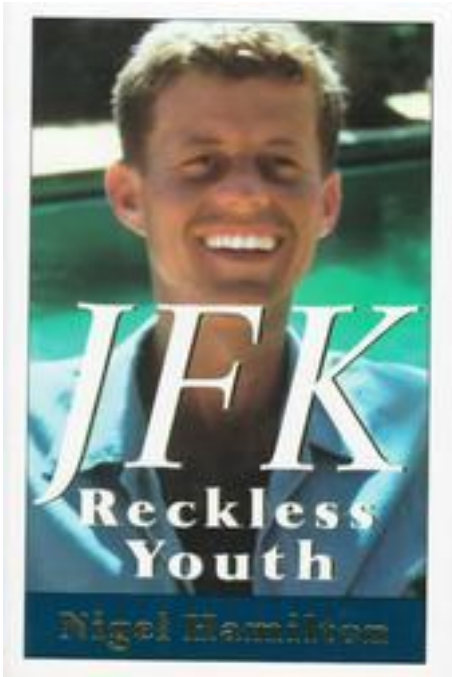

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Description

The 1st volume of a monumental new biography of John F. Kennedy--a blazingly readable but balanced portrait that details scores of astonishing new facts about the young JFK. Based on unprecedented access to previously unpublished papers and documents & over 2000 interviews, JFK is scholarly, candid & sympathetic. 16 pages of photos.

Prologue: The birth of Camelot

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Insightful reviews

Rosie: This book reads like gossip and that's what I love about it. Obviously, the Kennedys had their issues. Hamilton acknowledges all of these flaws and stills renders JFK as an extremely sympathetic character, something a lot of Kennedy biographers have a hard time doing. My favorite parts were JFK's actual childhood and teenage letters. Rather than delving into the conspiracies and down-low dealings of the clan, the book uses anecdotes and primary source stuff to really humanize the Kennedys.

G.T. Almasi: Great book about the Kennedys. Lots of info about the two generations prior to the famous bunch, but everyone has a colorful story.

Erik Graff: Indeed, this was "a vastly entertaining" biography of JFK, containing much material never seen in print before--much of it quite upsetting.

There is a vast body of literature about Kennedy, much of it hagiographical. The young man portrayed here is hardly anyone to admire. Granted, his father was a monster, his mother a psychological cripple. One might admire how he managed to function at all coming from such a

background. Still, the family was rich and connected. When his eldest brother perished, the mantle fell on Jack, the second in line, and with it the paternal promptings and familial moneys. Some sort of success--barring a descent into something like alcoholism--was almost inevitable. The thought that such a character could become senator, then president, is, however, rather frightening.

How different Kennedy was from the biographical information available at the time is staggering to read about. Reading this may serve as an antidote to credulity in contemporary cases.

Reading this and similar works about the rich and powerful also serves as a case study in the lifestyles of the elites who govern us. Consider, for instance, the life story of George Bush--either of them.

Mark Chadwick: Nigel Hamilton's ebook used to be well-written, notwithstanding it took it slow to get from the fewer fascinating highschool years to the extra interesting, collage and battle time years. The emphasis is within the early years is on Joe and Rose Kennedy whom the writer considers to be (with a few evidence) monsters. Joe Kennedy comes throughout as essentially the most interesting figures of the century. i could need to choose up the bio approximately Ol' Joe. from time to time it kind of feels like Hamilton disliked all individuals of the Kennedy kinfolk yet JFK. it seems that the writing and post-publication event of Mr. Hamilton used to be relatively a nightmare, as authors going again to William Manchester discovered out. seemed ahead to Hamilton's moment quantity approximately Kennedy, yet that may not be forthcoming. an outstanding read!Recommended.

Jon: Oh no, one other Kennedy book? Yes, and it is a strong one. Nigel Hamilton makes me sympathize with the younger Jack Kennedy for the 1st time, whereas debunking a couple of myths, reminiscent of the concept that Joe Kennedy Jr., instead of Jack, might have completed political good fortune if he hadn't been killed in WWII. (Hamilton convincingly makes the case that Joe Jr.'s perspectives have been too just about these of Joe Sr. to attract so much American voters.) Hamilton is usually sturdy on Jack's warfare experiences, with a fair-minded dialogue of the well-known PT-109 incident. he is additionally stable on Jack's affair with the Danish-born journalist Inga Arvad and the FBI's Keystone Kops-style interference with it, at the absurd pretext that Arvad could have been a deadly Axis spy. This was once meant to be the 1st of a two-part biography, which Hamilton by no means accomplished the second one quantity of, yet that is fine--if anything, too many books were written approximately JFK's later years, whereas his adolescence definitely hasn't ever been captured at the web page with the sensitivity, thoughtfulness, taste, and a focus to aspect Hamilton brings to this book.

Shea Flynn: Im very intrigued by way of his way of life having all his ups and downs. Dealing w deadly sickness, a nasty upbringing, WWII, stressful demise within the family, operating w playboy, promoting coverage and having a rocky marriage all that have been performed at the back of the scenes. He constantly had his profitable aspect together with his rebellious side. I famous the way in which he saved it jointly via all of the strain and the way lived a myserious life. Its an extended learn like a thousand pages however it used to be definetly no longer uninteresting and slow. every one bankruptcy had its personal tale of its own!

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