

Harry Trumans Excellent Adventure The True Story Of A Great American Road Trip

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Enlightened Aid Simon and Schuster The National Book Award – winning biography that tells the story of how young Teddy Roosevelt transformed himself from a sickly boy into the vigorous man who would become a war hero and ultimately president of the United States, told by master historian David McCullough. *Mornings on Horseback* is the brilliant biography of the young Theodore Roosevelt. Hailed as “ a masterpiece ” (John A. Gable, *Newsday*), it is the winner of the Los Angeles Times 1981 Book Prize for Biography and the National Book Award for Biography. Written by David McCullough, the author of *Truman*, this is the story of a remarkable little boy, seriously handicapped by recurrent and almost fatal asthma attacks, and his struggle to manhood: an amazing metamorphosis seen in the context of the very uncommon household in which he was raised. The father is the first Theodore Roosevelt, a figure of unbounded energy, enormously attractive and selfless, a god in the eyes of his small, frail namesake. The mother, Mittie Bulloch Roosevelt, is a Southerner and a celebrated beauty, but also considerably more, which the book makes clear as never before. There are sisters Anna and Corinne, brother Elliott (who becomes the father of Eleanor Roosevelt), and the lovely, tragic Alice Lee, TR ’ s first love. All are brought to life to make “ a beautifully told story, filled with fresh detail ” (The New York Times Book Review). A book to be read on many levels, it is at once an enthralling story, a brilliant social history and a work of important scholarship which does away with several old myths and breaks entirely new ground. It is a book about life intensely lived, about family love and loyalty, about grief and courage,

about “ blessed ” mornings on horseback beneath the wide blue skies of the Badlands. The Accidental President New Word City The Pulitzer Prize – winning biography of Harry S. Truman, whose presidency included momentous events from the atomic bombing of Japan to the outbreak of the Cold War and the Korean War, told by America ’ s beloved and distinguished historian. The life of Harry S. Truman is one of the greatest of American stories, filled with vivid characters—Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, Eleanor Roosevelt, Bess Wallace Truman, George Marshall, Joe McCarthy, and Dean Acheson—and dramatic events. In this riveting biography, acclaimed historian David McCullough not only captures the man—a more complex, informed, and determined man than ever before imagined—but also the turbulent times in which he rose, boldly, to meet unprecedented challenges. The last president to serve as a living link between the nineteenth and the twentieth centuries, Truman ’ s story spans the raw world of the Missouri frontier, World War I, the powerful Pendergast machine of Kansas City, the legendary Whistle-Stop Campaign of 1948, and the decisions to drop the atomic bomb, confront Stalin at Potsdam, send troops to Korea, and fire General MacArthur. Drawing on newly discovered archival material and extensive interviews with Truman ’ s own family, friends, and Washington colleagues, McCullough tells the deeply moving story of the seemingly ordinary “ man from Missouri ” who was perhaps the most courageous president in our history. *The Soldier from Independence* Chicago Review Press A “fascinating slice of rarely considered American history” (Booklist)—the story of Henry Ford and Thomas Edison—whose annual summer sojourns introduced the road trip to our culture and made the automobile an essential part of modern life. In 1914 Henry Ford and naturalist John Burroughs visited Thomas Edison in Florida and toured the Everglades. The following year Ford, Edison, and tire maker Harvey Firestone joined

together on a summer camping trip and decided to call themselves the Vagabonds. They would continue their summer road trips until 1925, when they announced that their fame made it too difficult for them to carry on. Although the Vagabonds traveled with an entourage of chefs, butlers, and others, this elite fraternity also had a serious purpose: to examine the conditions of America’s roadways and improve the practicality of automobile travel. Cars were unreliable and the roads were even worse. But newspaper coverage of these trips was extensive, and as cars and roads improved, the summer trip by automobile soon became a desired element of American life. The Vagabonds is “a portrait of America’s burgeoning love affair with the automobile” (NPR) but it also sheds light on the important relationship between the older Edison and the younger Ford, who once worked for the famous inventor. The road trips made the automobile ubiquitous and magnified Ford’s reputation, even as Edison’s diminished. The automobile would transform the American landscape, the American economy, and the American way of life and Guinn brings this seminal moment in history to vivid life. *Great Presidential Wit* Harper Collins A fascinating account of the greatest road trip in American history. On July 7, 1919, an extraordinary cavalcade of sixty-nine military motor vehicles set off from the White House on an epic journey. Their goal was California, and ahead of them lay 3,250 miles of dirt, mud, rock, and sand. Sixty-two days later they arrived in San Francisco, having averaged just five miles an hour. Known as the First Transcontinental Motor Train, this trip was

an adventure, a circus, a public relations coup, and a war game all rolled into one. As road conditions worsened, it also became a daily battle of sweat and labor, of guts and determination. American Road is the story of this incredible journey. Pete Davies takes us from east to west, bringing to life the men on the trip, their trials with uncooperative equipment and weather, and the punishing landscape they encountered. Ironically one of the participants was a young soldier named Dwight Eisenhower, who, four decades later, as President, launched the building of the interstate highway system. Davies also provides a colorful history of transcontinental car travel in this country, including the first cross-country trips and the building of the Lincoln Highway. This richly detailed book offers a slice of Americana, a piece of history unknown to many, and a celebration of our love affair with the road.

Harry S. Truman ForeEdge from University Press of New England
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER!
History called on Harry Truman to unite the Western world against Soviet communism, but first he had to rally Republicans and Democrats behind America's most dramatic foreign policy shift since George Washington delivered his farewell address. How did one of the least prepared presidents to walk into the Oval Office become one of its most successful? The year was 1947. The Soviet Union had moved from being America's uneasy ally in the Second World War to its most feared enemy. With Joseph Stalin's ambitions pushing westward, Turkey was pressured from the east while communist revolutionaries overran Greece. The British Empire was battered from its war with Hitler and suddenly teetering on the brink of financial ruin. Only America could afford to defend freedom in the West, and the effort was spearheaded by a president who hadn't even been elected to that office. But Truman would wage a domestic political battle that carried with it the highest of stakes, inspiring friends and foes alike to join in his crusade to defend democracy across the globe. In *Saving Freedom*, Joe Scarborough recounts the historic forces that moved Truman toward his country's long twilight struggle against Soviet communism, and how this untested president acted decisively to build a lasting coalition that would influence America's foreign policy for generations to come. On March 12, 1947, Truman delivered an address before a joint session of Congress announcing a policy of containment that would soon become known as the Truman Doctrine. That doctrine pledged that the United States would "support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed

minorities or by outside pressures." The untested president's policy was a radical shift from 150 years of isolationism, but it would prove to be the pivotal moment that guaranteed Western Europe's freedom, the American Century's rise, and the eventual collapse of the Soviet Union. Truman's triumph over the personal and political struggles that confronted him following his ascension to the presidency is an inspiring tale of American leadership, fierce determination, bipartisan unity, and courage in the face of the rising Soviet threat. *Saving Freedom* explores one of the most pivotal moments of the twentieth century, a turning point when patriotic Americans of both political parties worked together to defeat tyranny.

Summary of Matthew Algeo's Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure

Thomas Nelson

This unrivaled story of political ambition and technical skill chronicles the biggest home-improvement job the nation had ever seen in 1948 when President Harry Truman, after almost falling through the ceiling in a bathtub, decided to rebuild America's most famous historic home. 40,000 first printing.

Where the Buck Stops Wisconsin Historical Society

In early 1861, as he prepared to leave his home in Springfield, Illinois, to move into the White House, Abraham Lincoln faced many momentous tasks, but none he dreaded more than telling his two youngest sons, Willie and Tad, that the family's beloved pet dog, Fido, would not be accompanying them to Washington. Lincoln, who had adopted Fido about five years earlier, was afraid the skittish dog wouldn't survive the long rail journey, so he decided to leave the mutt behind with friends in Springfield. Fido had been by Lincoln's side as the prairie lawyer rose from obscurity to the presidency, sometimes carrying bundles of letters from the post office as Lincoln walked the streets of the state capital. *Abe & Fido: Lincoln's Love of Animals and the Touching Story of His Favorite Canine Companion* tells the story of two friends, an unlikely tandem who each became famous and died prematurely. The book also explores the everyday life of Springfield in the years leading up to the Civil War, as well as Lincoln's sometimes radical views on animal welfare, and how they shaped his life and his presidency. It's the story of a master and his dog, living through historic, tumultuous times. Matthew Algeo is the author of *Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure*, *The President Is a Sick Man*, *Pedestrianism*, and *Last Team Standing*. An award-winning journalist, Algeo has reported from four continents, and his stories have appeared on public radio's *All Things Considered*, *Marketplace*, and *Morning*

Edition.

Saving Freedom U of Nebraska Press
Chronicles the day in 1950 when fanatical suicide assassins attempted to kill Harry S. Truman, in an account told from the perspectives of Secret Service agents and White House policemen who risked their lives and the security of their families in a deadly gunfight. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

The Vagabonds Macmillan

In 1970, Margaret Truman and bestselling author Thomas Fleming spent eight days with her father, President Harry Truman, as part of their research for a biography of the thirty-third president of the United States. Truman had personally chosen Fleming as Margaret's collaborator. He had read and admired Fleming's biography of Thomas Jefferson. In this essay, Fleming recounts that amazing time, during which the elder statesman sets the record straight on Douglas MacArthur, Charles de Gaulle, Lyndon Johnson, John Kennedy, Joseph Stalin, the atomic bomb, and, most important, the American presidency.

The Traveler's Gift Henry Holt and Company

Enlightened Aid is a unique history of foreign aid. The book begins with the modern concept of progress in the Scottish Enlightenment, follows the development of this concept in nineteenth- and early twentieth-century economics and anthropology, describes its transformation from a concept into a tool of foreign policy, and ends with the current debate about foreign aid's utility. In his 1949 inaugural address, Harry Truman vowed to make the development of the underdeveloped world a central part of the U.S. government's national security agenda. This commitment became policy the following year with the creation of Point Four--America's first aid program to the developing world. Point Four technicians shared technology, know-how, and capital with people in nations around the world. They taught classes on public health and irrigation, distributed chickens and vaccines, and helped build schools and water treatment facilities. They did all of this in the name of development, believing that economic progress would lead to social and political progress, which, in turn, would ensure that Point Four recipient nations would become prosperous democratic participants in the global community of nations. Point Four was a weapon in the fight against poverty, but it was also a weapon in the fight against the Soviet Union. Eisenhower reluctantly embraced it and Kennedy made it a central part of his international policy agenda, turning Truman's program into the United States

Agency for International Development. Point Four had proven itself to be a useful tool of diplomacy, and subsequent administrations claimed it for themselves. None seemed overly worried that it had not also proven itself to be a particularly useful tool of development. Using Ethiopia as a case study, Enlightened Aid examines the struggle between foreign aid-for-diplomacy and foreign aid-for-development. Point Four's creators believed that aid could be both at the same time. The history of U.S. aid to Ethiopia suggests otherwise.

A Secret Life Random House

In the bestselling tradition of Margaret Truman's biography Harry S. Truman, here are the 33rd U.S. President's fascinating theories and opinions on leadership and leaders, plus his picks for the best and worst presidents--all in his bluntly honest "give-em-hell" style.

Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure

University of Missouri Press

Alex Ayres's latest volume in the acclaimed Wit and Wisdom series features memorable quotations, quips, and comments by one of our most outspoken presidents. Quotations are arranged alphabetically by subject, with a brief year-by-year history of Truman's life, along with the best things said about him during his presidency.

Harry S. Truman Chicago Review Press

Provides a history of Harry and Bess Truman's 2,5000-mile automobile journey from Missouri to New York, a trip begun on June 19, 1953 with no Secret Service protection and no travelling press.

Pedestrianism Elsevier India

Recounts the summer of 1893 when President Grover Cleveland disappeared for five days, covering up a surgery to remove cancer from his palate and jaw.

Cordelia Harvey McFarland

On June 19, 1953, Harry Truman did something no other former president has done before, or since: he hit the road. No Secret Service protection. Just Harry and Bess, off to visit old friends, take in a Broadway play, celebrate their wedding anniversary in the Big Apple. Hopefully incognito.

Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure Chicago Review Press

Cordelia Harvey: Civil War Angel tells the story of an iconic figure from Wisconsin's Civil War history. As the wife of a promising young governor, Cordelia Harvey seemed destined for great things. Then tragedy struck: her husband, Louis Harvey, drowned, and Cordelia found herself widowed and alone. Like Louis had, Cordelia cared deeply about the Wisconsin soldiers

fighting in the Civil War, and she jumped at a job offer from the new governor: working as the sanitary agent for Wisconsin. In this position, Cordelia could fight for the well-being of the state's men and boys wounded in battle. Young readers will follow Cordelia on her travels up and down the Mississippi to visit Wisconsin soldiers in military hospitals. In her efforts to make sure soldiers were well cared for, Cordelia wrote to the governor about their need for wholesome food, clean supplies, and fresh air. Eventually, she would travel to Washington to plead with President Lincoln for a Soldier's Home hospital in Wisconsin. When Cordelia returned home after the war, she continued her humanitarian work by starting an orphanage for the children of fallen Civil War soldiers. Cordelia Harvey: Civil War Angel includes sidebars on medical care, early nursing, and military prisons. A timeline, glossary of terms, and suggestions for activities and discussion round out this spirited narrative.

Manual of Surgical Pathology

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Adventure Chicago Review Press

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*Coming Soon the Continuation of David

Ponder's Story in The Traveler's

Summit* What makes the difference

between failure and success? A New

York Times, Wall Street Journal, USA

Today, and Publisher's Weekly

bestseller, The Traveler's Gift offered a

modern-day parable of one man's

choices. Only a few months ago, David

Ponder was a successful executive. Now

he's a desperate man. In times of great

uncertainty, we need divine wisdom.

Many of the greatest minds in history

overcame personal struggles and

adversity, and they emerged the stronger

for it. What guidance would iconic heroes,

such as Abraham Lincoln, King Solomon,

and Anne Frank, give us today in our

ever-changing climate of world events?

Join David Ponder in The Traveler's

Summit on his incredible journey to

discover the Seven Decisions for Success

that can turn any life around, no matter

how hopeless a situation may seem. The

Traveler's Gift became required reading

for some of America's high schools and a

"life skills" tool for members of several

college sports teams as well as some

MLB and NFL franchises. Discover with

David Ponder that attitude makes the

difference between success and failure.

The Graveyard Book Oxford

University Press

The senator and former presidential candidate collects bipartisan presidential humor from famous, and not-so-famous, chief executives, from Washington to

Clinton. 125,000 first printing.

Accidental Presidents Simon &

Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books

President Harry Truman was a

disappointment to the Democrats,

and a godsend to the Republicans.

Every attempt to paint Truman with

the grace, charm, and grandeur of

Franklin Delano Roosevelt had been

a dismal failure: Truman's virtues

were simpler, plainer, more direct.

The challenges he faced--stirrings

of civil rights and southern

resentment at home, and

communist aggression and

brinkmanship abroad--could not

have been more critical. By the

summer of 1948 the prospects of a

second term for Truman looked

bleak. Newspapers and popular

opinion nationwide had all but

anointed as president Thomas

Dewey, the Republican New York

Governor. Truman could not even

be certain of his own party's

nomination: the Democrats, still in

mourning for FDR, were deeply

riven, with Henry Wallace and

Strom Thurmond leading

breakaway Progressive and

Dixiecrat factions. Finally, with

ingenuity born of desperation,

Truman's aides hit upon a plan: get

the president in front of as many

regular voters as possible,

preferably in intimate settings, all

across the country. To the surprise

of everyone but Harry Truman, it

worked. Whistle Stop is the first

book of its kind: a micro-history of

the summer and fall of 1948 when

Truman took to the rails,

crisscrossing the country from

June right up to Election Day in

November. The tour and the

campaign culminated with the iconic

image of a grinning, victorious

Truman holding aloft the famous

Chicago Tribune headline: "Dewey

Defeats Truman."