartime? What light does his success shed on the failures of Presidents Truman, Johnson, and George W. Bush in Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq? On key issues, mainly with foreign policy, FDR had to contend with an American public that opposed his plans at the

outset. Helmut Norpoth argues that Roosevelt had an unparalleled ability for leadership, especially through the fabled "fireside chats" and his appreciation of opinion polls, that enabled him to move the public to embrace his policies. In this book, Norpoth takes an in-depth look at how FDR's leadership swayed public opinion, comparing his experience to his successors

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to draw broad conclusions about what makes for successful presidential politics.

American Business and the Winning of World War II University of Pennsylvania Press

An account of Franklin Roosevelt 's battle against the power industry to bring electricity to rural communities in the United States. When Franklin Delano Roosevelt took office in the depths of the Depression, high tension or high voltage power lines had been marching across

the country for decades, delivering urban Americans a parade of life-transforming inventions from electric lights and radios to refrigerators and washing machines. But most rural Americans still lived in the punishing pre-electric era, unconnected to the grid, their lives consumed and bodies broken by backbreaking chores. High Tension is the story of FDR 's battle against the " Power Trust, " an elaborate Wall Street-controlled web of holding companies, to electrify all of America even

when the corrupt captains of the industry and their cronies (led by a formidable and honest champion, Wendell Willkie, whose role in the battle propelled him to a presidential bid to unseat Roosevelt in 1940) cried that running lines to rural areas would not be profitable and that in a free market there would simply have to be a divide between the electricity haves and have-nots. Roosevelt knew better. And in this story of a shrewd political maneuvering, controversial legislation, New Deal government organizations like the Tennessee

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Valley Authority, the packing of Federal courts, towering business figures, greedy villains, and the crying needs of farmers and other rural citizens desperate for services critical to their daily lives, John A. Riggs has chronicled democracy ' s greatest balancing act of government intervention with private market forces. Here is the tale of how FDR ' s efforts brought affordable electricity to all Americans, powered the industrial might that won World War II, and established a model for public-private solutions

today in areas such as transportation infrastructure, broadband, and health care. Praise for High Tension " The little known but captivating story of electricity is at the heart of the New Deal. John A. Riggs is the perfect person to tell the tale. " Walter Isaacson, author of The Innovators, Leonardo da Vinci, and Steve Jobs " [A] lucid and compelling tale. This is a fresh angle of vision on one of the most important and under-appreciated stories of the first half of the 20th century. " Jonathan Alter,

author of The Defining Moment: FDR ' s Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope " An innovative history of the chaos and conniving that created America ' s transformative electricity system. . . . A compelling read. Thoroughly researched and gracefully written. . . . A must for historians, it is also a gripping read for all. " Martin J. Sherwin, Pulitzer Prize-winning co-author of American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer " [A]n exhaustive



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look at President Franklin Roosevelt ' s multipronged war against the private utility sector. . . . Riggs dives deep into the legislative, judicial, and public opinion battles over Roosevelt ' s energy initiatives, including the Tennessee Valley Authority, and argues that the hybrid public-private system that emerged in America was critical to the nation ' s " economic global supremacy " during and after WWII. . . . [T]his authoritative account is a valuable resource for students of America ' s energy policy. "

Publishers Weekly  
Franklin D. Roosevelt and American Entry into World War II  
New York : Saturday Review Press  
Traces the crisis period leading up to America's entry in World War II, describing the nation's polarized interventionist and isolationist factions as represented by the government, in the press and on the streets, in an account

that explores the forefront roles of British-supporter President Roosevelt and isolationist Charles Lindbergh. (This book was previously featured in Forecast.)  
High Tension  
Good Press  
The remarkable story of President Harry Truman's first four months in office when this unlikely, small-town, Washington outsider had to take on Germany, Japan, Stalin and the atomic bomb,

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with the fate of the world hanging in the balance - one of the most extraordinary challenges in American presidential history. Heroes are often defined as ordinary characters who find themselves facing extraordinary circumstances and, through courage and a dash of luck, cement their place in history. Chosen as President Roosevelt's fourth term Vice President for his admired work ethic, good judgement and

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Deal's Influence on American Culture  
Random House Chronicles  
Detroit's dramatic transition from an automobile manufacturing center to a highly efficient producer of World War II airplanes, citing the essential role of Edsel Ford's rebellion against his father, Henry Ford. 35,000 first printing.  
His Final Battle  
Penguin  
As the first comprehensive treatment of the American entry

into World War II to appear in over thirty-five years, Waldo Heinrichs' volume places American policy in a global context, covering both the European and Asian diplomatic and military scenes, with Roosevelt at the center. Telling a tale of ever-broadening conflict, this vivid narrative weaves back and forth from the battlefields in the Soviet Union, to the intense policy debates within Roosevelt's administration, to the sinking of the battleship Bismarck, to the precarious and delicate negotiations with Japan. Refuting

the popular portrayal of Roosevelt as a vacillating, impulsive man who displayed no organizational skills in his decision-making during this period, Heinrichs presents him as a leader who acted with extreme caution and deliberation, who always kept his options open, and who, once Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union stalled in July, 1941, acted rapidly and with great determination. This masterful account of a key moment in American history captures the tension faced by Roosevelt,

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Churchill, Stimson, Arcadia Publishing esteemed historian  
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numerous others Delano draws on  
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Melbourne Univ. critical. Beginning Japan's  
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Victory, European and Asian affairs.

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Even more serious increased was the deplorable state of the American military. In September of 1940, Roosevelt's military advisors told him that the US would not have the arms, ammunition, or men necessary to undertake any major military operation overseas -- let alone win such a fight -- until April of 1942. Aided by his closest military and civilian collaborators, Roosevelt pushed a series of military expansions through Congress that nearly doubled the size of the US Navy and Army, and production of the arms, tanks, bombers, and warships that would allow America to prevail in the coming fight. Highlighting Roosevelt's deft management of the strong personalities within his cabinet and his able navigation of the shifting tides of war, *No End Save Victory* is the definitive account of America's preparations for and entry into World War II. As Kaiser shows, it was Roosevelt's masterful leadership and prescience that prepared the reluctant nation to fight -- and gave it the tools to win.

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commonalities among Fascism, Nazism, and the New Deal Today Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal is regarded as the democratic ideal, the positive American response to an economic crisis that propelled Germany and Italy toward Fascism. Yet in the 1930s, shocking as it may seem, these regimes were hardly considered antithetical. Now, Wolfgang Schivelbusch investigates the shared elements of these three "new deals" to offer a striking explanation for the popularity of Europe's totalitarian systems.

Returning to the Depression, Schivelbusch traces the emergence of a new type of state: bolstered by mass propaganda, led by a charismatic figure, and projecting stability and power. He uncovers stunning similarities among the three regimes: the symbolic importance of gigantic public works programs like the TVA dams and the German autobahn, which not only put people back to work but embodied the state's authority; the seductive persuasiveness of Roosevelt's fireside chats and Mussolini's radio

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