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with more than 200 photographs videos letters and speeches this deluxe ebook edition of decision points brings to life the critical decisions of george w bush s presidency george w bush served as president of the united states during eight of the most consequential years in american history the decisions that reached his desk impacted people around the world and defined the

times in which we live decision points takes readers inside the texas governor s mansion on the night of the 2000 election aboard air force one during the harrowing hours after the attacks of september 11 2001 into the situation room moments before the start of the war in iraq and behind the scenes at the white house for many other historic presidential decisions on the financial crisis hurricane katrina afghanistan and iran in addition it offers intimate new details on his quitting drinking his discovery of faith and his relationship with his family the deluxe ebook edition also includes videos from the defining moments of the presidency including bush s inspiring ground zero speech to the 9 11 rescue workers intimate family home movies and a special introduction to the edition from the president himself full texts of his most important speeches including his addresses to the nation about 9 11 afghanistan and iraq and his second inaugural handwritten letters from the president s personal correspondence and more than 50 new photos not contained in the print version of decision points a groundbreaking first in bringing multimedia to presidential memoir the deluxe ebook edition of decision points will captivate supporters surprise critics and change perspectives on eight remarkable years in american history and on the man at the center of events

supporters and critics of george w bush agree that the foreign policy of his administration has made a significant break with precedent and that its effects will be felt for decades to come this carefully edited collection assembles the president s most important policy statements on issues including the war on terrorism iraq global warming and relations with countries in europe asia latin america africa and the middle east each topical chapter opens with an original essay providing background history and information tracing bush s policy choices and highlighting key policy debates the book presents a balanced portrait of the 43rd president s actions and motivations so that readers can reach their own judgments on his administration s policies and their implications for future u s policy

this book examines the legacy of the bush presidency in term of presidential leadership politics and public policy it focuses on bush s expansion of presidential power in pursuit of the war on terror the ideological and pragmatic foundations of presidential

politics and the complexity of bush s domestic and foreign policy legacies

this is the book that cracks the code of the bush presidency unstintingly yet compassionately and with no political ax to grind slate editor in chief jacob weisberg methodically and objectively examines the family and circle of advisers who played crucial parts in george w bush s historic downfall in this revealing and defining portrait weisberg uncovers the black box from the crash of the bush presidency using in depth research revealing analysis and keen psychological acuity weisberg explores the whole bush story distilling all that has been previously written about bush into a defining portrait he illuminates the fateful choices and key decisions that led george w and thereby the country into its current predicament weisberg gives the tragedy a historical and literary frame comparing bush not just to previous american leaders but also to shakespeare s prince hal who rises from ne er do well youth to become the warrior king henry v here is the bitter and fascinating truth of the early years of the bush dynasty with never before revealed information about the conflict between the two patriarchs on george w s father s side of the family the one an upright pillar of the community the other a rowdy playboy and how that schism would later shape and twist the younger george bush his father a hero of war business and republican politics whose accomplishments george w would attempt to copy and whose absences he would resent his mother barbara who suffered from insecurity depression and deep dissatisfaction with her role as housewife and his younger brother jeb seen by his parents as steadier stronger and the son most likely to succeed weisberg also anatomizes the replacement family bush surrounded himself with in washington a group he thought could help him correct the mistakes he felt had destroyed his father s presidency karl rove who led bush astray by pursuing his own historical ambitions and transforming the president into a deeply polarizing figure dick cheney whose obsessive quest to restore presidential power and protect the country after 9 11 caused bush and america to lose the world s respect and finally donald rumsfeld and condoleezza rice who encouraged bush s foreign policy illusions and abetted his flight from reality delving as no other biography has into bush s religious beliefs which are presented as at once

opportunistic and sincere the bush tragedy is an essential work that is sure to become a standard reference for any future assessment it is the most balanced and compelling account of a sitting president ever written

in state of the union addresses george w bush offers a window into the political landscape of america during his presidency these addresses delivered annually before congress encapsulate not only the principal policies and challenges of his administration but also reflect a distinct oratorical style characterized by its accessibility and emotional resonance the literary context of these speeches lies in their historical significance as they capture pivotal moments such as the aftermath of 9 11 the pursuit of the war on terror and domestic initiatives like education reform and economic policies bush s ability to blend personal anecdotes with national themes invites deeper engagement from readers interested in the rhetoric of leadership during times of crisis george w bush the 43rd president of the united states draws on a wealth of personal experience in public service informed by his upbringing in a politically active family this background not only shaped his understanding of governance but also influenced his straightforward and often heartfelt communication style his presidency marked by significant global events and bipartisan challenges serves as a compelling backdrop for his addresses revealing the urgency and intent behind his words this collection is essential for anyone seeking to understand the nuances of presidential communication and the historical context of early 21st century america for scholars political enthusiasts and general readers alike bush s state of the union addresses provide a compelling narrative on leadership accountability and the complexities of american policy in transformative times in this enriched edition we have carefully created added value for your reading experience a comprehensive introduction outlines these selected works unifying features themes or stylistic evolutions the author biography highlights personal milestones and literary influences that shape the entire body of writing a historical context section situates the works in their broader era social currents cultural trends and key events that underpin their creation a concise synopsis selection offers an accessible overview of the included texts helping readers navigate plotlines

and main ideas without revealing critical twists a unified analysis examines recurring motifs and stylistic hallmarks across the collection tying the stories together while spotlighting the different work s strengths reflection questions inspire deeper contemplation of the author s overarching message inviting readers to draw connections among different texts and relate them to modern contexts lastly our hand picked memorable quotes distill pivotal lines and turning points serving as touchstones for the collection s central themes

go inside the oval office during the september 11thterrorist attacks to see the challenges faced by president george w bush how he responded to difficult issues and how he shaped the country during this pressing time in office

the presidency of george w bush is notable for the grand scale of its ambitions the controversy that these ambitions generated and the risks he regularly courted in the spheres of politics economics and foreign policy bush s ultimate goal was indeed ambitious the completion of the conservative regime change first heralded by the election of ronald reagan in 1980 but ironically this effort sewed the very discord that ultimately took root and emerged to frustrate bush s plans and may even have begun to unravel aspects of the reagan revolution he sought to institutionalize politically the bush white house sought the entrenchment of consistent republican electoral majorities institutionally the bush administration sought to preserve control of congress by maintaining reliable partisan republican majorities and to influence the federal courts with a steady stream of conservative judicial appointees the administration also sought increased autonomy over the executive branch by the aggressive use of executive orders and bureaucratic reorganizations in response to 9 11 many of these efforts were at least partially successful but ultimately the fate of the bush presidency was tied to its greatest single gamble the iraq war the flawed prosecution of that conflict combined with other white house management failures and finally a slumping economy left bush and the republican party deeply unpopular and the victim of strong electoral reversals in 2006 and the election victory of barack obama in 2008 the american public had turned against the bush agenda in great part because of the negative outcomes

resulting from the administration's pursuit of that agenda this book assembles prominent presidential scholars to measure the trajectory of bush's aspirations his accomplishments and his failures by examining presidential leadership popular politics and policymaking in this context the contributors begin the work of understanding the unique historical legacy of the bush presidency

few presidents in modern times have seen their words and actions subject to such intense critical scrutiny as george w bush his critics label him the pariah president personally inarticulate and at times politically incoherent his supporters portray him as gifted and skilled one of the most decisive successful and popular leaders of our time but if the person is now the policy at the white house and that person happens to be both activist and moralist what kind of presidency and foreign policy flows from such a leader how has bush changed american politics and the role of the united states in the world alexander moens offers the first systematic explanation of bush's foreign policy by describing the complexities of the man and how his particular personality and style so heavily influence the final policy outcomes frank engaging and insightful it offers an original and carefully documented account of bush's personality his presidential style and his decision making process and how these three core ingredients in turn provide the key to understanding bush's overall strategy and policy the foreign policy of george w bush is an ideal reference for contemporary us foreign policy international security and diplomatic relations with detailed and candid insights into the presidential leadership it will also make fascinating reading for those interested in the future of american politics

this business about graceful exit just simply has no realism to it at all as the end of the bush era approaches the legacy is clear george w bush is a wartime president his enemy battered but not defeated after repeated surges the english language the ultimate edition of george w bushisms captures this legacy from the gulf coast to iraq and back with all new pearls of wisdom and the twenty five greatest hits of the entire presidency you know when i campaigned here in 2000 i said i want to be a war president no president wants to be a war president but i am one i

think tide turning see as i remember i was raised in the desert but tides kind of it s easy to see a tide turn did i say those words

a short focused psychobiography and psychological analysis of george w bush s life and presidency using the latest in personality science from dan mcadams a leader in personality psychology and the narrative study of lives

based on exclusive interviews with president bush karl rove donald rumsfeld condoleezza rice and other key figures in the administration this volume offers a never before seen glimpse at how the president operates and how he s influenced the shifting sentiments of the country

george w bush in the whirlwind examines the beginning and early years of the presidency of the 43rd president of the united states new author bryan laberge provides a mix of political savvy with an outside washington dc common man perspective in the whirlwind explores a broad range of events and political topics that run the span of years from the 2000 republican primary election through the mid term elections of 2002 some think of bush as not up to the task some believe him to be a product of the september 11 attacks still others think him an illegitimate president in the whirlwind takes these issues head on and answers them from a political outsider s perspective unlike many current books about george w bush in the whirlwind looks at the whole presidency of george w bush and not just one defining moment the book provides the reader a big picture historical viewpoint that will leave them wanting more

from a pampered son who showed little promise to his rise to the presidency george w bush has transformed himself through acts of will and faith stanley renshon examines the psychological transformation of bush and identifies those pivotal changes that allowed him to achieve success in his personal life and in the political arena and shows how bush s personal transformation has come to shape his political policies the man who battled and defeated his own inner demons has become a president determined to battle the demons of terrorism and extremism that prevent democracy from flourishing around the world this psychological portrait provides a much needed antidote to prevailing critiques

that ridicule bush's values and policies as it celebrates his resolve and strong leadership

eminent jurists professional legal organizations and human rights monitors in this country and around the world have declared that president george w bush may be prosecuted as a war criminal when he leaves office for his overt and systematic violations of such international law as the geneva and hague conventions and such us law as the war crimes act the anti torture act and federal assault laws george w bush war criminal identifies and documents 269 specific war crimes under us and international law for which president bush senior officials and staff in his administration and military officers under his command are liable to be prosecuted haas divides the 269 war crimes of the bush administration into four classes 6 war crimes committed in launching a war of aggression 36 war crimes committed in the conduct of war 175 war crimes committed in the treatment of prisoners and 52 war crimes committed in postwar occupations for each of the 269 war crimes of the bush administration professor haas gives chapter and verse in precise but non technical language including the specific acts deemed to be war crimes the names of the officials deemed to be war criminals and the exact language of the international or domestic laws violated by those officials the author proceeds to consider the various us international and foreign tribunals in which the war crimes of bush administration defendants may be tried under applicable bodies of law he evaluates the real world practicability of bringing cases against bush and bush officials in each of the possible venues finally he weighs the legal political and humanitarian pros and cons of actually bringing bush and bush officials to trial for war crimes

george w bush is a liar he has lied large and small directly and by omission he has mugged the truth not merely in honest error but deliberately consistently and repeatedly from the introduction all american presidents have lied but george w bush has relentlessly abused the truth in this scathing indictment of the president and his inner circle david corn the washington editor of the nation reveals and examines the deceptions at the heart of the bush presidency in a stunning work of journalism he details and substantiates the many times the bush administration

has knowingly and intentionally misled the american public to advance its own interests and agenda including brazenly mischaracterizing intelligence and resorting to deceptive arguments to whip up public support for war with iraq misrepresenting the provisions and effects of the president s supersized tax cuts offering misleading explanations instead of telling the full truth about the 9 11 attacks lying about connections to corporate crooks presenting deceptive and disingenuous claims to sell controversial policies on the environment stem cell research missile defense social security white collar crime abortion energy and other crucial issues running a truth defying down and dirty campaign during the 2000 presidential contest and recount drama the lies of george w bush is not a partisan whine it is instead a carefully constructed fact based account that clearly denotes how bush has relied on deception from the campaign trail to the oval office to win political and policy battles with wit and style corn explains how bush has managed to get awaywith it and explores the dangerous consequences of such presidential deceit in a perilous age

the imprudence of isolationism the perils of neorealism the unrealistic realism of classical realists the perils of liberal multilateralism moral democratic realism moral democratic realism and the endgame of the cold war the bush doctrine and iraq a sound application of a sound doctrine conclusion beyond the war on terror

in many ways george w bush did not seem built for the presidency or the paces necessary to win it he was a laid back good time guy with little appetite and limited talent for formal oratory someone who often projected affability more easily than authority he was a homebody who seemed to prefer surroundings and situations that were utterly familiar to those that were risky and unpredictable his interests could be narrow and his efforts to expand them only fitful but he got there and after september 11 2001 confronted a challenge more daunting than many of his predecessors had faced in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the world trade center and the pentagon bush was left with the responsibility to lead americans through a time of unusual anxiety and uncertainty to inspire and reassure them could he do it in ambling into history frank bruni who covered bush s

presidential campaign and first eight months in the white house for the new york times mines the countless hours during which he observed and interacted with bush to explore that question and to present sides of bush that readers have never encountered he looks to small moments for big truths going behind the scenes and offering fresh insights into bush s oft chronicled weaknesses sometimes overlooked strengths and his journey alternately earnest and reluctant from an innate levity to a newfound gravity bruni also takes readers on his own trip through the strange maze of presidential politics wryly chronicling life in the insular bubble of political reporting and its frequently dispiriting effect on the coverage that politicians get it is a candid eloquent and illuminating adventure that shows why newsweek called bruni probably the most influential reporter on the bush beat

chronicles the life of george w bush discussing how his family s political involvement helped him become a leading presidential candidate for the 2000 election

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