

## Recommended Books and Videos:

### America's First Ladies

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#### BOOKS/VIDEOS ABOUT AMERICA'S FIRST LADIES:

*First Ladies: An Intimate Group Portrait of White House Wives* by Margaret Truman (1995).

*First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies* by Kate Brower Anderson (2017).

*Upstairs at the White House: My Life with the First Ladies.* By J. B. West (1973).

*First Ladies of the Republic: Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, Dolley Madison and the Creation of an Iconic American Role* by Jeanne E. Abrams (2019).

*The Smithsonian First Ladies Collection* by Lisa Kathleen Graddy and Amy Pastan (2014).

*DK Eyewitness First Ladies* by Amy Pastan in association with the Smithsonian (2017).

*Smart About the First Ladies.* by Sally Warner (2004). For ages 5-9.

*Smithsonian: First Ladies Revealed* (2017). Four-episode documentary series. Episodes focus on topics including style, twists of fate, times of war, and trailblazers.

*First Ladies: Influence and Image.* A C-SPAN series that aired 2013-2014 with episodes on each first lady – from Martha Washington to Michelle Obama – using conversations with top experts, video tours of historic sites, and audience questions.

*First Ladies* (2020). A CNN six-part documentary series narrated by Robin Wright with episodes on Michelle Obama, Jackie Kennedy, Nancy Reagan, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Lady Bird Johnson.

#### BIOGRAPHIES OF INDIVIDUAL FIRST LADIES:

*Martha Washington: An American Life* by Patricia Brady (2006).

*Dearest Friend: A Life of Abigail Adams* by Lynne Withey (1981).

*A Perfect Union: Dolley Madison and the Creation of the American Nation* by Catherine Allgor (2006).

*Mrs. Lincoln: A Life* by Catherine Clinton (2010).

*The Personal Memoirs of Julia Dent Grant* by Julia Dent Grant, John Y. Simon et al (1988)

*Frank: The Story of Frances Folsom Cleveland, America's Youngest First Lady* by Annette B. Dunlap (2010)

*Edith Kermit Roosevelt: Portrait of a Modern First Lady* by Sylvia Jukes Morris (2001)

*Madame President: The Secret Presidency of Edith Wilson* by William Hazelgrove, Bernadette Dunne, et al. (2016)

*No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II* by Doris Kearns Goodwin (1994).

*The Roosevelts: An Intimate History* by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns (2014).

*Bess Truman* by Margaret Truman (1986, rev. 2014).

*Mrs. Ike: Memories and Reflections on the Life of Mamie Eisenhower* by Susan Eisenhower (1996)

*Mrs. Kennedy and Me* by Clint Hill and Lisa McCubbin (2012).

*Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis: The Untold Story* by Barbara Leaming (2014).

*Grace and Power: The Private World of the Kennedy White House* by Sally Bedell-Smith (2005).

*Lady Bird: A Biography of Mrs. Johnson* by Jan Jarboe Russell (1999).

*Lady Bird and Lyndon: The Hidden Story of a Marriage That Made a President* by Betty Boyd Caroli (2015).

*Pat and Dick: The Nixons, An Intimate Portrait of a Marriage* by Bill Swift (2015).

*Betty Ford: First Lady, Women's Advocate, Survivor, Trailblazer* by Lisa McCubbin and Susan Ford Bales (2018).

*My Turn: The Memoirs of Nancy Reagan* by Nancy Reagan (1989)

*The Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty* by Susan Page (2019)

*Living History* by Hillary Rodham Clinton (2003).

*Laura Bush: An Intimate Portrait of the First Lady* by Ronald Kessler (2006).

*Becoming* by Michelle Obama (2018)