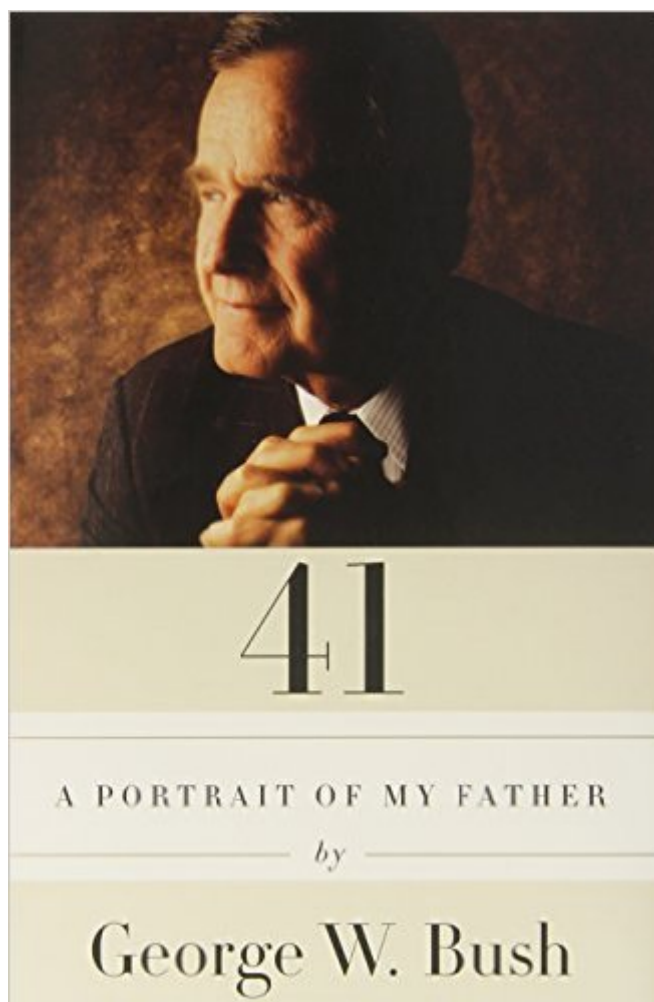


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George W. Bush, the 43rd President of the United States, has authored a personal biography of his father, George H. W. Bush, the 41st President. "Forty-three men have served as President of the United States." Countless books have been written about them. "But never before has a President told the story of his father, another President, through his own eyes and in his own words." A unique and intimate biography, the book covers the entire scope of the elder President Bush's life and career, including his service in the Pacific during World War II, his pioneering work in the Texas oil business, and his political rise as a Congressman, U.S. Representative to China and the United Nations, CIA Director, Vice President, and President. "The book shines new light on both the accomplished statesman and the warm, decent man known best by his family." In addition, George W. Bush discusses his father's influence on him throughout his own life, from his childhood in West Texas to his early campaign trips with his father, and from his decision to go into politics to his own two-term Presidency.

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Warrior, husband, father, businessman, statesman, public servant, President, humanitarian. This is George Bush, who was raised in a Christian household and taught, actually conditioned, to refrain from bragging. George Bush lives a very full and public life. At times he seems aloof, yet he bears a gentle dignity, born of the humility and discipline he was taught as a boy. Bush suffered losses. He lost several elections. He lost fellow warriors when he served in World War II. He and Mrs. Bush lost

a young daughter, Robin. Shortly before she died, she told her father, "I love you more than tongue can tell." The malapropism survived. Apparently, malapropism is congenital in the Bush family. George Bush is always self-effacing. Given his upbringing, it is difficult to determine if this is how he was nurtured or his true nature. He is not given to lashing out at others in anger. Better to remain silent in the face of disaster or defeat, or be self-deprecating in an embarrassing situation. Bill Clinton defeated George Bush when he ran for a second Presidential term, yet they became friends. They traveled together and made television appearances and public service announcements to facilitate humanitarian efforts following natural disasters. And when Bush had that unfortunate reversal right in the lap of the Prime Minister of Japan, with cameras rolling, he made a joke at his own expense, then recombombulated himself. The world stopped and giggled at him, but he has true grit, and so does his wife. George W. Bush is a decent artist and writes with casual elegance, a box of Kleenex near his right hand, and tongue firmly planted in his cheek. This is not an unbiased work. It is a biography written both from facts and from his heart.

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