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Johnson the successor to President John F Kennedy *The Passage of Power* Robert A. Caro, 2012-05-01 WINNER OF THE NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD THE LOS ANGELES TIMES BOOK PRIZE THE MARK LYNTON HISTORY PRIZE THE AMERICAN HISTORY BOOK PRIZE One of the New York Times s 100 Best Books of the 21st Century A Kirkus Reviews Best Nonfiction Book of the Century Book Four of Robert A Caro s monumental The Years of Lyndon Johnson displays all the narrative energy and illuminating insight that led the Times of London to acclaim it as one of the truly great political biographies of the modern age A masterpiece The Passage of Power follows Lyndon Johnson through both the most frustrating and the most triumphant periods of his career 1958 to 1964 It is a time that would see him trade the extraordinary power he had created for himself as Senate Majority Leader for what became the wretched powerlessness of a Vice President in an administration that disdained and distrusted him Yet it was as well the time in which the presidency the goal he had always pursued would be thrust upon him in the moment it took an assassin s bullet to reach its mark By 1958 as Johnson began to maneuver for the presidency he was known as one of the most brilliant politicians of his time the greatest Senate Leader in our history But the 1960 nomination would go to the young senator from Massachusetts John F Kennedy Caro gives us an unparalleled account of the machinations behind both the nomination and Kennedy s decision to offer Johnson the vice presidency revealing the extent of Robert Kennedy s efforts to force Johnson off the ticket With the consummate skill of a master storyteller he exposes the savage animosity between Johnson and Kennedy s younger brother portraying one of America s great political feuds Yet Robert Kennedy s overt contempt for Johnson was only part of the burden of humiliation and isolation he bore as Vice President With a singular understanding of Johnson s heart and mind Caro describes what it was like for this mighty politician to find himself altogether powerless in a world in which power is the crucial commodity For the first time in Caro s breathtakingly vivid narrative we see the Kennedy assassination through Lyndon Johnson s eyes We watch Johnson step into the presidency inheriting a staff fiercely loyal to his slain predecessor a Congress determined to retain its power over the executive branch and a nation in shock and mourning We see how within weeks grasping the reins of the presidency with supreme mastery he propels through Congress essential legislation that at the time of Kennedy s death seemed hopelessly logjammed and seizes on a dormant Kennedy program to create the revolutionary War on Poverty Caro makes clear how the political genius with which Johnson had ruled the Senate now enabled him to make the presidency wholly his own This was without doubt Johnson s finest hour before his aspirations and accomplishments were overshadowed and eroded by the trap of Vietnam In its exploration of this pivotal period in Johnson s life and in the life of the nation *The Passage of Power* is not only the story of how he surmounted unprecedented obstacles in order to fulfill the highest purpose of the presidency but is as well a revelation of both the pragmatic potential in the presidency and what can be accomplished when the chief executive has the vision and determination to move beyond the pragmatic and initiate programs designed to transform a nation It is an epic story told with a depth of detail possible only through the peerless research that forms the

foundation of Robert Caro's work confirming Nicholas von Hoffman's verdict that Caro has changed the art of political biography

Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream Doris Kearns Goodwin, 2015-08-04 With a new foreword The New York Times bestselling biography of President Lyndon Johnson from the Pulitzer Prize winning author of Team of Rivals Featuring a 2018 foreword by the Pulitzer Prize winning political historian that celebrates a reappraisal of Lyndon Johnson's legacy five decades after his presidency from the vantage point of our current profoundly altered political culture and climate Doris Kearns Goodwin's extraordinary and insightful biography draws from meticulous research in addition to the author's time spent working at the White House from 1967 to 1969 After Johnson's term ended Goodwin remained his confidante and assisted in the preparation of his memoir In Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream she traces the 36th president's life from childhood to his early days in politics and from his leadership of the Senate to his presidency analyzing his dramatic years in the White House including both his historic domestic triumphs and his failures in Vietnam Drawing on personal anecdotes and candid conversation with Johnson Goodwin paints a rich and complicated portrait of one of our nation's most compelling politicians in the most penetrating fascinating political biography I have ever read The New York Times

Lyndon B. Johnson Robert Dallek, 2004-01-08 Robert Dallek's brilliant two volume biography of Lyndon Johnson has received an avalanche of praise Michael Beschloss in The Los Angeles Times said that it succeeds brilliantly The New York Times called it rock solid and The Washington Post hailed it as invaluable And Sidney Blumenthal in The Boston Globe wrote that it was dense with astonishing incidents Now Dallek has condensed his two volume masterpiece into what is surely the finest one volume biography of Johnson available Based on years of research in over 450 manuscript collections and oral histories as well as numerous personal interviews this biography follows Johnson the human dynamo from the Texas hill country to the White House We see LBJ in the House and the Senate whirl his way through sixteen and eighteen hour days talking urging demanding reaching for influence and power in an uncommonly successful congressional career Then in the White House we see Johnson as the visionary leader who worked his will on Congress like no president before or since enacting a range of crucial legislation from Medicare and environmental protection to the most significant advances in civil rights for black Americans ever achieved And we see the depth of Johnson's private anguish as he became increasingly ensnared in Vietnam In these pages Johnson emerges as a man of towering intensity and anguished insecurity of grandiose ambition and grave self doubt a man who was brilliant crude intimidating compassionate overbearing driven A tornado in pants Gracefully written and delicately balanced this

Lyndon B. Johnson, a Biography Harry Provencher, 1964 The Lyndon Johnson Story Booth Mooney, 1956 **Great Society** Nancy A. Colbert, 2002 Discusses the personal life and political career of the man who served as senator from Texas vice president and thirty sixth president of the United States Lyndon B. Johnson and American Liberalism Bruce J. Schulman, 2018-12-13 Whether admired or reviled Lyndon B Johnson and his tumultuous administration embodied the principles and contradictions of his era Taking advantage of newly released

evidence this second edition incorporates a selection of fresh documents including transcripts of Johnsons phone conversations and conservative reactions to his leadership to examine the issues and controversies that grew out of Johnsons presidency and have renewed importance today The voices of Johnson his aides his opponents and his interpreters address the topics of affirmative action the United States role in world affairs civil rights Vietnam the Great Society and the fate of liberal reform Additional photographs of Johnson in action complement Bruce J Schulmans rich biographical narrative and a chronology an updated bibliographical essay and new questions for consideration provide pedagogical support

Master of the Senate Robert A. Caro, 2002-04-23 Master of the Senate Book Three of The Years of Lyndon Johnson carries Johnson s story through one of its most remarkable periods his twelve years from 1949 to 1960 in the United States Senate A Los Angeles Times Best Nonfiction Book of the Last 30 Years At the heart of the book is its unprecedented revelation of how legislative power works in America how the Senate works and how Johnson in his ascent to the presidency mastered the Senate as no political leader before him had ever done It was during these years that all Johnson s experience from his Texas Hill Country boyhood to his passionate representation in Congress of his hardscrabble constituents to his tireless construction of a political machine came to fruition Caro introduces the story with a dramatic account of the Senate itself how Daniel Webster Henry Clay and John C Calhoun had made it the center of governmental energy the forum in which the great issues of the country were thrashed out And how by the time Johnson arrived it had dwindled into a body that merely responded to executive initiatives all but impervious to the forces of change Caro anatomizes the genius for political strategy and tactics by which in an institution that had made the seniority system all powerful for a century and more Johnson became Majority Leader after only a single term the youngest and greatest Senate Leader in our history how he manipulated the Senate s hallowed rules and customs and the weaknesses and strengths of his colleagues to change the unchangeable Senate from a loose confederation of sovereign senators to a whirring legislative machine under his own iron fisted control Caro demonstrates how Johnson s political genius enabled him to reconcile the unreconcilable to retain the support of the southerners who controlled the Senate while earning the trust or at least the cooperation of the liberals led by Paul Douglas and Hubert Humphrey without whom he could not achieve his goal of winning the presidency He shows the dark side of Johnson s ambition how he proved his loyalty to the great oil barons who had financed his rise to power by ruthlessly destroying the career of the New Dealer who was in charge of regulating them Federal Power Commission Chairman Leland Olds And we watch him achieve the impossible convincing southerners that although he was firmly in their camp as the anointed successor to their leader Richard Russell it was essential that they allow him to make some progress toward civil rights In a breathtaking tour de force Caro details Johnson s amazing triumph in maneuvering to passage the first civil rights legislation since 1875 Master of the Senate told with an abundance of rich detail that could only have come from Caro s peerless research is both a galvanizing portrait of the man himself the titan of Capital Hill volcanic mesmerizing and a

definitive and revelatory study of the workings and personal and legislative power **Story About President Lyndon Johnson** Gertrud Ruscio, 2021-06-02 Lyndon B Johnson in full Lyndon Baines Johnson also called LBJ 36th president of the United States 1963-69 A moderate Democrat and vigorous leader in the United States Senate Johnson was elected vice president in 1960 and acceded to the presidency in 1963 upon the assassination of Pres John F Kennedy A reassessment of President Lyndon Johnson and the Vietnam War This booklet is aimed primarily at students studying this controversial President and the conflict he inherited It was a conflict that has defined and helped destroy his presidency Larger than Life: Lyndon B. Johnson and the Right to Vote Anne Quirk, 2021-07-27 An accessible informed and timely biography of Lyndon Johnson that centers his life and presidency around the passage of the Voting Rights Act Keenly known for both his triumphs and his failures Lyndon B Johnson was one of the most complex and compelling presidents in US history Anne Quirk's biography alternates between chapters that follow LBJ's childhood in rural Texas learning politics from his parents his time teaching Mexican American students at a small town school and his days in Congress as majority leader and as vice president and chapters that cover his work alongside civil rights leaders and the passage of the Voting Rights Act An epilogue discusses the Supreme Court's 2013 ruling that struck down key portions of the act With engaging storytelling Quirk paints a rich portrait of Johnson's presidency celebrating the accomplishments of his Great Society programs while refusing to shy away from his catastrophic decisions regarding Vietnam and the summer riots of 1967 Larger Than Life presents striking parallels to today's political arena an outsize character presiding over a divided nation but to different ends **Means of Ascent** Robert A. Caro, 2011-11-23 In Means of Ascent Book Two of The Years of Lyndon Johnson Robert A Caro brings alive Lyndon Johnson in his wilderness years Here Johnson's almost mythic personality part genius part behemoth at once hotly emotional and icily calculating is seen at its most nakedly ambitious This multifaceted book carries the President to be from the aftermath of his devastating defeat in his 1941 campaign for the Senate the despair it engendered in him and the grueling test of his spirit that followed as political doors slammed shut through his service in World War II and his artful embellishment of his record to the foundation of his fortune and the actual facts behind the myth he created about it The culminating drama the explosive heart of the book is Caro's illumination based on extraordinarily detailed investigation of one of the great political mysteries of the century Having immersed himself in Johnson's life and world Caro is able to reveal the true story of the fiercely contested 1948 senatorial election for years shrouded in rumor which Johnson was not believed capable of winning which he had to win or face certain political death and which he did win by 87 votes the 87 votes that changed history Telling that epic story in riveting and eye-opening detail Caro returns to the American consciousness a magnificent lost hero He focuses closely not only on Johnson whom we see harnessing every last particle of his strategic brilliance and energy but on Johnson's unbeatable opponent the beloved former Texas Governor Coke Stevenson who embodied in his own life the myth of the cowboy knight and was himself a legend for his unfaltering integrity And ultimately

as the political duel between the two men quickens carrying with it all the confrontational and moral drama of the perfect Western Caro makes us witness to a momentous turning point in American politics the tragic last stand of the old politics versus the new the politics of issue versus the politics of image mass manipulation money and electronic dazzle **Lyndon B. Johnson** Charles Peters,2010-06-08 The towering figure who sought to transform America into a Great Society but whose ambitions and presidency collapsed in the tragedy of the Vietnam War Few figures in American history are as compelling and complex as Lyndon Baines Johnson who established himself as the master of the U S Senate in the 1950s and succeeded John F Kennedy in the White House after Kennedy s assassination on November 22 1963 Charles Peters a keen observer of Washington politics for more than five decades tells the story of Johnson s presidency as the tale of an immensely talented politician driven by ambition and desire As part of the Kennedy Johnson administration from 1961 to 1968 Peters knew key players including Johnson s aides giving him inside knowledge of the legislative wizardry that led to historic triumphs like the Voting Rights Act and the personal insecurities that led to the tragedy of Vietnam Peters s experiences have given him unique insight into the poisonous rivalry between Johnson and Robert F Kennedy showing how their misunderstanding of each other exacerbated Johnson s self doubt and led him into the morass of Vietnam which crippled his presidency and finally drove this larger than life man from the office that was his lifelong ambition **Chief of Staff** W. Marvin Watson,Sherwin Markman,2014-03-11 Chief of Staff to the President is perhaps the most important political appointment in our nation s government Aside from handling the myriad of day to day details that keep the White House running the Chief of Staff is often the President s closest confidante and gatekeeper anyone who wants access to the Oval Office goes through the Chief of Staff President Lyndon Johnson bestrode the American political scene as a colossus of energy ambition and purpose He attempted to achieve no less then the total eradication of poverty and expended every last ounce of his political capitol with Congress to pass Civil Rights legislation And throughout he was as he knew better than anyone else being destroyed by a war he inherited detested and could do nothing to stop With W Marvin Watson his Chief of Staff and most intimate adviser finally revealing what he knows about this extraordinary figure readers are taken firsthand inside the presidential life and times of Lyndon Johnson **Master of the Senate** Robert A. Caro,2019-07-04 The greatest biography of our era Essential reading for those who want to comprehend power and politics The Times Robert A Caro s legendary multi award winning biography of US President Lyndon Johnson is a uniquely riveting and revelatory account of power political genius and the shaping of twentieth century America Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award Master of the Senate takes Johnson s story through one of its most remarkable periods his twelve years from 1949 to 1960 in the United States Senate Once the most august and revered body in politics by the time Johnson arrived the Senate had become a parody of itself and an obstacle that for decades had blocked desperately needed liberal legislation Caro shows how Johnson s brilliance charm and ruthlessness enabled him to become the youngest and most powerful Majority Leader in history and how he used his

incomparable legislative genius seducing both Northern liberals and Southern conservatives to pass the first Civil Rights legislation since Reconstruction

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Lady Bird and Lyndon Betty Boyd Caroli, 2015-10-27 This smartly written, stunning *The Boston Globe* portrait of Lady Bird as the essential strategist, fundraiser, barnstormer, and ballast for her husband, Lyndon, offers a penetrating analysis of a

marriage that paired two complicated but devoted figures a coupling that changed the face of America Richmond Times Dispatch Marriage is the most underreported story in political life yet it is often the key to its success Historian Betty Boyd Caroli spent seven years exploring the archives of the LBJ Library interviewing dozens of people and mining never before released letters between Lady Bird and Lyndon The result redefines the First Lady as an iron fist in a white glove Vanity Fair and helps explain how the talented but flawed Lyndon Baines Johnson ended up making history Lady Bird grew up the daughter of a domineering father and a cultured but fragile mother When a tall pushy Texan named Lyndon showed up in her life they married within weeks with a tacit agreement this highly gifted politician would take her away and she would save him from his weaknesses The conventional story goes that Lyndon married Lady Bird for her money and demeaned her by flaunting his many affairs and that her legacy was protecting the nation s wildflowers But Caroli shows that she was also the one who swooped in to make the key call to a donor to keep the team united to campaign in hostile territory and to jump start Lyndon out of his paralyzing dark moods In Lady Bird and Lyndon Caroli restores Lady Bird to her rightful place in history But she also tells a love story whose compromises and edifying moments many women will recognize

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