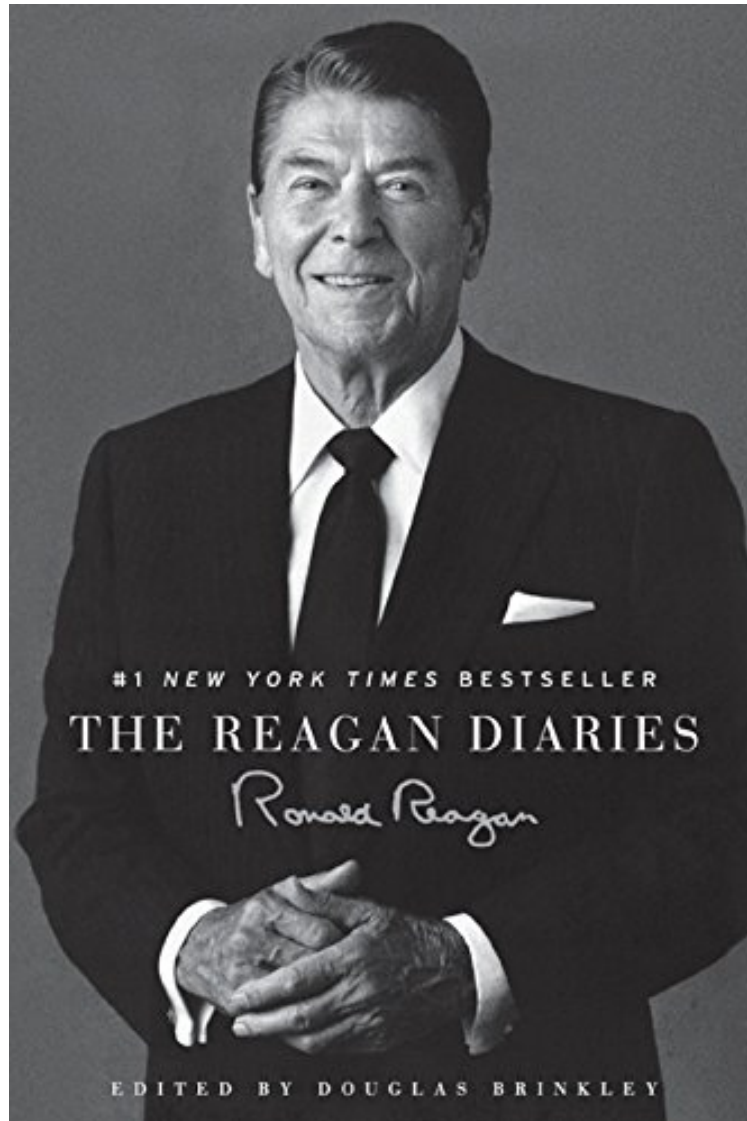


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Ronald Reagan

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Ronald Reagan : The Reagan Diaries before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Reagan Diaries:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A fascinating worthwhile read into history. By Kent Excellent snapshot of world and national events which occurred during Reagan's presidency. Also fascinating to see daily life of a president while in office. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Insightful By Greg M. I'm not much of a nonfiction reader, but this VERY long account of the eight year Reagan presidency from Reagan's own daily diary (albeit edited for the book) was extremely interesting! Having lived through those years, I remembered many of the

events written about in Reagan's diary. Also, Reagan's impending Alzheimer's seems to be apparent in a couple of situations. (Of course, 20/20 hindsight is helpful.) I'm sure this book would be more interesting to fans of the Reagan presidency than to the opposition, but nevertheless it is a revealing look into one of the most successful presidencies in my lifetime. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. *The Diary of Our Last Great President* By billdalton When you begin to read the diary, you sense Reagan was a little unsure as to what the diary should say or not say, but as he warms up, so does the diary and the humble greatness of man. Whether you agreed with his politics or not, he stands in stark contrast to what we have today, a president who can't accept responsibility, can't make a decision, can't tell the truth. A president who cares only about re-election and would throw the nation under the bus to get re-elected. It is possible this country has seen its last great president and it is possible the sitting president will bring the country to a depth from which it cannot recover. *The Reagan Diaries* show how a real man can be president and make decisions that take courage.

During his two terms as the fortieth president of the United States, Ronald Reagan kept a daily diary in which he recorded, by hand, his innermost thoughts and observations on the extraordinary, the historic, and the routine day-to-day occurrences of his presidency. Brought together in one volume and edited by historian Douglas Brinkley, *The Reagan Diaries* provides a striking insight into one of this nation's most important presidencies and sheds new light on the character of a true American leader.

From Publishers Weekly The diaries our 40th president kept while in office—edited and abridged by historian Brinkley (*The Great Deluge*)—are largely a straightforward political chronicle. Reagan describes meetings with heads of state and anti-abortion leaders, reflects on legislative strategy and worries about leaks to the press. He often used his diary to vigorously defend his policies: for example, after a 1984 visit with South African archbishop Desmond Tutu (whom Reagan calls "naïve"), the president explained why his approach to apartheid—"quiet diplomacy"—was preferable to sanctions. Reagan sometimes seems uncomfortable with dissent, as when he is irked by a high school student who presents a petition advocating a nuclear freeze. And he often sees the media as a "lynch mob," trying to drum up scandal where there is none. Reagan's geniality shines through in his more quotidian comments: he muses regularly about how much he appreciates Nancy, and his complaints about hating Monday mornings make him seem quite like everyone else. Brinkley doesn't weigh down the text with extensive annotation; this makes for smooth reading, but those who don't remember the major political events of the 1980s will want to refer to the glossary of names. Reagan's diaries are revealing, and Brinkley has done historians and the broad public a great service by editing them for publication. (May 22) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author Ronald Reagan was the 40th President of the United States. From AudioFile **THE REAGAN DIARIES**, spanning the years 1981-1989, open with an introduction by the editor, which gives a broad overview of Reagan's presidency and personal life, nicely establishing the context in which these diaries were written. Delivering the diaries themselves with Reagan's own phrasing and pacing, narrator Eric Conger begins to sound much like the Great Communicator himself. Subject matter ranges from the historic to the mundane, often in the same entry. Reagan's voice as delivered by Conger is clear and recognizable throughout. Extras include swelling martial music bracketing each disc's presentation and a final disc that presents excerpts from nine of the president's actual speeches. Listeners will find Conger's performance a satisfying experience. M.O.B. © AudioFile 2008, Portland, Maine-- Copyright © AudioFile, Portland, Maine