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With the assassination of his brother, Robert Kennedy inherited the hopes and aspirations of a bereft nation adopting his brother's political legacy in what became a personal quest for vindication and redemption. A highly successful and controversial political player in his own right, RFK was on the verge of gaining the Democratic Presidential nomination in the last year of his life. His assassination in 1968 at the age of 43 felled a man who had come to represent the impossible hopes and ideals of a just political system. But who was this complex man? In this definitive work, master researcher and bestselling author of celebrity biographies C. David Heymann has exposed Kennedy's inner contradictions, the machinations of his political career, his private liaisons, his enemies, and his lovers. The book is filled with major revelations, including new details about: RFK's relationship with Jackie Kennedy after JFK's death; his sexual involvement with various movie stars; what really happened with Marilyn Monroe; and his dealings with J. Edgar Hoover, Roy Cohn, Lyndon Johnson, Martin Luther King, Jr., Jimmy Hoffa, and various notorious Mafia figures. Heymann spent over five years researching this book, interviewing over a thousand friends, family members, foes, political aides, and former employees of RFK, and gathering never-before-released documents from the FBI, the CIA, and Scotland Yard, among others. The result is a fascinating portrait of an American icon whose life embraced triumph and tragedy, deception and intrigue, power and passion.

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## **From Reader Review RFK: A Candid Biography of Robert F. Kennedy for online ebook**

### **Christopher says**

Loved it. Learnt a lot - not all of it good.

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### **Emily says**

Fascinating study. Interesting to see both sides of RFK... Can't say I'm a big fan after reading this book. Still incredible to see his role in so many historic events.

Would have liked less anecdotal here and there and more substance though.

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### **Hotavio says**

I picked it up for less than five dollars in a bargain bin at Wal-Mart! It was well worth it. Provided a lot of insight into this complex man. Covers his counter-insurgency programs that amounted to terrorism against Cuba, his battles as Attorney General, and the campaign leading up to his demise. The book particularly portrays the numerous scandals of the Kennedy administration including the Kennedy's mob connections prior to and during the 60 JFK campaign and the orgiastic behaviors of the brothers in and out of the white house.

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### **Vincenzo Rascionato says**

Almost too candid. While I'm sure there is some truth to all the rumor and innuendo, the book is almost exclusively based on 2nd and 3rd hand accounts. Still a very interesting read, and presents a unique viewpoint on the Kennedy's.

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### **Deb says**

A whirlwind history: heartbreaking, agonizing and fascinating.

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### **Chris says**

This is quite literally the worst biography I have ever read. The narrative repeatedly strays into pointless and irrelevant tangents of innuendo that reveal nothing of RFK's life. It's almost as though the book were cobbled

together by (incompetent) Republican oppo researchers working for the 1968 Nixon campaign.

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### **Alex Rivas says**

I enjoyed it from page one until the end. Very informative, I like the fact the it deals with U.S. history and with real life issues. I kind of knew that the Kennedys were naughty, but I really didn't know how involved they were with the Mafia and how promiscuous and unfaithful the whole gang was.

On one side the Family is wealthy and powerful and on the other one has to wonder if there is really a curse on them.

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### **Nick Dwyer says**

i didnt like it. it focused on trying to uncover any possible scandals at any possible chance. usually the references as evidence were people who were not always identified, and when they were there was no evidence they even knew Kennedy. heymann even tries to say robert kennedy raped women, took drugs, had multiple extramarital affairs etc, which some things may be true but i think alot has been either made up or fabricated and exaggerated by many so called "witnesses". this book feeds off ignorance of people. its a shame because the rest of the book, when sticking to the facts and truthful recounts, makes for good reading.

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### **Karla says**

Entertainingly trashy and lurid.

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### **Larry Van Bibber says**

I thoroughly enjoyed this biography. It covered a lot of details that I was not aware of. At times i was not sure if some of this was real or fictional but the author identified a lot of references to support his dialog. I was in my 20s in the 60s and knew what the newspapers published. I was familiar with the Hoffa issues but not fully aware of Joe's ties to the mafia.

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### **Allen says**

Way, Way too much lurid unsubstantiated stories. Some interesting material but overwhelmed by pages of rumors, etc. Once one gets to RFK's transformation after 11/1963 if is better but still more interested in titalating than expanding our knowledge of this most interesting man.

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## **Craig says**

A detailed look at the life of Robert Kennedy, both the good and the bad. I found it to be easy to read and filled with a lot of detail. Kennedy was no saint and he had his flaws, this book presents all facets of his life. It was good.

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## **Nancy says**

The most important reason to read this book at this time in our history, IMHO, is to generate in your mind thoughts on why and how you support the candidates that you. Robert Kennedy was a complicated man--on some levels he was a real jerk (as were most of his male relatives) and on other levels he was evolving into what ideally we'd like to see in a candidate. There are parts of this book that I surely wish had not been written but the descriptions of political ways and means would make for a great discussion group.

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## **Erin says**

Reread

RFK is on my Trashy Good bookshelf for a reason, its gossipy and scandalous. Its also riddled with half truths and downright lies. If you know anything about the author the late great C. David Heyman its that he was notorious for just making shit up. I tend to read books like this as fictional-nonfiction and read for fun. I would only recommend this book to hardcore Kennedy fanatics not anyone looking for factual info about my 3rd favorite U.S. Attorney General RFK.

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## **Heather Hyde says**

Really enjoyed this in the end! It doesn't deal so much with Bobby's childhood or home life, it's more an account of the Camelot years and focuses on his Attorney Generalship and subsequent running for the Senate, and of course all of his affairs! And despite his flaws, he did do a lot of good particularly in the poor and black communities and remains my favourite naughty Kennedy boy!

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