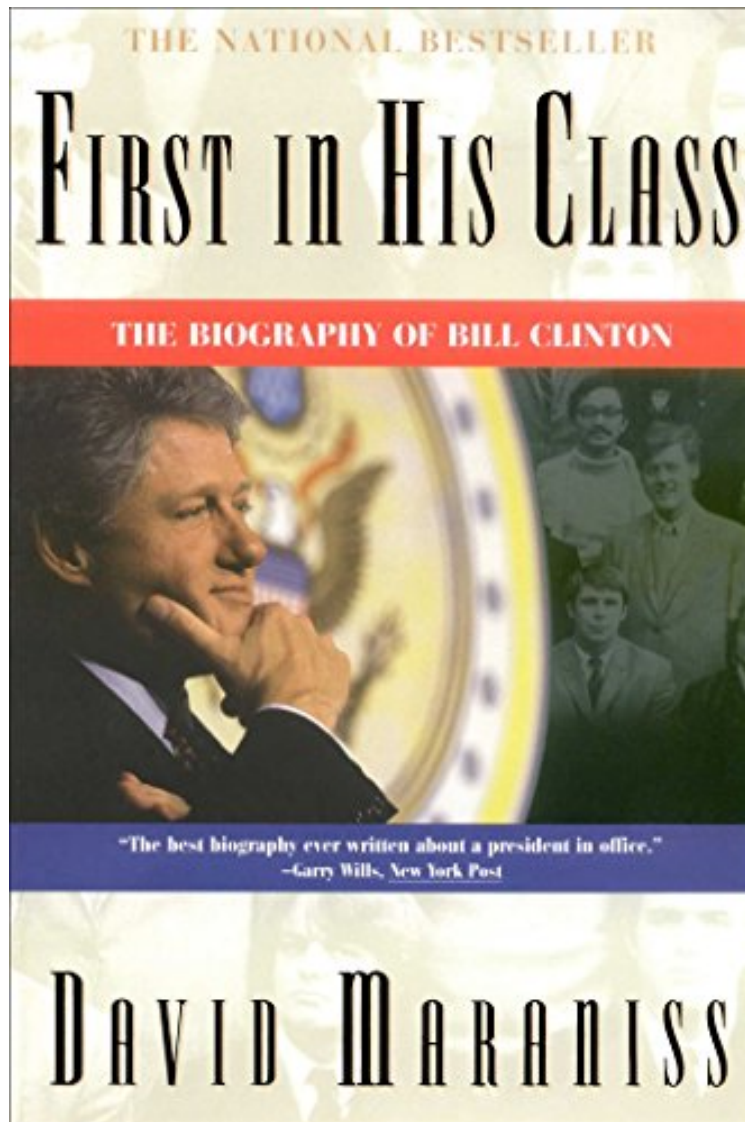


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Von David Maraniss : First In His Class: A Biography Of Bill Clinton (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised First In His Class: A Biography Of Bill Clinton (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Engrossing book from a good personVon Igor BiryukovThis book tells a story of Clinton's past and his road to power. It is also a touching family story with some impressive psychological insights. One of the features of this book: you can't help but think that the author is a decent person. The devil is in the details, and the author's attention to the detail

is impressive. It is obvious that it is difficult sometimes and takes effort, but Mr. Maraniss manages to give us a balanced account of the events-packed life of the mercurial president. Accounts on Clinton's tempo tantrums and his hot-temper were news for me. In the end, combination of idealism of the Wilsonian kind with Machiavellian pragmatism was, I think, crucial in bringing him to power. Wilsonian idealism is not a pose, but genuine attitude based on conviction; Machiavellianism - what politics is all about - was easily adopted or learned from Hillary Rodham and Dick Morris. This is a dangerous combination, but it also brings success. Sometimes this success could be short-lived, as in case of Woodrow Wilson. Clinton is the most successful person in America today. How can we blame success? Will we be blaming it tomorrow? von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Useful study of our unmanly, dishonorable president Von Ein Kunde What makes Bill Clinton tick? David Maraniss provides many answers and is unjudgemental - he allows the reader the opportunity to judge. It's all here... Young Bill as Mama's Boy... Billy growing up in the gambling Mecca of the South, Hot Springs... the white trash, dysfunctional family... the bright light at school... the development of superior analytical skills (his one true positive trait)... the Oxford and Yale years and his Leftist politics... his learning the art of "gab" and *sskissing... Clinton's development of the world's biggest rolodex. One could go on. One last thing about this creature. He's the total political animal. He lives politics most of his waking hours, a sick, all-consuming way in which to live. He's most similar to Richard Nixon and Lyndon Johnson in this foul trait. It seems that to be successful as a major politician today, one needs to adopt the methods and personality of men like Clinton. On the Republican side, Trent Lott and Newt Gingrich are very similar to Clinton in that they are total political animals with almost no lifetime experience outside the political arena (Clinton, Lott, Gingrich, Johnson, Nixon have done almost any real, normal, manly work their entire lives). The George Washington ideal is gone, replaced by the Clintons and Lotts and Gingriches. Sad commentary on modern American politics; we have only ourselves to blame. von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Maraniss' book suggests possible Bill Clinton disorder Von Ein Kunde Maraniss presents evidence which, along with media coverage and personal observations, suggests President Clinton's possible personality disorder. A disorder which, if true, would prevent Clinton from truly being repentant, feeling responsible, and sincerely making amends. Maraniss has created a very important and historical book on President Clinton which will serve to illuminate and define a problem which some politicians have, a personality disorder which fuels their reach for power, prestige, and control. This personality disorder, using its mask of sanity, abuses the trust given them by the people. Particularly when the politicians use the real issues of the underprivileged to grab power. In the extreme, deadly and tragic example of this personality disorder, we had Ted Bundy, whom I personally knew, who also had a charismatic appeal for women, and who devastated the safety and lives of these same women. And now we have President William Jefferson Clinton, who out of so-called adversity, perhaps created a disordered personality which is easily defined by two major mental disorder classification systems, by ICD-10 as Dissocial Personality Disorder and by DSM-IV as Narcissistic Personality Disorder. Despite his being a Southern Baptist believer, as I was, President Clinton seems to have a major problem, his possible and very likely personality disorder. Thank you, David Maraniss, for making a major contribution to our understanding of President Clinton and of his administration, and of the Liberal Democrats in general. Your book will survive the test of time and will be a permanent and significant resource for the ages.

Kurzbeschreibung Who exactly is Bill Clinton, and why was he, of all the brilliant and ambitious men in his generation, the first in his class to reach the White House? Drawing on hundreds of letters, documents, and interviews, David Maraniss explores the evolution of the personality of our forty-second president from his youth in Arkansas to his 1991 announcement that he would run for the nation's highest office. In this richly textured and balanced biography, Maraniss reveals a complex man full of great flaws and great talents. First in His Class is the definitive book on Bill Clinton.. de Lots of people have put forth theories on what makes Bill Clinton tick, but the most trustworthy source may be David Maraniss of the Washington Post. Maraniss won a Pulitzer covering Clinton's campaign, and his book on the man is nonpareil; you simply can't understand Clinton without reading Maraniss's analysis of his past. When Bill Clinton is good, he is very, very good, and when he's bad, he's exactly like he has been all his life. Fair-minded but no apologist, Maraniss is essentially an inspiring reporter who, virtually alone among Americans, has troubled to interview Clinton's Oxford classmates and therefore knows that Clinton was, according to them, not lying when he said he "never inhaled"; his classmates devoted hours to teaching Bill to inhale, but he just couldn't do it. Maraniss also casts light on what Clinton did imbibe intellectually at Oxford; precisely what he did to elude the draft, and its moral significance; how Arkansas politics shaped his political style; and what his character and marriage might actually be like. Yes, Maraniss gives us a comic scene in which fiancée Hillary comes through the front door of the campaign headquarters while a young female staffer is hustled out the back--but more importantly, Maraniss puts such events in perspective. As he once observed in the Post, "The question of whether a president who cannot control his sexual appetite should not be president is a tough one. It might mean that most of our presidents should not have been presidents." .com Lots of people have put forth theories on what makes Bill Clinton tick, but the

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