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History For Kids: The Illustrated Life Of Barack Obama



Synopsis

*Perfect for ages 7-9*Includes pictures of Obama and important people in his life. "In reaffirming the greatness of our nation, we understand that greatness is never a given. It must be earned. Our journey has never been one of short-cuts or settling for less. It has not been the path for the faint-hearted" for those who prefer leisure over work, or seek only the pleasures of riches and fame. • "Barack Obama's First Inaugural AddressIn Charles River Editors' History for Kids series, your children can learn about history's most important people and events in an easy, entertaining, and educational way. Pictures help bring the story to life, and the concise but comprehensive book will keep your kid's attention all the way to the end. On November 4, 2008, 47 year old Barack Obama walked onto the stage in Grant Park to deliver an Election Night speech less than an hour after he had been officially declared President-Elect of the United States. As he came out to an audience numbering in the hundreds of thousands, with millions more watching on television, the first African-American elected president in the nation's history told Americans, "If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer." Although it was a reference to his historic election, the quote applied equally to the very unique path Obama took in life to reach that moment. Though he was still young by presidential standards, the bi-racial native of Hawaii had already traveled a great distance physically and spiritually, learning about himself and discovering his self-identity along the way. After receiving a blue chip education that took him to Harvard Law School and helped him become a law professor and community organizer in Chicago, he began a rapid ascent through state politics to become a U.S. Senator in 2004. To a degree, Obama's election in November 2008 was anti-climactic compared to the incredibly close victory he had over Hillary Clinton in the Democratic primaries. With 18.2 million votes total, Hillary Clinton had won more votes than any other candidate in the history of the presidential primaries, but it was Obama who won more delegates to become the first African-American nominated by either party. A few months later, he made more history by becoming the first African-American elected president. Obama ran one of the greatest presidential campaigns in history, and he was helped by the fact that the Republicans were unpopular at the tail end of the Bush Administration. Since taking the presidency, he has faced a handful of thorny issues, particularly a poor economic recovery, that has left his approval rating near 50% most of his presidency. Obama survived a tumultuous first term and may face more of the same in the second term. History for Kids: The Illustrated Life of Barack Obama chronicles the amazing life story and Obama's path to the presidency from his

unique roots to his unique victory, but it also looks at his first term and looks forward to his second. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events in his life, your kids will learn about President Obama like never before.

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Customer Reviews

I am not a fan of the President and I got this only to see if the authors were "fair" or if they praised him for everything. They did seem to report the "facts" and kept opinions out of it.

This is a great informative book about OUR 44th President. It inspires young children to become whomever they choose to become in life. They can do ANYTHING as long as they put their minds to it.

I am not a kid, by any stretch... but I enjoy biographies of people who have struggled or met the challenges of life in a big way. I thought this book offered a great read for one of any age. The information covered was not so deep or analytical as to make a reader feel it was dragging. Just a

very, very good -- no, great! -- overview of Mr. Obama's life and challenges. Very well done!

I do not take sides of who is the President but I will say this, I am glad I read this book. I learned a lot about Mr. Obama and to think of the things he has had to overcome to get to where he is now - anyone can do it. I can only IMAGINE the challenges he goes through on a daily basis and you know the saying behind a successful and good man, is a great woman! Obviously his wife supports his endeavors.

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