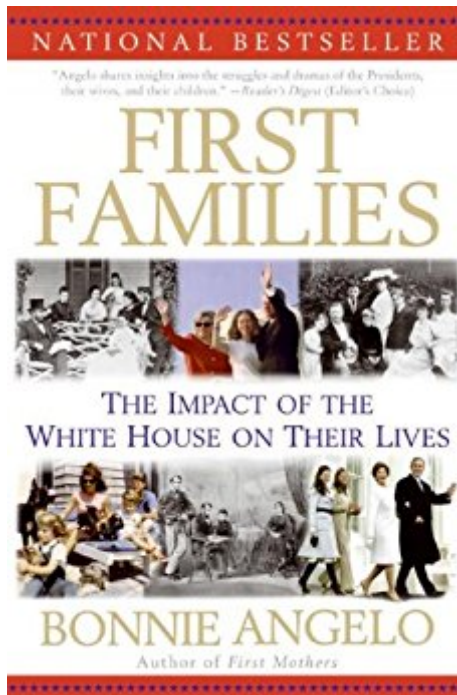




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# First Families: The Impact Of The White House On Their Lives



## Synopsis

What is it like to be America's First Family? In this wonderfully engaging book, Bonnie Angelo, Time correspondent and acclaimed author of *First Mothers*, probes two hundred years of American history to tell the story of real life within the White House walls—how presidents, their wives, children, and extended families worked to create a home in an imposing national monument while attempting to keep their private lives from the public domain. *First Families* chronicles exhilarating moments as well as dark days at the nation's most famous address, with fascinating, behind-the-headline accounts of picture-book weddings, gossipy love affairs, rollicking children, domestic squabbles, and tragic deaths. From activist wives Eleanor Roosevelt and Hillary Clinton to reluctant occupants Bess Truman and Jacqueline Kennedy, to those such as Mary Todd Lincoln, Dolley Madison, and madcap debutante Alice Roosevelt, who embraced their new address and status, here is an unforgettable human portrait of our First Families and how they coped, stumbled, or thrived in the national spotlight.

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Recommended for all Readers . An easy read of researched facts on the Presidential families who lived in White House. Their joy, hardships. Everyday life, and sorrows are revealed.

This book was written during the Bush administration, so there are no insights into life in the Obama White House. The reader gains insights into the various families that have lived there as well as historical perspective on the building and the people who work there.

Fascinating stories. Getting to see a different side of the Presidents' families as well as those who serve them is very enjoyable.

An excellent book, full of information I had no knowledge of. Delved into private moments of the inhabitants and quotes from them, as well as events that were kept under wraps by the press. So unlike today.

I enjoyed this book. I found it contents very interesting. I recommend it, especially for people like me who are fascinated by the White House and Presidential politics.

Enjoyed the book very much about the lives and history of the White House. I did recognize the bias of Democratic residences and Republicans, which was a little obvious and disappointing.

Learned some new things and some already known.

I loved this book. Learned some new things

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