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Since 1984, *Newsweek* has been renowned for its vivid, in-depth special election coverage of the ordeal of running for the presidency. A year before the election, *Newsweek* assigns reporters to get inside the campaigns of the Republican and Democratic candidates. *Newsweek* promises not to publish any information until after the votes are cast, and in exchange, the reporters receive remarkable access. They travel with the candidates, are there at crucial turning points and confidential meetings, and uncover stories not covered in day-to-day reporting. In this book, a compelling narrative by Evan Thomas, *Newsweek* shares the inside stories from one of the most exciting elections in recent history, illuminating the personalities and events that influenced the outcome, and taking stock of the key players and key issues for the new administration. This will be an absorbing read for anyone interested in American politics.

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Elizabeth says

Great read about Obama's campaign from its beginning stages and until he walked on stage in Chicago promising that "Change has come to America." Telling observations about McCain and Hilary's campaign too.

Nicole says

This was surprisingly objective. I expected a little unfairness toward the McCain campaign as was traditionally the norm during the election year. It was a great snapshot into both sides of the camp. Incredible to ponder just how much the media plays a role in pushing politics and how much the staff of a campaign can make or break the candidate.

Desiree Watson says

This was an excellent book detailing the events of the 2008 campaigns of then Senator Barack Obama, Senator Hillary Clinton and Senator John McCain. The book chronicles the ups, downs, fights and the surprisingly calm and well run campaign the Obama camp ran to get him to the Presidency. This was a great read which I really enjoyed. Read: May 2014

JRB says

These articles (originally published shortly after election day) are very insightful and have something new to offer for even the closest observers of the 2008 election cycle.

Karen says

If you're like me and you eagerly read the election special of Newsweek from cover to cover every four years, you'll love this book. For 24 years, the magazine has provided in-depth campaign coverage of the presidential campaigns, with reporters following the candidates for 12-18 months before election day. This book provides full detail of the Newsweek excerpt for the 2008 election. If you followed the campaigns carefully and wondered what the candidates and their staffs really thought when they did thus-and-so, this book provides all the inside scoop! I was gratified to learn that just as I thought, Hillary's teary breakdown pre-New Hampshire was NOT scripted. And I was interested and somewhat surprised to hear that like McCain, Ted Kennedy was not particularly impressed with Senator Obama and later endorsed him only at the entreaty of Caroline Kennedy. There are so many fascinating tidbits in this book for the political watcher and of course, much to learn from the Obama reporters about how to run a truly great campaign.

Chris says

Spoiler alert: Obama wins.

Christopher Mehigan says

I enjoyed this book, it's an easy read. Well written with a nice pace that brings you through the campaign. The sense of momentum and scale of the presidential campaign is conveyed in the writing but the focus is certainly on the candidates and the personalities around them. I found it particularly interesting to see how McCain seemed to lose control of his own campaign in the final months. A very enjoyable and interesting read.

Kelv says

Choppy and distracted text which was neither entertaining or exciting. Direct quotes added to the cohesionless. Perhaps this book would have read better if it was written in point form for some sections.

I enjoyed and appreciated the interview at the back of the book as it did give an insight into Obama and his speaking / thinking credentials.

Cory says

I don't usually follow politics as it frustrates me, but I really felt invested in the Obama campaign (aka I have a crush on him). This book is a pretty even-handed, behind-the-scenes look at how the campaigns were run and the election was won. There were a few spots where I was wishing for a bit more detail (the vice-presidential debate, for one) and some quotes and anecdotes showed up more than once. However, any book that can make me sympathize with John McCain and get all misty-eyed about our president is A-OK by me.

Mackarel says

Tadinya saya beli buku ini sebagai persiapan kalo sewaktu2 pengen bikin cerita berlatar belakang Pilkada.

Misalnya kisah romansa si calon gubernur ganteng yang masih lajang naksir ama sekretarisnya (plis, jangan ketawa, di saat itu ide tsb kedengaran brilian x)).

Siapa tahu ada intrik-intrik politik yang mencerahkan di buku ini.

Tapi yang terjadi, saya malah merasa nostalgia. Jadi inget jaman 2008, saya masih kuliah dan mengikuti perjalanan Obama dari Senat sampai jadi Presiden, yang diulas dan diberitakan secara tekun oleh Kompas.

Saya suka baca soal Obama, sebelum doi terkenal sebagai penggemar baso dan nasi goreng, sebelum saya paham apa pentingnya Kaukus Iowa, superdelegates, reli pendahuluan, dsb. (oh, tunggu, sampe sekarang juga masih ga paham)

Yang saya kagumi dari Evan Thomas (yang menulis buku ini dengan reportase eksklusif dari wartawan Newsweek) adalah kemampuannya untuk menyajikan fakta secara jeli, dengan bahasa yang mengalir, santun dan secara mengejutkan..., netral.

Tidak ada kecenderungan membela satu pihak secara berapi-api. Kemenangan Obama memang 'tak terelakkan', bahkan meskipun bukan John McCain yang melawannya. Apalagi Obama merupakan kekasih hati media arus utama (baik dalam dan luar negeri), sehingga popularitasnya setara dengan selebritas.

Selama masa pemilihan presiden, saya yakin nyaris tak terhitung kejadian penting yang secara signifikan membelokkan arus maupun mengubah suhu pertempuran, secara paralel terjadi di seluruh negeri.

Kecermatan Evan Thomas untuk memilih kejadian yang diulas dalam buku ini juga nilai tersendiri, sehingga pembaca tidak merasa lelah dan kewalahan.

Obama, Mrs. Clinton, McCain, Palin, Biden (yang terakhir tak banyak diulas, kemungkinan karena sedikitnya skandal/berita yang ditimbulkan beliau) beserta para staf kampanye mereka, terasa sangat manusiawi di buku ini.

Ion Bargan says

In this book I found interesting details from the Presidential Campaign 08' such as candidates favourite film, the atmosphere inside the Obama's team and McCain's, the reasons choosing Biden and Palin as vice president candidates, the preparations for television debates, the election day and what was after that.

I liked the author's comparison between Obama and Lincoln. Both of them came from modest families, without experience in Washington D.C. politics, but having the school life and a great desire to unite the nation in crisis periods. Obama and Lincoln as good orators wrote most of their speeches.

I recommend reading this book to anyone interested in U.S. politics and the Presidential Campaign of 2008.

Marjanne says

This is a look at the recent presidential race/election. The author focuses on the race between Clinton and Obama in the primaries, a little bit on McCain's race during the primaries, and then the race between Obama and McCain. This really is a book about Obama, but the author gives fair play to McCain too. I didn't really feel that the author was particularly unfair to either candidate and did try to discuss their strengths and weaknesses. I think most people, no matter their political beliefs would feel ok with this book. However it does focus more on Obama. The downside to this book is that it's just a re-hashing of the events of the last year, so it's really nothing most people haven't already heard, seen or read about.

John says

A collection of Newsweek articles, giving a basic overview/recap of last year's election. Perfect material for audio, as it didn't come close to getting bogged down in details; the narrator on the other hand ... need not give up his day job.

Fawaz Ali says

Evan Thomas, a reporter for Newsweek magazine, takes us behind the scenes of the 2008 US election and the historical win by Barack Obama. This book is written by a journalist so it fits the style of a magazine rather than a book. Nevertheless, I recommend this book for those who need a refreshing reminder on Obama's historical win. In my opinion the book is entertaining but it barely touches the surface and the behind the scene drama that took place in the election.

Quick read and entertaining...

Indah Threez Lestari says

Worth to read!

Sangat informatif, mengungkapkan secara objektif adegan di balik layar yang berlangsung selama kampanye pilpres Amerika 2008 di kubu Obama, Clinton, dan McCain. Menarik untuk disimak, karena kita bisa membaca karakter para capres dan tim pendukungnya dari keputusan yang diambil selama kampanye dan reaksi mereka pada saat krisis.
