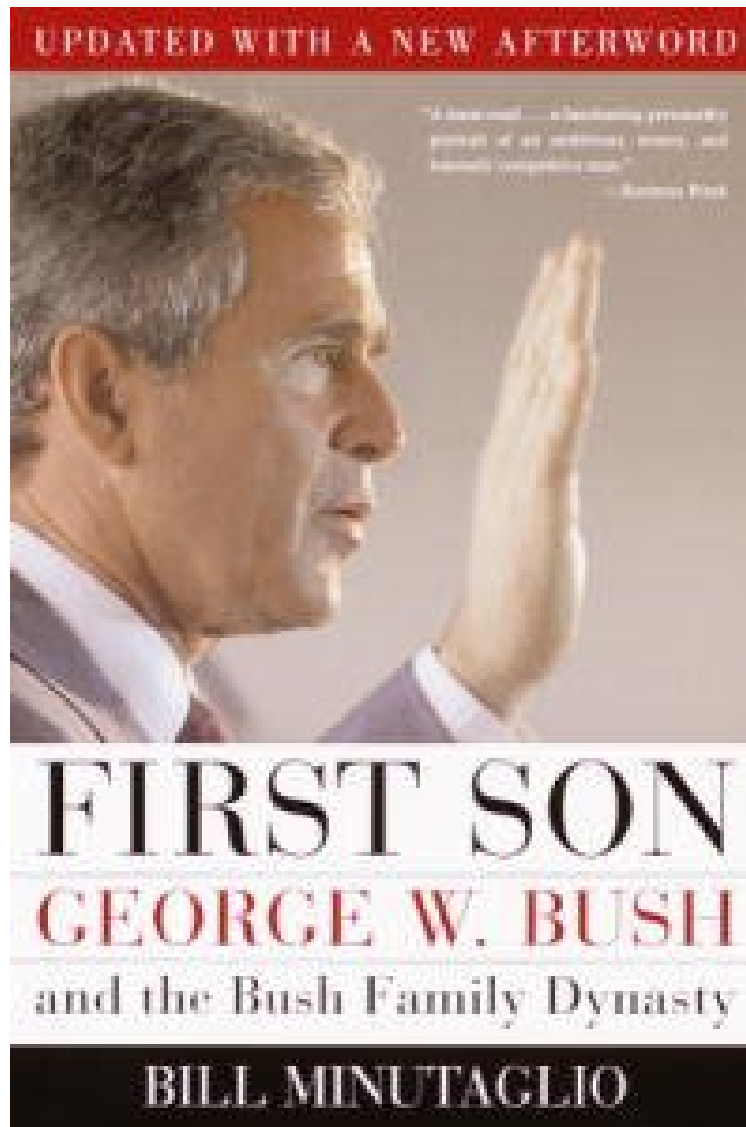


(Read ebook) First Son: George W. Bush and the Bush Family Dynasty

## First Son: George W. Bush and the Bush Family Dynasty

Von Bill Minutaglio

ebooks | Download PDF | \*ePub | DOC | audiobook



DOWNLOAD



+

READ ONLINE

Produktinformation - Verkaufsrang: #1127567 in eBooks Veröffentlicht am: 2001-01-18 Erscheinungsdatum: 2001-01-18 File Name: B000FC1I3Q | File size: 19.Mb

**Von Bill Minutaglio : First Son: George W. Bush and the Bush Family Dynasty** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised First Son: George W. Bush and the Bush Family Dynasty:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Amazing Book! Von MoneyB This book is about so much more than just George W. It is about an American dynasty that could far surpass any we have yet to see. Written by a Texas reporter, it is well-balanced: neither glowing nor hyper-critical. It does a great job of showing all of the forces contributing to just who George W. Bush really is. I

loved this book and could not put it down. If you want to get a grasp of who your next president may be, this is the definitive book to read.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Half-Baked BioVon Ein KundeWhile Bill Munitaglio has written a very readable biography of George Bush the younger, he has (consciously?) left out far too many details for his book to be taken as the "definitive" biography the presidential "wannabe."George W. Bush was born to privilege and extreme affluence. Throughout his life he has been cushioned from the struggles of austerity and poverty. He obtained preferential treatment to dodge the Vietnam era draft and allegedly abused drugs (both of which Munitaglio fails to explore in adequate detail), yet he believes himself an excellent candidate for the presidency and spokesman for the underprivileged in this country--a class of people with whom Bush has no experience and would never want to meet.George Bush the younger is an incompetent businessman of questionable intellectual abilities and a draconian governor who passes severe judgements on citizens of his state who commit crimes far less serious than what Bush himself committed (and got away with) as a youth.Praising this man, who would exploit the environment and humanity for personal profit is a mistake. Munitaglio blew it when he chose the soft-shoe approach to political biography.For a better look at "dubya," I strongly recommend Arthur Frederick Ide's "The Father's Son."0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Minutaglio's First Son: George W. BushVon Osher Doctorow, Ph.D.This book has been so well reviewed by the Editor and others that I'll just make a few comments. The book is well written, fascinating, non-partisan in my opinion, and could well be used as a reference book on Texas politics in addition to its other aspects. I may be dense, but I can't find anything wrong with Bush from this book. No hard evidence emerges of Cocaine or anything heavier than alcohol in his young years. If we subtract the people who drink alcohol in their young years, we won't have anybody running for political office much less dog catcher. He may not be a Rhodes Scholar, and he may say a lot of half truths for political purposes, but anybody who thinks Professors would make better Presidents has not met very many Professors (most of them probably wouldn't want to meet a non-Professor anyway, except perhaps in bed). Even his family doesn't seem so bad. The Kennedys had Harvard, the Bushes have Yale. They all made money. If that's all that's wrong with Bush, I think I'll vote for him unless Gore comes up with something better, like how not to abuse women while campaigning for men's rights.

KurzbeschreibungIn one of the most unprecedented developments in the history of national politics, George W. Bush abruptly emerged to lead all presidential aspirants in the national polls for the 2000 election. Yet voters know very little about the man, beyond his famous name and his place in one of the nation's most powerful political dynasties.First Son is a true, riveting family saga about extraordinary power and politics in America and in the unharnessed state--a state of mind--called Texas. The story begins with the turn-of-the-century emergence of the influential Bush-Walker clan and of Prescott Bush, the Connecticut patrician who ingrained in his family an ethos that continues to exert influence on his son, former President George Bush, and his grandsons, George W. and Jeb. How these scions of the Bush dynasty struggle to live up to their enduring legacy is the central theme of this colorful and perceptive portrait the first authentic book on the governor of Texas.In the past year, award-winning Texas writer Bill Minutaglio has met with George W. Bush and interviewed dozens of people close to him, from his brother Governor Jeb Bush of Florida to uncles and cousins, from current and former political advisers to high-ranking insiders from his father's years in the White House. Fraternity buddies, political operatives, George W.'s employers, and even ardent critics of the Bush family bring this story to life--from the society circles in his native Connecticut to the family compound in Maine to the backwaters of his adopted Texas. The result is a book that is nuanced, insightful, and surprising in the contradictions and complexities it reveals about this man.First Son vividly reconstructs George W. Bush's boarding-school days at one of the country's most exclusive institutions; his tenure in one of Yale's secret societies and as president of his unfettered fraternity; his attempts to follow his family's million-dollar path into the wide-open Texas oil patch; his role in major league baseball as the public face and head cheerleader for the Texas Rangers; and, finally, his rise to governor of Texas and national political force, executed with more hard-edged calculation than many people realize.Written with precision, verve, and fair-minded balance, First Son will be the political story of 2000--the eye-opening tale of a natural-born politician.From the Hardcover edition..deThe first of several Y2K biographies on Texas governor George W. Bush offers an in-depth look at both the Republican presidential candidate and his political family: Bill Minutaglio interviewed more than 300 people for First Son, including Bush and many members of his inner circle. The book focuses on the life of "Dubya" (the nickname used by the press and others to distinguish him from his father) and includes a combination of original material and information that has been reported elsewhere. It is neither pro- nor anti-Bush, simply reportorial and largely nonjudgmental. Readers won't find an answer to one of the season's most burning questions: Has Bush ever used illegal drugs? In a preface, Minutaglio piously says he won't stoop to such low levels. Yet one gets the sense that he won't go there because he doesn't have any hard evidence, as stories of Bush's heavy drinking are related without apparent reservation. Minutaglio, a writer for The Dallas Morning News, spends most of his time describing Bush's amazing and unexpected rise to fame. Dubya's own family, for instance, thought that younger brother Jeb would be the

first to win an important public office. Yet Dubya exploited his family ties and personal charisma to have a successful business career in the 1980s and then beat a popular incumbent in 1994 to become Texas governor. (Jeb became governor of Florida in 1998, while his brother won a second term in Austin.) Minutaglio's narrative goes light on Bush's gubernatorial record and ends before his formal entry into the presidential race in 1999. Readers hungry for an overview of the man who would be president, however, could do much worse than start by looking here. --John J. Miller.com

The first of several Y2K biographies on Texas governor George W. Bush offers an in-depth look at both the Republican presidential candidate and his political family: Bill Minutaglio interviewed more than 300 people for *First Son*, including Bush and many members of his inner circle. The book focuses on the life of "Dubya" (the nickname used by the press and others to distinguish him from his father) and includes a combination of original material and information that has been reported elsewhere. It is neither pro- nor anti-Bush, simply reportorial and largely nonjudgmental. Readers won't find an answer to one of the season's most burning questions: Has Bush ever used illegal drugs? In a preface, Minutaglio piously says he won't stoop to such low levels. Yet one gets the sense that he won't go there because he doesn't have any hard evidence, as stories of Bush's heavy drinking are related without apparent reservation. Minutaglio, a writer for *The Dallas Morning News*, spends most of his time describing Bush's amazing and unexpected rise to fame. Dubya's own family, for instance, thought that younger brother Jeb would be the first to win an important public office. Yet Dubya exploited his family ties and personal charisma to have a successful business career in the 1980s and then beat a popular incumbent in 1994 to become Texas governor. (Jeb became governor of Florida in 1998, while his brother won a second term in Austin.) Minutaglio's narrative goes light on Bush's gubernatorial record and ends before his formal entry into the presidential race in 1999. Readers hungry for an overview of the man who would be president, however, could do much worse than start by looking here. --John J. Miller