

## **Presidential Biography List - featuring past presidents of the U.S.**

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P.S. Some of the books (e.g. *The Quartet*, *War of the Roosevelts*, *Impeachment*) focus on more than one president but are only listed once.

1. *His Excellency: George Washington* (Ellis)  
*First Entrepreneur, How George Washington Built His and the Nation's Prosperity* (Lengel)  
*The First Conspiracy—The Secret Plan to Kill George Washington* (Meltzer)
2. *John Adams* (McCullough)
3. *Thomas Jefferson: the Art of Power* (Meacham)  
*Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates: The Forgotten War That Changed American History* (Kilmead)  
*America's Jefferson* (Fenster)  
*Thomas Jefferson's Education* (Taylor)
4. *James Madison: A Biography* (Ketcham)  
*The Quartet* (Ellis)  
*The Price of Greatness—Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and the Creation of American Oligarchy* (Cost)
5. *The Last Founding Father: James Monroe and a Nation's Call to Greatness* (Unger)
6. *John Quincy Adams* (Unger)
7. *Andrew Jackson—American Lion* (Meacham)  
*Andrew Jackson—Miracle of New Orleans* (Kilmead)  
*Avenging the People: Andrew Jackson, The Rule of Law and the American Nation* (Opal)
8. *Martin Van Buren* (Widmer)
9. *William Henry Harrison* (Collins)
10. *John Tyler* (May)  
*The Accidental Presidents* (Cohen)
11. *A Country of Vast Designs—James Polk* (Merry)
12. *Zachary Taylor* (John S.D. Eisenhower)
13. *Millard Fillmore* (Finkelman)
14. *The Expatriation of Franklin Pierce* (Boulard)
15. *James Buchanan* (Baker)  
*Worst. President. Ever.* (Strauss)

16. *Team of Rivals* (Goodwin)  
*The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln* (Carter)  
*Killing Lincoln* (O'Reilly)  
*Lincoln and the Abolitionists* (Kaplan)  
*Six Encounters with Lincoln* (Pryor)  
*Becoming Abraham Lincoln—The Coming of Age of Our Greatest President* (Kigel)  
*Lincoln's Last Trial—the Murder Case that Propelled Him to the Presidency* (Abrams)
17. *History of the Impeachment of Andrew Johnson* (Ross)  
*The Impeachers* (Wineapple)  
*Impeachment* (Meachem, et al)
18. *Ulysses S. Grant in War and Peace* (Brands)  
*American Ulysses* (White)  
*The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant* (Kahan)
19. *Fraud of the Century: Rutherford B. Hayes, Samuel Tilden, and the Stolen Election of 1876* (Morris)  
*Grant* (Chernow)
20. *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President - Garfield* (Millard)
21. *Chester Alan Arthur* (Karabell)  
*The Unexpected President—The Life and Times of Chester A. Arthur* (Greenberger)
22. *Grover Cleveland* (Graff)
23. *A Compilation of Messages and Papers of the President - Benjamin Harrison*
24. *Grover Cleveland* (Graff)
25. *The President and the Assassin: McKinley, Terror, and Empire at the Dawn of the American Century* (Miller)  
*President McKinley, Architect of the American Century* (Merry)
26. *Theodore Rex* (Morris)  
*Theodore Roosevelt* (Autobiography)  
*The Bully Pulpit* (Goodwin)  
*The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* (Millard)  
*Forging a President—How the Wild West Created Teddy Roosevelt* (Hazelgrove)  
*The War of the Roosevelts* (Mann)  
*Theodore Roosevelt for the Defense* (Abrams)
27. *The Tea Party President - William Howard Taft* (Charles Stanfield Davis)
28. *Woodrow Wilson* (Brands)  
*The Moralists—Woodrow Wilson and the World He Made* (O'Toole)  
*Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait—Woodrow Wilson and the Fight for the Right to Vote* (Cassidy)
29. *Warren Harding* (Dean)  
*The President's Daughter* (Britton)
30. *Calvin Coolidge, Man from Vermont* (Fuess)

31. *Herbert Hoover* (Leuchtenburg)  
*Herbert Hoover in the White House* (Rappleyea)
32. *Traitor to His Class—FDR* (Brands)  
*War of the Roosevelts* (Mann)  
*His Final Battle* (Lelyveld)  
*Commander in Chief* (Hamilton)  
*The Last 100 Days—FDR at War and Peace* (Woolner)  
*No Ordinary Time* (Goodwin)  
*The Washington War* (Lacey)
33. *Citizen Soldier—Harry Truman* (Donald)  
*The General and the President* (Brands)
34. *Eisenhower: Soldier and President* (Ambrose)  
*Eisenhower, In War and Peace* (Smith)  
*Ike and McCarthy* (Nichols)  
*The Age of Eisenhower, America and the World in the 1950s* (Hitchcock)  
*Ike's Bluff—President Eisenhower's Secret Plan to Save the World* (Thomas)
35. *Kennedy* (Sorensen)
36. *Johnson: The Path to Power—LBJ* (Caro)  
*The Passage of Power* (Caro)  
*Building the Great Society—Inside Lyndon Johnson's White House* (Zeitiz)
37. *The Conviction of Richard Nixon* (Reston)  
*Nixon, the Triumph of a Politician* (Ambrose)
38. *Write It When I'm Gone—Ford* (DeFrank)
39. *Jimmy Carter* (Zelizer)  
*President Carter—the White House Years* (Eizenstat)
40. *Dutch—Reagan* (Morris)  
*Ronald Reagan* (Sutherland)  
*Reagan, An American Journey* (Spitz)
41. *George Herbert Walker Bush* (Wicker)  
*Destiny and Power* (Meachem)
42. *First in His Class* (Bill Clinton)  
*My Life* (Autobiography)
43. *Decision Points—George W. Bush* (Autobiography)
44. *The Bridge—Barack Obama* (Remnick)