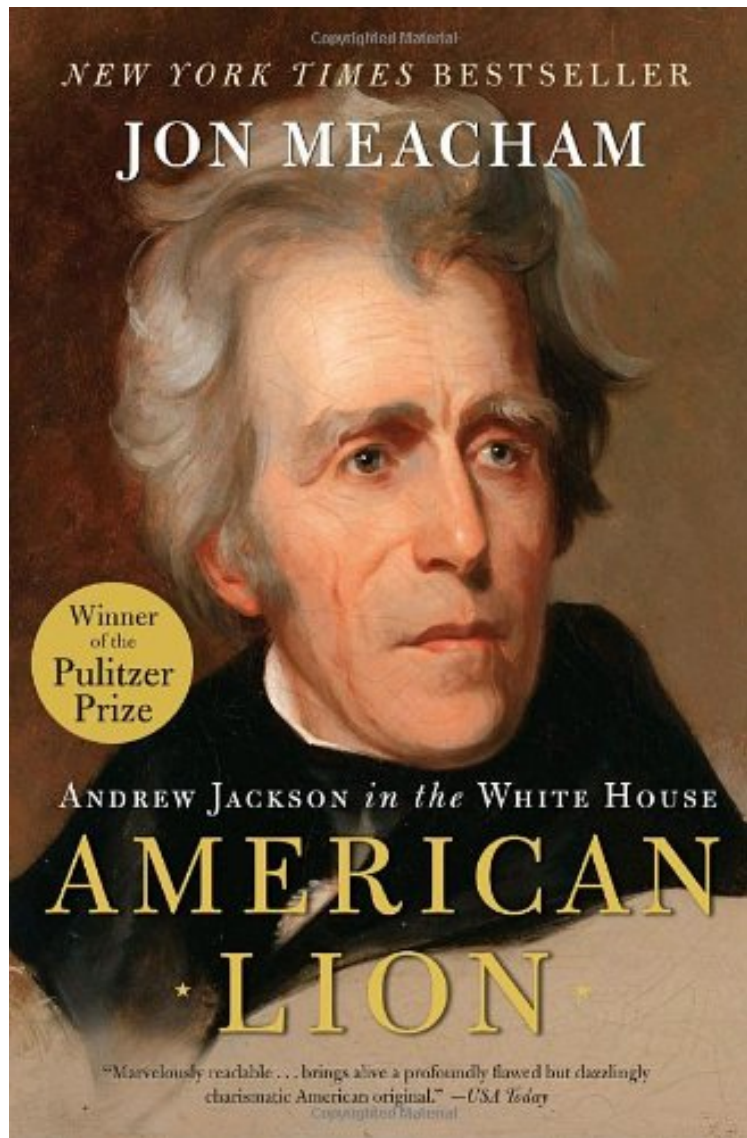


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41 of 41 people found the following review helpful. Not a good first book to read about Andrew JacksonBy mnraftMy formal training in American History ended in high school, so I approached Meacham's book without a great deal of prior knowledge of the subject.I would say that this is not a good first book to read about Jackson. His childhood is

covered in some detail, but the periods of his military career, his training as a lawyer, his term as a Tennessee congressman, are covered too briefly. Meacham states in his acknowledgment section that he has deliberately not attempted to cover Jackson entire life in detail. The eight years of Jackson's presidency are the focus of the book. The main issues that characterize Jackson's presidency: the threat of secession by South Carolina, the dissolution of the national bank, standoff with the French over the payment of reparations, expanded use of the presidential veto, etc., were covered in detail. However, as a newcomer to the subject, I sometimes could have used more context. For instance, there was not much discussion of how a national bank came to be and what the counter-arguments might have been for preserving it. On the other hand, there was (in my view) excessive detail given over infighting between some very minor characters in American history. In the acknowledgment section, Meacham explains that new information about these people had come to light since previous biographies on Jackson were published so Meacham deliberately focused on these matters. If you have read previous books on Jackson and on this period in American history, you may find some interesting new stuff in Meacham's book. But if you are a novice like myself, there must be a better book out there to start with.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Based on Personal Letters Mostly By Dave Carver A put together story about the Jackson years in the White House. The author's in-depth review of letters, many in personal collections and un-read before, allows him to present an entertaining story of the Jackson years from the perspectives of those folks closest to him. At times the story does get bogged down in the discussion of how people got their noses in a "snit" from violations of protocol or social niceties. Perhaps those were much bigger in the 1830s that they are today but it does seem a bit much. I guess depending on personal letters for much of the source material took the story down this particular rabbit hole. Well I did learn about the destruction of the Bank of America, his efforts to have his personal censure overturned and how he managed the attempt at nullification by South Carolina, these major events were mostly presented from the same context as noted above. This may be a function of so much already been written about this particular president that the author had to go down an entirely new area of research; personal letters.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great book about a great president. By Bibliophile Beautiful. Congratulations to Jon Meacham for this wonderful book about one of our greatest presidents. Read it. You'll cry. You'll learn new details about aspects of Jackson's presidency that you knew well, and you'll find answers to questions you have about this great man. No spoilers, but I'll offer one suggestion: don't stop reading when you get to the end matter. Keep going to learn what happened to the various characters, and what presidents who followed Jackson had to say about him and how they showed their regard for him. Lincoln. FDR. Truman. Etc.

The definitive biography of a larger-than-life president who defied norms, divided a nation, and changed Washington forever. Andrew Jackson, his intimate circle of friends, and his tumultuous times are at the heart of this remarkable book about the man who rose from nothing to create the modern presidency. Beloved and hated, venerated and reviled, Andrew Jackson was an orphan who fought his way to the pinnacle of power, bending the nation to his will in the cause of democracy. Jackson's election in 1828 ushered in a new and lasting era in which the people, not distant elites, were the guiding force in American politics. Democracy made its stand in the Jackson years, and he gave voice to the hopes and the fears of a restless, changing nation facing challenging times at home and threats abroad. To tell the saga of Jackson's presidency, acclaimed author Jon Meacham goes inside the Jackson White House. Drawing on newly discovered family letters and papers, he details the human drama: the family, the women, and the inner circle of advisers that shaped Jackson's private world through years of storm and victory. One of our most significant yet dimly recalled presidents, Jackson was a battle-hardened warrior, the founder of the Democratic Party, and the architect of the presidency as we know it. His story is one of violence, sex, courage, and tragedy. With his powerful persona, his evident bravery, and his mystical connection to the people, Jackson moved the White House from the periphery of government to the center of national action, articulating a vision of change that challenged entrenched interests to heed the popular will or face his formidable wrath. The greatest of the presidents who have followed Jackson in the White House from Lincoln to Theodore Roosevelt to FDR to Truman have found inspiration in his example, and virtue in his vision. Jackson was the most contradictory of men. The architect of the removal of Indians from their native lands, he was warmly sentimental and risked everything to give more power to ordinary citizens. He was, in short, a lot like his country: alternately kind and vicious, brilliant and blind; and a man who fought a lifelong war to keep the republic safe no matter what it took.