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This bibliography lists entries in chronological order.

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John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum marking 40 years in 2019

Curbed Boston, 31 December 2018

Tom Acitelli

<https://boston.curbed.com/2018/12/31/18162685/jfk-presidential-library-museum-marking-40-years>

-- The JFK library is the premiere center for research into the life of the former president and also maintains the largest collection of information on Ernest Hemingway.

Skip Monticello in favor of James Monroe, the president next door

StarTribune, 27 December 2018

Debra Bruno, Washington Post

<http://www.startribune.com/skip-monticello-in-favor-of-james-monroe-the-president-next-door/503578432/>

-- Jefferson's nearby estate seems like Disney World compared to Highland, James Monroe's plantation.

Christmas Day re-enactment of George Washington crossing Delaware River nixed for second year in a row

Fox News, 26 December 2018

Lukas Mikelionis

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/christmas-day-re-enactment-of-george-washington-crossing-delaware-river-nixed-for-second-year-in-a-row>

-- Due to high river conditions following a recent rainfall, the reenactment of George Washington's 1776 crossing of the Delaware was cancelled for the second year in a row.

The presidential library: 10 books Trump recommended this year

The Guardian, 24 December 2018

David Taylor

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/dec/24/trump-book-picks-recommendations-2018>

-- The author lists 10 books and writes that the president made recommendations on Twitter for these books which were written by his supporters on the political right.

Trump vs Obama: Presidential Book Recommendations Compared

Fortune, 24 December 2018

Grace Dobush

<http://fortune.com/2018/12/24/trump-obama-book-recommendations/>

-- A comparison of the books that President Trump and President Obama have recommended in public, including presidential biographies.

Why a second look at Andrew Jackson could rescue American politics

The Washington Post, 21 December 2018

Dani Holtz

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2018/12/21/why-second-look-andrew-jackson-could-rescue-american-politics/?utm_term=.3dbda48b747d

-- The writer reviews former president Andrew Jackson and suggests there are similarities to current president Donald Trump.

8 Things You Might Not Know About James A. Garfield

Mental Floss, 17 December 2018

Jake Rossen

<http://mentalfloss.com/article/556479/president-james-garfield-facts>

-- The list includes that “he originally wanted to sail the open seas, and “he never pursued presidential office.”

17 Rules of Presidential Behavior From George Washington

The Atlantic, 16 December 2018

John Walcott, Professor at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2018/12/george-washingtons-rules-presidential-behavior/578128/>

-- Comparing President Washington (1789-1797) and President Trump (2017-Present).

Zumwalt-class destroyer USS Lyndon B. Johnson launched in Maine

UPI, Defense News, 10 December 2018

Stephen Carlson

<https://www.upi.com/Zumwalt-class-destroyer-USS-Lyndon-B-Johnson-launched-in-Maine/6931544478345/>

-- The Zumwalt-class ship is the most advanced destroyer ever built. It is named after Admiral Elmo Zumwalt who served as the Chief of Naval Operations under President Richard Nixon.

A Former Plantation Begins to Tell A Fuller Story of Slavery in America

NPR, 9 December 2018

Jordy Yager

<https://www.npr.org/2018/12/09/672349672/a-former-plantation-begins-to-tell-a-fuller-story-of-slavery-in-america>

-- “Highland” is the former plantation once owned by James Monroe, fifth president of the United States.

George H.W. Bush's final ride: A train that connects him to a long presidential tradition

The Washington Post, 6 December 2018

Katie Mettler

https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2018/12/06/george-hw-bush-chose-train-his-final-ride-reviving-dormant-tradition-bygone-era/?utm_term=.c897d1ec412b

-- How a personalized locomotive carried the casket of former President Bush on a 70-mile journey to his presidential library in College Station, Texas where he was buried.

3 Books About George H.W. Bush's Legacy

The New York Times, 5 December 2018

Concepción de León

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/05/books/review/president-carter-stuart-eizenstat.html>

-- The author summarizes three books about Bush, who died on 30 November 2018 – Being Poppy by Richard Ben Cramer (2013), The Family by Kitty Kelley (2004), and Destiny and Power by Jon Meacham (2015).

Unlike George W. Bush, John Quincy Adams didn't make it to his father's funeral

The Washington Post, 5 December 2018

Michael S. Rosenwald

https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2018/12/05/unlike-george-w-bush-john-quincy-adams-didnt-make-it-his-fathers-funeral/?utm_term=.dab0dc897ec3

-- Early presidents became ill and died before relatives received the news.

Inside the Surprising Friendship Between George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton

Time, 4 December 2018

Michael Duffy and Nancy Gibbs

<http://time.com/5470205/george-hw-bush-clinton-presidents-club/>

-- The origin of the relationship and enduring nature of the friendship between the two former presidents.

A User's Guide to Ending the Trump Presidency

LAWFARE, 4 December 2018

Gabriel Schoenfeld

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/users-guide-ending-trump-presidency>

-- A review of David Priess, "How to Get Rid of a President: History's Guide to Removing Unpopular, Unable, or Unfit chief Executives"

Who is Jon Meacham? The biographer will give a eulogy at George H.W. Bush's funeral service.

Town&Country, 4 December 2018

Lauren Hubbard

<https://www.townandcountrymag.com/society/politics/a25396399/jon-meacham-george-hw-bush-biographer-facts/>

-- Discussion on the Pulitzer Prize winning biographer's works, including extensive interviews with the Bush family.

Why George H. W. Bush Seemed Happier in Government Than In Politics

The New Yorker, 4 December 2018

Nicholas Lemann

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/daily-comment/why-george-h-w-bush-seemed-happier-in-government-than-in-politics>

-- Explaining how Bush was better at governing than partisan politics.

George Bush: A Life Through Letters

The New York Times, 3 December 2018

Michael Tackett

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/03/us/politics/george-bush-letters.html>

-- Tackett notes Bush's pleasure in handwriting letters by the hundreds to family, friends and colleagues.

Jon Meacham: George H.W. Bush and the Price of Politics

The New York Times, 1 December 2018

Jon Meacham

-- Discussion of Bush's concern about idealism interfering with sound governance.

Like father, like son? Not so much in Bush dynasty

AP, 1 December 2018

Calvin Woodward

<https://www.apnews.com/d401d7276e0d4a9a862bb841c50aebab>

-- Following the death of the elder Bush, a comparison of their similarities and differences.

Elizabeth Warren links herself to John F. Kennedy in campaign-style speech

Washington Examiner, 30 November 2018

Robert Donachie

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/white-house/positioning-warren-echoes-jfk-in-campaign-style-college-speech>

-- Warren occupies the seat that Kennedy, and later Edward Kennedy, once held in the U.S. Senate.

Remembering the House F.D.R. Built (Well, His Mother Did)

The New York Times, 29 November 2018

James Barron

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/29/nyregion/roosevelt-house-nyc.html>

-- The history behind Franklin Roosevelt's Manhattan townhouse, including comments from "Leadership in Turbulent Times", by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

William Goldman Turned Reporters Into Heroes In "All The President's Men"

The New Yorker, 27 November 2018

Jordan Orlando

<https://www.newyorker.com/culture/cultural-comment/william-goldman-turned-reporters-into-heroes-in-all-the-presidents-men>

-- The story of Robert Redford's role in the making of the film and Goldman's screenplay which portrayed Woodward and Bernstein as heroes for their investigative reporting.

The Perennial Importance of George Washington's 'Letter To The Jews Of Newport'

Forbes, 25 November 2018

David Bahr

-- The 1790 letter was written in part due to the public letter of Moses Seixas, an official of Yeshuat Israel, the first Jewish congregation in Rhode Island. Washington responded to the letter and promised that "every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree, and there shall be none to make him afraid."

The Real James Madison

New American, 21 November 2018

Alex Newman

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/print-magazine/item/30546-the-real-james-madison>

-- A review of "The Real James Madison: The True Story of America's Greatest Political Mind" by Joe Wolverton II.

Presidents didn't always pardon turkeys. Some birds became dinner.

The Washington Post, 20 November 2018

Ronald G. Shafer

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2018/11/20/presidents-didnt-always-pardon-turkeys-some-became-dinner/>

-- For example, President Harry Truman was the first to receive a live turkey from the National Turkey Federation. But instead of the now customary pardon, he ate it, as did Ike and LBJ.

Post-Michelle Wolf, biographer Chernow to headline White House Correspondents Dinner

USA Today, 19 November 2018

Cat Hofacker

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2018/11/19/biographer-ron-chenow-white-house-correspondents-association/2054295002/>

-- Instead of a comedian the dinner will feature the noted presidential scholar and Pulitzer Prize winner who wrote the 2004 biography of Alexander Hamilton and more recently a biography of President Ulysses Grant.

New John F. Kennedy Library initiative aims to show that a president's 'Words Count'

The Boston Globe, 16 November 2018

Lillian Brown

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/lifestyle/names/2018/11/16/new-john-kennedy-library-initiative-aims-show-that-words-count/qvNcwJdEBJqFM7kzN5cl3O/story.html>

-- The Kennedy Library Foundation has launched a "Words Count" campaign that tweets out quotes from President Kennedy every day.

George Washington, William T. Sherman and Viking Marauders

The New York Times, 9 November 2018

Thomas E. Ricks

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/09/books/review/nathaniel-philbrick-in-the-hurricanes-eye.html>

-- Reviews of Nathaniel Philbrick's "In The Hurricane's Eye: The Genius of George Washington and the Victory at Yorktown" and Trent Hone's "Learning War: The Evolution of Fighting Doctrine in the U.S. Navy, 1898-1945."

A 1965 Novel About an Unhinged President is Being Rereleased

The New York Times, 8 November 2018

Alexandra Alter

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/dec/24/trump-book-picks-recommendations-2018>

-- Vintage books is rereleasing the political thriller "Night of Camp David" by Fletcher Knebel.

How 'Hail to the Chief' became the Presidential anthem

We Are The Mighty, 7 November 2018

Blake Stilwell

<https://www.wearethemighty.com/history/hail-chief-presidential-anthem>

-- Tracing the origin of the song to John Quincy Adams and later Andrew Jackson. Includes the 1900 lyrics by Albert Gamse.

A New Biography of Ronald Reagan Captures His Passion for Stardom

The New York Times, 6 November 2018

Robert W. Merry

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/06/books/review/bob-spitz-ronald-reagan-biography.html>

-- Presidential biographer, Robert Merry, reviews Bob Spitz new biography on Ronald Reagan, "Reagan, An American Journey".

This Is What Democracy Looked Like

The New Yorker, 5 November 2018

Alicia Cheng

<https://www.newyorker.com/culture/culture-desk/this-is-what-democracy-looked-like>

-- A brief history of the paper ballot with several historic images.

The 'law and order' campaign that won Richard Nixon the White House 50 years ago

The Washington Post, 5 November 2018

Terence McArdle

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2018/11/05/law-order-campaign-that-won-richard-nixon-white-house-years-ago/>

-- Nixon's campaign focus on 'unprecedented lawlessness' in the 1968 election may have been the tipping factor in his narrow win over Hubert Humphrey.

George Washington for President

The New York Times, 30 October 2018

Thomas L. Friedman

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/30/opinion/columnists/george-washington-trump-nationalism.html>

-- Comparison of Donald Trump and George Washington, and the writer likes Washington better.

Camp Garfield in midst of transformation

Tribune Chronicle, 21 October 2018

Raymond L. Smith

<http://www.tribtoday.com/news/local-news/2018/10/camp-garfield-in-midst-of-transformation/>

-- Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Facility, renamed Camp James A. Garfield, will be transformed into Ohio's National Guard Training Facility using \$37 million of federal investment on the 21,600-acre facility.

Understanding Reagan in the Era of Trump

Slate, 19 October 2018

Isaac Chotiner

<https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2018/10/ronald-reagan-american-journey-biography.html>

-- “Never the smartest guys in the room, the two entertainers turned presidents drastically changed the Republican Party. Do the similarities stop there?”

A glimpse into the heartache and high jinks in Theodore Roosevelt’s life

The Washington Post, 18 October 2018

Michael E. Ruane

https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2018/10/18/glimpse-into-heartache-hijinks-life-president-theodore-roosevelt/?utm_term=.b0a536737e92

-- The Library of Congress unveils Roosevelt’s personal papers.

Museum celebrates President Calvin Coolidge

Daily Hampshire Gazette, 17 October 2018

<https://www.gazettenet.com/Museum-celebrates-President-Calvin-Coolidge-ties-to-Vermont-20907746>

-- A brief history of Coolidge and his life in Vermont and Massachusetts as well as locations of various historical sites and events pertaining to the former president.

A chat with Ron Chernow, America’s biographer and winner of the 2018 Tribune Literary Award

Chicago Tribune, 17 October 2018

Chris Jones

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/books/ct-books-ron-chernow-literary-award-1021-story.html>

-- An interview with Pulitzer Prize winner Chernow, who received the Tribune award on 27 October 2018. The article includes a bibliography of Chernow’s books.

“Presidents Of War” Sounds The Alarm About Presidential Power

NPR, 9 October 2018

Terri Bimes

<https://www.npr.org/2018/10/09/655182411/presidents-of-war-sounds-the-alarm-about-presidential-power>

-- New book by Michael Beschloss discusses a president’s power to engage in wars, but Bimes notes that little wars, and military inventions, some not authorized by Congress, are not included in the Beschloss book.

W&M: James Monroe statue vandalized with ‘slave owner’ scrawl

The Virginia Gazette, 8 October 2018

Steve Roberts, Jr., srobertsjr@vagazette.com

<https://www.vagazette.com/news/va-vg-james-monroe-vandalized-20181008-story.html>

-- The James Monroe statue in front of Tucker Hall on the College of William and Mary campus was vandalized on 29 September 2018.

A massive new biography of Ronald Reagan forces comparisons to President Trump

Los Angeles Times, 5 October 2018

Peter Schrag

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/books/2018/10/02/reagan-biography-bob-spitz-illuminates-enigmatic-president/1435105002/>

-- The article contrasts Reagan and Trump and asks if Reagan was too moderate by today's standards.

Coolidge's forgotten civil rights legacy speaks to us today

Bennington Banner, 5 October 2018

Mark Rondeau

<https://www.benningtonbanner.com/stories/coolidges-forgotten-civil-rights-legacy-speaks-to-us-today,552359>

-- Discussion about Jon Meacham's 2018 book, "The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels". Including reference to Warren Harding and Calvin Coolidge and their opposition to the Ku Klux Klan.

Calvin Coolidge: Vermonter first and last

Bennington Banner, 3 October 2018

Mark Rondeau

<https://www.benningtonbanner.com/stories/calvin-coolidge-vermonter-first-and-last,552129>

-- Born in Massachusetts, the 30th president was a Vermont farm boy. His 21 September 1928 speech at the Bennington train station, "Vermont is a state I love," reflected his deep attachment to the state, and Plymouth, where he is buried.

Who was Ronald Reagan? Illuminating new bio sheds light on enigmatic president

USA Today, 2 October 2018

Susan Page

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/books/2018/10/02/reagan-biography-bob-spitz-illuminates-enigmatic-president/1435105002/>

-- The article praises author Bob Spitz for writing a "solid, sweeping narration of Reagan's life", unlike some previous biographers.

The best and worst autobiographies by US Presidents

Business Insider, 28 September 2018

Steven John

<https://www.businessinsider.com/best-and-worst-autobiographies-by-presidents-2018-9>

-- A list of 5 Best autobiographies; and 5 Worst autobiographies.

How George Washington Warned Us About Tribalism and Disunity

The Daily Signal, 19 September 2018

Richard Lim

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/09/19/how-george-washington-warned-us-about-tribalism-and-disunity/>

-- A summary of Washington's 1796 Farewell Address.

Doris Kearns Goodwin shares four pivotal moments in presidential 'Leadership'

USA Today, 18 September 2018

Matt Damsker

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/books/2018/09/18/doris-kearns-goodwin-shares-four-pivotal-presidential-moments-new-history-leadership/1336398002/>

-- A review of Goodwin's latest book "Leadership in Turbulent Times" with four lessons in leadership under pressure for four presidents.

What Doris Kearns Goodwin thinks Trump could learn from Lincoln's 'hot letters'

The Washington Post, 17 September 2018

Jena McGregor

https://www.washingtonpost.com/2018/09/17/what-doris-kearns-goodwin-thinks-trump-could-learn-lincoln-s-hot-letters/?utm_term=.f8e780fa3bf4

-- McGregor summarizes Goodwin's new book "Leadership in Turbulent Times", as a "carefully curated book" about how presidents led during times of upheaval (LBJ, FDR, Teddy Roosevelt and Lincoln).

Rare Kennedy photos go inside America's most famous family

USA Today, 17 September 2018

William J. Kole, Associated Press

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/people/2018/09/17/rare-john-f-kennedy-teddy-kennedy-photos-go-inside-americas-most-famous-family/37841207/>

-- The Kennedy Presidential Library has completed an 18-month project to catalog and digitize more than 1,700 vintage family snapshots and they are available to view on-line.

15 books that have been written about the Trump White House

Insider, 15 September 2018

Pat Ralph

<https://www.thisisinsider.com/books-about-trump-white-house-2018-9>

-- A list of several books and memoirs written about the Trump White House.

The True Grit of Four American Presidents

New York Times, 14 September 2018

David Greenberg

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/14/books/review/doris-kearns-goodwin-leadership.html>

-- A review of Doris Kearns Goodwin's "Leadership, In Turbulent Times" which discusses leadership in the context of Lyndon Johnson, Franklin Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln.

While Trump Is In The White House, Visit The Home of John Adams

Forbes, 11 September 2018

Regina Cole

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/reginacole/2018/09/11/while-trump-is-in-the-white-house-visit-the-home-of-john-adams/#7eff4d5b76f7>

-- Information on the houses of John Adams and John Quincy Adams.

Bob Woodward Paints A Presidential Portrait Like No Other For Donald Trump

NPR, 9 September 2018

Ron Elving

<https://www.npr.org/2018/09/09/645896829/bob-woodward-has-written-about-presidencies-but-trump-book-is-his-1st-indictment>

-- An account of Woodward's new book "Fear: Trump in the White House".

The Divided Legacy of Lyndon B. Johnson

The Atlantic, 7 September 2018

Doris Kearns Goodwin

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2018/09/the-complicated-legacy-of-lyndon-johnson/569068/>

-- Discussion of LBJ in the context of Kearns new book, "Leadership in Turbulent Times"

The thin-skinned president who made it illegal to criticize his office

The Washington Post, 8 September 2018

Ronald G. Shafer

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/retropolis/wp/2018/09/08/the-thin-skinned-president-who-made-it-illegal-to-criticize-his-office/?utm_term=.ab90800257db

-- John Adams signed the Alien and Sedition Acts that made it illegal to publish any false statements about the president.

I Read Every Bob Woodward Book. Here's How They Stack Up.

Politico Magazine, 7 September 2018

Chris Sullentrop

<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2018/09/07/i-read-every-bob-woodward-book-heres-how-they-stack-up-219735>

-- Sullentrop read 20 Bob Woodward books in four weeks from "The Price of Politics" to "All the President's Men", and rated them.

New book on a favorite son holds timeless truths and tantalizing what ifs

StarTribune, 31 August 2018

Lori Sturdevant

<http://www.startribune.com/new-book-on-a-favorite-son-holds-timeless-truths-and-tantalizing-what-ifs/492219241/>

-- Former Vice President Hubert Humphrey biography, by Arnold Offner of Lafayette College, highlights importance of acting on one's principles.

The Absurd Biden-And-Obama Crime-Fighting Novel That Can't Escape The Present

The New Yorker, 30 August 2018

Ian Crouch

<https://www.newyorker.com/culture/culture-desk/the-absurd-biden-and-obama-crime-fighting-novel-that-cant-escape-the-present>

-- A review of Andrew Shaffer's new book, a fictional account of Biden and Obama as crime fighters.

6 takeaways from the new book about Mike Pence

CNN politics, 28 August 2018

Elizabeth Landers

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/08/27/politics/mike-pence-book-shadow-president/index.html>

-- A summary of the first major book to be released during Pence's Vice Presidency, "Shadow President: The Truth about Mike Pence" by Michael D'Antonio and Peter Eisner.

A Great Writer At The 1968 Democratic Disaster

The New Yorker, 26 August 2018

David Denby

<https://www.newyorker.com/culture/cultural-comment/a-great-writer-at-the-1968-democratic-disaster>

-- Discusses Norman Mailer's book, "Miami and the Siege of Chicago" in relation to Donald Trump.

LBJ's Wild Ex-President Hair (And the Story Behind It)

The Atlantic, 24 August 2018

Kevin Townsend

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/08/lbj-long-hair-photo/568447/>

-- Noting the change in LBJ's hairstyle after he retired to his Texas ranch.

Mike Pence, 'Christian supremacist': 6 key takeaways from a new book

USA Today, 23 August 2018

Maureen Groppe

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/08/23/mike-pence-book-calls-vice-president-christian-supremacist/1062696002/>

-- Discussion of "The Shadow President" a new book on Vice President Pence.

Robert H. Ferrell, 97, Truman Authority Inspired by Diaries, Dies

The New York Times, 22 August 2018

Richard Sandomir

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/22/obituaries/robert-h-ferrell-dead-truman-historian.html>

-- Ferrell wrote and edited several books on Truman, including "Off the Record: The Private Papers of Harry S. Truman" in 1980.

George Washington gold coin sells for \$1.7 million

Reuters, 16 August 2018

Dan Whitcomb/Paul Tait

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-auction-washingtoncoin/george-washington-gold-coin-sells-for-1-7-million-idUSKBN1L207W>

-- The 1792 Washington President gold eagle coin considered one of the most important coins in American history.

Doris Kearns Goodwin knows what presidential leadership look like

Fast Company, 14 August 2018

Adam Grant

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90205427/doris-kearns-goodwin-knows-what-presidential-leadership-looks-like>

-- Grant talks to the Pulitzer Prize winning biographer about her upcoming book, *Leadership: In Turbulent Times* based on Lincoln, Teddy and Franklin Roosevelt, and Lyndon Johnson.

The Return of James Monroe

The Wall Street Journal, 6 August 2018

Walter Russell Mead

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-return-of-james-monroe-1533595895>

-- Discussion of the origin of the doctrine and the significance to current Venezuelan affairs.

In a new book, Bob Woodward plans to reveal the ‘harrowing life’ inside Donald Trump’s White House

The Washington Post, 30 July 2018

Manuel Roig-Franzia

https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/in-a-new-book-bob-woodward-plans-to-reveal-the-harrowing-life-inside-donald-trumps-white-house/2018/07/30/fe9c6a5c-93fc-11e8-810c-5fa705927d54_story.html?utm_term=.323521a00d38

-- Roig-Franzia discusses Bob Woodward’s upcoming book “Fear: Trump in the White House”

‘It’s the president we all want’: The melancholy world of liberals watching ‘The West Wing’ in 2018

The Washington Post, 20 July 2018

Zachary Pincus-Roth

https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/tv/in-the-trump-era-some-find-escapism-in-the-west-wing-its-the-president-we-all-want/2018/07/19/05c40fd4-89bb-11e8-85ae-511bc1146b0b_story.html?utm_term=.4c31a3b6922b

-- People who attend live tapings of “The West Wing Weekly” podcast and their views on the 12-year old television series.

Historical society unearths letters from President Cleveland

Fox News/Associated Press, 17 July 2018

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/historical-society-unearths-letters-from-president-cleveland>

-- The Conway Historical Society of New Hampshire has discovered 13 boxes of business letters and handwritten messages from President Grover Cleveland.

6 books Barack Obama recommends reading this summer

CNBC, 14 July 2018

Emmie Martin

<https://www.cnbc.com/2018/07/13/barack-obamas-summer-reading-list.html>

-- The books mostly reflect Africa, as he will be traveling there for the 100th anniversary of Nelson Mandela’s birth.

Here’s How Every Meeting Between the Queen and a U.S. President Went

Time, 12 July 2018

Ciara Nugent

<http://time.com/5333083/queen-elizabeth-trump-visit-presidents/>

-- A summary of visits over the years, with photos.

Dallek's FDR Book Invites Comparisons To Trump's Presidency

NPR, 11 July 2018

Heard on Morning Edition, Host: Noel King.

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/books/ct-books-ron-chenow-literary-award-1021-story.html>

-- Interview with biographer Robert Dallek, who has written presidential biographies, including "Franklin D. Roosevelt, A Political Life"

Margaret Hoover and John Avlon on their Post-Partisan Marriage

The New York Times, 11 July 2018

Penelope Green

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/11/style/margaret-hoover-john-avlon-post-partisan-marriage.html>

-- Hoover is the great-granddaughter of former President Herbert Hoover, and is now the host of "Firing Line".

Summer Reading For the Trump Administration: Ron Chernow On The Midterm Elections of 1866

The New Yorker, 5 July 2018

Amy Davidson Sorkin

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/daily-comment/summer-reading-for-the-trump-administration-ron-chenow-on-the-midterm-elections-of-1866>

-- Recommends 'any member of the Trump Administration or the military' might want to read, Ron Chernow's "Grant".

The Fourth of July, remember the ladies

The Washington Post, 3 July 2018

Jeanne Abrams

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2018/07/03/this-july-4th-remember-the-ladies/?utm_term=.844376f2c6ee

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A George Washington Monument, Rediscovered in Fragile Plaster

The New York Times, 27 June 2018

Jason Farago

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Decent Mediocrity

National Review, 21 June 2018

Michael Knox Beran

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Five myths about presidential pardons

Chicago Tribune, 7 June 2018

Brian C. Kalt

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Was Jimmy Carter the Most Underrated President in History?

The New York Times, 5 June 2018

Peter Baker

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/05/books/review/president-carter-stuart-eizenstat.html>

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The Eisenhower Museum in Abilene, Kan., needs a renewal

The Kansas City Star, 5 June 2018

Bill Hall

<https://www.kansascity.com/opinion/readers-opinion/guest-commentary/article212605134.html>

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Gerald Ford: The accidental president who wore power lightly

Tribune-Review, 2 June 2018

George Will

<https://triblive.com/opinion/georgewill/13705426-74/gerald-ford-the-accidental-president-who-wore-power-lightly>

-- Summarizes the presidency of Gerald R. Ford.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, And The Presidential Transition That Changed America

WAMC, Northeast Public Radio, 18 May 2018

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The Donald Trump book club is exactly what you would think it would be

CNN politics, 7 May 2018

Chris Cillizza

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/05/07/politics/donald-trump-book-club/index.html>

-- Cillizza discusses current books on Trump and excerpts from interviews with him pertaining to his reading habits.

'There's a lot to like about Ike,' author of Eisenhower book says

The New Orleans Advocate, 7 May 2018

Ted Lewis

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Medical Mystery: Did the president suffer a death by cherries?

The Inquirer, Daily News, philly.com, 6 May 2018

Allan B. Schwartz

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-- The death of President Zachary Taylor has been attributed to a meal of milk and cherries.

Was Woodrow Wilson a racist? New biography of the president takes on the question

USA Today, 2 May 2018

Matt Damsker

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/books/2018/05/02/president-woodrow-wilson-racist-new-biography-tackles-question/555849002/>

-- Damsker notes that the new biography by Patricia O'Toole, "The Moralist: Woodrow Wilson and the World He Made" comes at a time when "the harsh revisionism of recent years has cast a dark light on Wilson's legacy".

Plans to demolish Calvin Coolidge's summer home introduced

Washington Examiner, 27 March 2018

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/plans-to-demolish-calvin-coolidges-summer-home-introduced>

-- The former Coolidge summer White House, known as White Court, while historically significant, may be demolished to allow the Catholic women's organization, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Northeast Community Inc. to build a condominium.

John Tyler's grandsons are alive and well, 156 years after his death

The Week, 8 March 2018

Catherine Garcia

<https://theweek.com/speedreads/822644/john-dingell-longestserving-member-congress-history-dies-92>

-- Harrison Tyler maintains his grandfather's Sherwood Forest Plantation in Virginia—and he believes it is haunted.

Uncovering Thomas Nast's First Drawings of Abraham Lincoln

The New Yorker, 5 March 2018

Adam Gopnik

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The higher education legacy of our presidents – and how to carry that forward

The Washington Post, 19 February 2018

Jonathan Green

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8 Best Presidential Biographies to Read in 2018

Signature, www.signature-reads.com, 19 February 2018

Jessica Mizzi

<https://www.signature-reads.com/2018/02/8-best-presidential-biographies-to-read-in-2018/>

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44 Presidential Biographies To Add To Your Reading List

BOOKRIOT, bookriot.com, 19 February 2018

Kate Scott

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-- Recommendation on a biography for each of the forty-four presidents before Trump including new and older books.

Did George Washington Predict Donald Trump?

The New York Times, 18 February 2018

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Which American President Was the First to be Photographed?

History, 16 February 2018

<https://www.history.com/news/john-quincy-adams-early-photo>

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Who needs another Lincoln biography? We do-and here's why.

Chicago Tribune, 15 February 2018

Patrick T. Reardon

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/books/ct-books-lincoln-books-0218-story.html>

-- Reardon explains how constantly new archived materials are made available on historical figures, such as Lincoln, allowing biographers to frame new perspectives on the subject.

Vice President Mike Pence: 'Empty suit' or Trump's biggest asset? 7 books let you decide

USA Today, 8 February 2018

Maureen Groppe

<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/politics/2018/02/08/what-7-books-trump-have-say-vice-president-mike-pence/312803002/>

-- A summary of 7 current books that evaluate the Vice President in a variety of ways.

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