

Dk Biography Eleanor Roosevelt

Presents highlights from the lives of the presidents and their wives.

Louise Steinman’s American childhood in the fifties was bound by one unequivocal condition: “Never mention the war to your father.” That silence sustained itself until the fateful day Steinman opened an old ammunition box left behind after her parents’ death. In it she discovered nearly 500 letters her father had written to her mother during his service in the Pacific War and a Japanese flag mysteriously inscribed to Yoshio Shimizu. Setting out to determine the identity of Yoshio Shimizu and the origins of the silken flag, Steinman discovered the unexpected: a hidden side of her father, the green soldier who achingly left his pregnant wife to fight for his life in a brutal 165-day campaign that changed him forever. Her journey to return the “souvenir” to its owner not only takes Steinman on a passage to Japan and the Philippines, but also returns her to the age of her father’s innocence, where she learned of the tender and expressive man she’d never known. Steinman writes with the same poignant immediacy her father did in his letters. Together their stories in *The Souvenir* create an evocative testament to the ways in which war changes one generation and shapes another.

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*).

One of the Best Books of the Year as chosen by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Economist*, *Time*, *USA TODAY*, *Christian Science Monitor*, and more. “A tale so gripping that one questions the need for fiction when real life is so plump with drama and intrigue” (Associated Press). Doris Kearns Goodwin’s *The Bully Pulpit* is a dynamic history of the first decade of the Progressive era, that tumultuous time when the nation was coming unseamed and reform was in the air. The story is told through the intense friendship of Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft—a close relationship that strengthens both men before it ruptures in 1912, when they engage in a brutal fight for the presidential nomination that divides their wives, their children, and their closest friends, while crippling the progressive wing of the Republican Party, causing Democrat Woodrow Wilson to be elected, and changing the country’s history. The *Bully Pulpit* is also the story of the muckraking press, which arouses the spirit of reform that helps Roosevelt push the government to shed its laissez-faire attitude toward robber barons, corrupt politicians, and corporate exploiters of our natural resources. The muckrakers are portrayed through the greatest group of journalists ever assembled at one magazine—*Ida Tarbell*, Ray Stannard Baker, Lincoln Steffens, and William Allen White—teamed under the mercurial genius of publisher S.S. McClure. Goodwin’s narrative is founded upon a wealth of primary materials. The correspondence of more than four hundred letters between Roosevelt and Taft begins in their early thirties and ends only months before Roosevelt’s death. Edith Roosevelt and Nellie Taft kept diaries. The muckrakers wrote hundreds of letters to one another, kept journals, and wrote their memoirs. The letters of Captain Archie Butt, who served as a personal aide to both Roosevelt and Taft, provide an intimate view of both men. The *Bully Pulpit*, like Goodwin’s brilliant chronicles of the Civil War and World War II, exquisitely demonstrates her distinctive ability to combine scholarly rigor with accessibility. It is a major work of history—an examination of leadership in a rare moment of activism and reform that brought the country closer to its founding ideals.

Betty Ford

A Novel of First Daughter Alice Roosevelt

Spirit Seeker

Children's Illustrated Encyclopedia

East to the Dawn

American Princess

Presents a social history of the United States in 1940, along with a moment-by-moment account of Roosevelt's leadership and the private lives of the president and First Lady, whose remarkable partnership transformed America. (This book was previously featured in Forecast.)

She was born before women had the right to vote yet went on to become one of America’s most influential First Ladies. A Gallup poll named her one of the most admired people of the twentieth century and she remains well known as a role model for a life well lived. Roosevelt wrote *You Learn by Living* at the age of seventy-six, just two years before her death. The commonsense ideas’and heartfelt ideals’presented in this volume are as relevant today as they were five decades ago. Her keys to a fulfilling life? Some of her responses include: learning to learn, the art of maturity, and getting the best out of others.

Eleanor RooseveltDK Publishing (Dorling Kindersley)

From computers to the natural world, help your child find out everything they need to know about anything with this fact-packed Children’s Illustrated Encyclopedia. They’ll find over 500 articles arranged from A-Z on subjects they need to know about, all illustrated with dramatic photos, cut-aways, charts and maps. The encyclopedia has been fully revised to include recent scientific breakthroughs, space missions and discoveries, as well as political, social and ecological changes, so your child can keep fully up-to-date with what has been happening in the world. Plus, they’ll be able to discover more about subjects using more than 5,000 fully-vetted and regularly updated internet links. Perfect for projects or just for fun, this is the ultimate illustrated family encyclopedia.

Eleanor Roosevelt

You Learn by Living

Eleanor Roosevelt, Fighter for Justice

Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism

Spark

Leadership

Highlights the life and accomplishments of the wife of the second president of the United States, a dedicated wife and mother who spoke up against slavery and for women's rights.

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Five Presidents and The Kennedy Detail comes an “insightful and beautifully told look into the life of one of the most public and admired first ladies” (Publishers Weekly)—Betty Ford. Betty Ford: First Lady, Women’s Advocate, Survivor, Trailblazer is the inspiring story of an ordinary Midwestern girl thrust onto the world stage and into the White House under extraordinary circumstances. Setting a precedent as First Lady, Betty Ford refused to be silenced by her critics as she publicly championed equal rights for women, and spoke out about issues that had previously been taboo—breast cancer, depression, abortion, and sexuality. Privately, there were signs something was wrong. After a painful intervention by her family, she admitted to an addiction to alcohol and prescription drugs. Her courageous decision to speak out publicly sparked a national dialogue, and in 1982, she co-founded the Betty Ford Center, which revolutionized treatment for alcoholism and inspired the modern concept of recovery. Lisa McCubbin also brings to light Gerald and Betty Ford’s sweeping love story: from Michigan to the White House, until their dying days, their relationship was that of a man and woman utterly devoted to one another other—a relationship built on trust, respect, and an unquantifiable chemistry. Based on intimate interviews with her children, Susan Ford Bales and Steven Ford, as well as family, friends, and colleagues, Betty Ford is “a vivid picture of a singularly influential woman” (Bookpage).

"Presidential darling, America's sweetheart, national rebel: Teddy Roosevelt's swashbuckling daughter Alice springs to life in this raucous anthem to a remarkable woman."--Kate Quinn, New York Times bestselling author of The Alice Network A sweeping novel from renowned author Stephanie Marie Thornton... Alice may be the president's daughter, but she's nobody's darling. As bold as her signature color Alice Blue, the gum-chewing, cigarette-smoking, poker-playing First Daughter discovers that the only way for a woman to stand out in Washington is to make waves--oceans of them. With the canny sophistication of the savviest politician on the Hill, Alice uses her celebrity to her advantage, testing the limits of her power and the seductive thrill of political entanglements. But Washington, DC is rife with heartaches and betrayals, and when Alice falls hard for a smooth-talking congressman it will take everything this rebel has to emerge triumphant and claim her place as an American icon. As Alice soldiers through the devastation of two world wars and brazens out a cutting feud with her famous Roosevelt cousins, it's no wonder everyone in the capital refers to her as the Other Washington Monument--and Alice intends to outlast them all.

Discover the fascinating spouses of the nation's presidents--from early patriots to infuential leaders.

The Curse of Beauty

Who Was Eleanor Roosevelt?

The Souvenir

Abigail Adams

A Political Life

Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream

Now an epic documentary event on the HISTORY Channel! The illuminating, bestselling exploration on leadership from Pulitzer Prize–winning author and presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, and also the inspiration for the HISTORY Channel multipart series Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. “After five decades of magisterial output, Doris Kearns Goodwin leads the league of presidential historians” (USA TODAY). In her “inspiring” (The Christian Science Monitor) Leadership, Doris Kearns Goodwin draws upon the four presidents she has studied most closely—Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Lyndon B. Johnson (in civil rights)—to show how they recognized leadership qualities within themselves and were recognized as leaders by others. By looking back to their first entries into public life, we encounter them at a time when their paths were filled with confusion, fear, and hope. Leadership tells the story of how they all collided with dramatic reversals that disrupted their lives and threatened to shatter forever their ambitions. Nonetheless, they all emerged fitted to confront the contours and dilemmas of their times. At their best, all four were guided by a sense of moral purpose. At moments of great challenge, they were able to summon their talents to enlarge the opportunities and lives of others. Does the leader make the times or do the times make the leader? “If ever our nation needed a short course on presidential leadership, it is now” (The Seattle Times). This seminal work provides an accessible and essential road map for aspiring and established leaders in every field. In today’s polarized world, these stories of authentic leadership in times of apprehension and fracture take on a singular urgency. “Goodwin’s volume deserves much praise—it is insightful, readable, compelling: Her book arrives just in time” (The Boston Globe).

Explore the lives of America's 45 presidents, as well as notable first ladies, famous speeches, and major constitutional events, with The Presidents Visual Encyclopedia. From George Washington to the new leader taking office in January 2017, this visual reference guide presents a unique insight into life in the White House. More than 150 easy-to-read entries cover the presidents, first ladies such as Eleanor Roosevelt, the Louisiana Purchase, the Gettysburg Address, and more, and over 200 fascinating photographs add to kids' knowledge of these leaders and the key moments that defined their time in office. The Presidents Visual Encyclopedia is the perfect one-stop reference guide, teaching kids all they need to know about the history of the United States and the remarkable impact our country has had on the rest of the world.

One of the most famous aviators of all time, Amelia Earhart took the golden age of flying by storm! Taking her first flight lesson in 1920, Earhart would go on to set the world altitude record, be the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean alone, and many more feats. Who knows what she could have accomplished if not for her mysterious disappearance while attempting to fly around the entire world in 1937. This incredible history of Amelia Earhart is written especially for young adult readers. It is loaded with full color illustrations, comprehensive timelines, fascinating sidebars, and info on key figures in Earhart's story. Perfect for any kid interested in flying, or strong, important women in history!

For a long time, the main role of First Ladies was to act as hostesses of the White House...until Eleanor Roosevelt. Born in 1884, Eleanor was not satisfied to just be a glorified hostess for her husband, President Franklin DeLano Roosevelt. Eleanor had a voice, and she used it to speak up against poverty and racism. She had experience and knowledge of many issues, and fought for laws to help the less fortunate. She had passion, energy, and a way of speaking that made people listen, and she used these gifts to campaign for her husband and get him elected president-four times! A fascinating historical figure in her own right, Eleanor Roosevelt changed the role of First Lady forever.

No Ordinary Time

An Inspiring Life

A Daughter Discovers Her Father's War

How to De-Stress and Cope with Anxiety Naturally

Be a Warrior, Not a Worrier

Remarkable Women Who Shaped Our World

Featuring redesigned jackets, interiors, and up-to-date vocabulary throughout, DK Readers now have a fresh new look! Stunning photographs combine with lively illustrations and engaging, age appropriate stories in DK Readers, a multilevel reading program guaranteed to capture children's interests while developing their reading skills and general knowledge. With DK Readers, children will learn to read-and read to learn! Ring! Ring! Ring! It's the fire alarm! A house is on fire! The fire fighters are on their way!

Record your own magical journey with this Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them – themed writing journal. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them takes viewers to 1920s New York, introducing a whole new cast of wizards, witches, and No-Majs. This finely crafted journal celebrates the exquisite art and design of the film, and is the perfect accessory for fans of J.K. Rowling’s Wizarding World. With sturdy construction and a sewn binding, this journal lies flat, and the 192 lined, acid-free pages of high-quality, heavy stock paper take both pen and pencil nicely to encourage inspiration. The journal also features a ribbon placeholder, elastic closure, and back pocket ideal for holding small photographs and sketches.

A biography of the former first lady who was the first United States ambassador to the United Nations.

Even people who don’t know football know Pelé. The best of a generation of Brazilian players universally acknowledged as the most accomplished and attractive group of footballers ever to play the game, he won the World Cup three times and is Brazil’s all-time record goalscorer. But how did this man -- a sportsman, a mere footballer, like many others -- become a global icon? Was it just by being the best at what he did, or do people respond to some other quality? The world’s greatest footballer now gives us the full story of his incredible life and career. Told with his characteristic grace and modesty, but covering all aspects of his playing days and his subsequent careers as politician, international sporting ambassador and cultural icon, PELE: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY is an essential volume for all sports fans, and anyone who admires true rarity of spirit.

The Bully Pulpit

Harriet Tubman

In Turbulent Times

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: City Skyline Hardcover Ruled Notebook

Amelia Earhart

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If you thought that it was a man's world, think again! 100 Women Who Made History is the exciting story of the women who changed the world. Get ready to meet some of history's wonder women. From super scientists like Marie Curie and Rosalind Franklin to clued-up creatives like Emily Dickinson and J.K Rowling. Celebrate centuries of brave and brilliant women with this visual educational book. Meet the most talented and famous women in history. Figures who changed politics, science, business, and the arts, to those who were exciting entrepreneurs and clever creatives. Discover the landmark moments in the lives of amazing historical women. Learn about leading ladies like Joan of Arc and Eleanor Roosevelt, and modern game-changers such as Maya Angelou, Angela Merkel, Serena Williams, and Malala Yousafzai. A rich history book for kids that explores the lives of each woman in detail with beautiful photography and quirky "bobblehead" illustrations that present history on an engaging and fun way. Meet The Wonder Women Who Helped Shape The World Take a tour of the past and uncover the stories of the women and girls who have shaped the modern world. Find out what made Catherine so Great, why millions have read Anne Frank's diary, and how Harriet Tubman led hundreds to freedom. Kids can easily put each woman's story into context with "what came before..." and "what came after..." panels showing the things that influenced and were influenced by each woman. Special features highlight contemporaneous women and women in similar fields to paint a more complete picture for young readers. 100 Women Who Made History is a wonderfully inspirational history book for girls and boys ages 9 and up. This history book is a great learning tool for all children that broaches themes like human rights and gender equality from an age-appropriate angle. Learn about the different remarkable women in the past: - Clued-up creatives - Super scientists - Learning ladies - Intrepid entrepreneurs - Amazing achievers 100 Women Who Made History is part of the 100 Who Made History book series. Explore the most important people in history and how they contributed to significant attributes of the past that have helped to shape the past into our present.

Named a Best Book of the Year by The Washington Post and NPR “We come to see in FDR the magisterial, central figure in the greatest and richest political tapestry of our nation’s entire history” —Nigel Hamilton, Boston Globe “Meticulously researched and authoritative” —Douglas Brinkley, The Washington Post “A workmanlike addition to the literature on Roosevelt.” —David Nasaw, The New York Times “Dallek offers an FDR relevant to our sharply divided nation” —Michael Kazin “Will rank among the standard biographies of its subject” —Publishers Weekly A one-volume biography of Roosevelt by the #1 New York Times bestselling biographer of JFK, focusing on his career as an incomparable politician, uniter, and deal maker In an era of such great national divisiveness, there could be no more timely biography of one of our greatest presidents than one that focuses on his unparalleled political ability as a uniter and consensus maker. Robert Dallek’s Franklin D. Roosevelt: A Political Life takes a fresh look at the many compelling questions that have attracted all his biographers: how did a man who came from so privileged a background

become the greatest presidential champion of the country’s needy? How did someone who never won recognition for his intellect foster revolutionary changes in the country’s economic and social institutions? How did Roosevelt work such a profound change in the country’s foreign relations? For FDR, politics was a far more interesting and fulfilling pursuit than the management of family fortunes or the indulgence of personal pleasure, and by the time he became president, he had commanded the love and affection of millions of people. While all Roosevelt’s biographers agree that the onset of polio at the age of thirty-nine endowed him with a much greater sense of humanity, Dallek sees the affliction as an insufficient explanation for his transformation into a masterful politician who would win an unprecedented four presidential terms, initiate landmark reforms that changed the American industrial system, and transform an isolationist country into an international superpower. Dallek attributes FDR’s success to two remarkable political insights. First, unlike any other president, he understood that effectiveness in the American political system depended on building a national consensus and commanding stable long-term popular support. Second, he made the presidency the central, most influential institution in modern America’s political system. In addressing the country’s international and domestic problems, Roosevelt recognized the vital importance of remaining closely attentive to the full range of public sentiment around policy-making decisions—perhaps FDR’s most enduring lesson in effective leadership.

Celebrate the greatest love stories that have molded the course of history! Romance in its many shapes and forms is celebrated around the world. It is a constant act of affection shown irrespective of age, race, gender or background, and is one way in which we show our humanity. This beautiful visual guide reveals the most passionate and tragic love tales throughout the centuries from people all over the world and includes: - Profiles stories of love and lovers throughout history, from the best-known - like Mark Antony and Cleopatra, Napoleon and Josephine, and John Lennon and Yoko Ono - to less famous but equally powerful examples, like Hadrian and Antinous, Anne Lister and Ann Walker, and Mildred and Richard Loving - Specially commissioned illustrations that represent the individuals involved, with images of letters, paintings and artifacts that tell the story of each love affair - Quotes from love letters, poems, songs and stories by the featured individuals, or about their relationship - Diverse LGBTQ+ love stories, such as Emperor Ai of Han and Dong Xian; Virginia Woolf and Vita Sackville-West; Lili Elbe and Gerda Wegener; and Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok Mark Antony’s love for Cleopatra led to war between Rome and Egypt, Emperor Xuanzang of Tang relinquished the Mandate of Heaven for Yang Guifei, and the English Reformation was borne out of Henry VIII’s passion for Anne Boleyn. These great loves and many others have been celebrated, recorded and forever memorialized to chronicle the wars, peace treaties and politics of our modern world. This inspirational book about love also delves into the popularity of real love stories. It features columns, podcasts and TV shows like the NYT Modern Love column, the appetite for love letters, and the timeless popularity of love and romance with reality-TV programs like Love Island, First Dates and The Bachelor/Bachelorette. This is the perfect purchase for a Valentine’s Day gift or any other special occasion for anyone interested in history, culture and literature. Most importantly, readers who want to learn about relationships that have challenged conventions, the history of LGBTQ+, lovers of romance and trivia, and general knowledge fans.

Amelia Earhart captured the hearts of the nation after becoming the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic in 1928. And her disappearance on an around-the-world flight in 1937 is an enduring mystery. Based on ten years of research, East to the Dawn provides a richly textured portrait of Earhart in all her complexity. It's the perfect complement to the October 2009 movie Amelia, starring Hilary Swank, Richard Gere, and Ewan McGregor.

Hot Dog! Eleanor Roosevelt Throws a Picnic

Pele: The Autobiography

First Lady, Women's Advocate, Survivor, Trailblazer

Annie Oakley

Clara Barton

Great Loves

An illustrated exploration of the life of Harriet Tubman that covers her childhood, experiences as a slave, escape to freedom, work on the Underground Railroad, antislavery activism, and other topics.

A sympathetic and sensitive portrayal of the remarkable Eleanor Roosevelt captures the life and times of a woman who continues to offer inspiration, guidance, and hope to people of all ages. Reprint. Newbery Honor Book.

"Once the most famous model in America, a story of the extraordinary success her beauty brought her and the terrible price she paid for it"—Jacket.

Growing up, John was a seeker. He wondered about spirit, and the meaning of life. And whether music could be a key to unlocking those mysteries. Like his grandfather’s preaching and his parents’ songs, could John’s music bring people closer to God? Told in moving prose and powerfully illustrated, this is the story of a shy, curious boy from a deeply religious family who grew up to find solace and inspiration in his own unique approach to both spirituality and music. John Coltrane—a legendary jazz musician whose work shattered boundaries and continues to influence countless artists to this day.

Not Your Typical Dragon

John Coltrane's Musical Journey

A Life of Discovery

The Scandalous & Tragic Life of Audrey Munson, America's First Supermodel

Flying Solo

DK Eyewitness Books: First Ladies (Library Edition)

Describes the life and accomplishments of the woman whose natural talent for shooting led her to become the star of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

Everybody knows your typical dragon breathes fire. But when Crispin tries to breathe fire on his seventh birthday, fire doesn't come out—only whipped cream! Each time Crispin tries to breathe fire, he ends up with Band-Aids marshmallows teddy bears? Crispin wonders if he'll ever find his inner fire. But when a family emergency breaks out, it takes a little dragon with not-so-typical abilities to save the day. With wry humor and whimsical illustrations, Not Your Typical Dragon is the perfect story for any child who can't help feeling a little bit different.

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face." —Eleanor Roosevelt Learn the best tips and tricks to cope with anxiety and stress There is so much to worry about: work, relationships, money, health . . . But instead of panicking over what could happen, why not choose a different path—one where you let go of worry and focus on getting the most out of life instead? Prepare to discover your inner fearlessness with this collection of simple but effective tips for breaking free of anxiety, tackling obstacles with resilience and resolve, and reaching for your dreams. In this soothing book, you'll find advice on dealing with your stress and anxiety through: Exercise and healthy eating Breathing techniques Journaling Communicating and socializing with friends Massage, behavioral, and other natural therapies And more! Bursting with confidence-boosting statements and inspirational quotes from those who tackle life head-on, this book will supercharge your strength and help you become a warrior, not a worrier.

A biography of first lady and social reformer Eleanor Roosevelt, who was involved in politics, the fight for women's rights, and world peace.

Who Was Sally Ride?

Eleanor

School Library Journal

The Presidents Visual Encyclopedia

The Life of Amelia Earhart

Amelia Earhart: The First Lady of Aviation

When historian Goodwin was six years old, her father taught her how to keep score for ‘their’ team, the Brooklyn Dodgers, which forged a lifelong bond between father and daughter. Set in the suburbs of New York in the 1950s, Wait Till Next Year is a coming-of-age memoir in the era of Jackie Robinson, Pee Wee Reese and Duke Snider, when baseball truly was a national pastime that brought whole communities together. With her radio by her side and scorecard to hand, she recreates the postwar era, when the corner store was a place to share stories and neighborhoods were equally divided between Dodger, Giant, and Yankee fans. Weaved between the games and the seasons, Goodwin tells the story of a changing America – from the lunacy of the Cold War alarm drills to McCarthy and the Rosenberg trials – as well as her own loss of innocence encapsulated by her mother’s death, her father’s lapse into despair and the Dodger’s departure from Brooklyn in 1957 following the destruction of the iconic Ebbets Field stadium. Poignant, unsentimental and deeply eloquent, Wait Till Next Year is a profound memoir about childhood and loss, baseball, and the power of sport to bind families and heal loss and reveal as metaphor the evolving heart of a nation.

In 1978, Sally Ride, a PhD candidate at Stanford University, responded to a newspaper ad to join the US astronaut program. She was accepted and became the first American woman astronaut to fly in space! Among her other accomplishments, she played tennis like a professional, was an astrophysicist who helped develop a robotic arm for space shuttles, and later, through Sally Ride Science, worked to make science cool and accessible for girls. Sally Ride, who died on July 23, 2012, will continue to inspire young children.

Eleanor Roosevelt, Fighter for Justice shows young readers how the former First Lady evolved from a poor little rich girl to a protector and advocate for those without a voice. Though now seen as a cultural icon, she was a woman deeply insecure about her looks and her role in the world. But by recognizing her fears and constantly striving to overcome her prejudices, she used her proximity to presidents and her own power to aid in the fight for Civil Rights and other important causes. This biography gives readers a fresh perspective on her extraordinary life. It includes a timeline, biography, index, and many historic photographs.

Yo-Yo Ma's ear for music emerged not long after he learned to walk. By the age of seven, he was performing for President Kennedy; by fifteen he debuted at Carnegie Hall. Maya Angelou, by contrast, didn't write her iconic memoir, I Know Why the Cage Bird Sings, until she was 40. What propels some individuals to reach extraordinary creative heights in the earliest years of life while others discover their passions decades later? Are prodigies imbued with innate talent? How often are midlife inspirations triggered by propitious events, like Julia Child's first French meal at the age of 36? Do late bloomers reveal their talents because their skills require life experience and contemplation? Through engaging storytelling and intriguing historical and cutting-edge scientific research, best-selling author and acclaimed journalist Claudia Kalb explores these questions to uncover what makes a prodigy and what drives a late bloomer. In this series of linked biographies, Kalb follows the journeys of thirteen remarkable individuals--from Shirley Temple to Alexander Fleming to Eleanor Roosevelt to Bill Gates--to discover the secrets behind their talents. Each possessed a unique arc of inspiration. Each--through science, art, music, theater, and politics--reached extraordinary success at different stages of life. And each offers us a chance to explore the genesis--and experience--of genius.

100 Women Who Made History

Her Impact on the Civil Rights Movement, the White House, and the World

Smithsonian Presidents and First Ladies

How Genius Ignites, From Child Prodigies to Late Bloomers

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II

In June of 1939, the United States played host to two very special guests. British monarchs King George VI and Queen Elizabeth were coming to America. As it was the first visit ever by reigning British royalty, it was a chance for America to build a stronger relationship with the British, especially in those challenging times. On the domestic side, many people didn't have jobs, housing, or food. Internationally, Adolf Hitler, Germany's leader, was threatening the countries around him and war loomed on the horizon. But First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt saw the visit as an opportunity for America to set aside its cares for a while and extend a warm welcome and hand of friendship to the royal guests. As part of the festivities, Eleanor hosts an all-American picnic that includes hot dogs, a menu item that shocks some people.

Presents the childhood of Eleanor Roosevelt, who married a man who became president of the United States and became known as a great humanitarian.

Wait Till Next Year