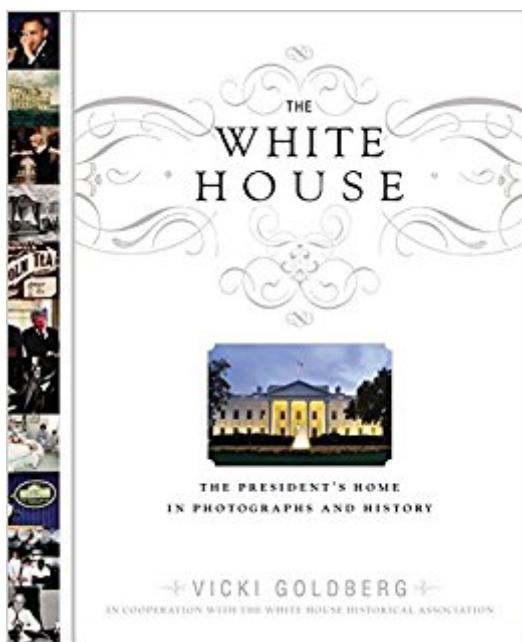


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# The White House: The President's Home In Photographs And History



## **Synopsis**

THE WHITE HOUSE: THE PRESIDENT'S HOME IN PHOTOGRAPHS AND HISTORY covers every aspect of White House Life over the past 200 years. Witness multiple refurbishments to the house, media coverage and popular photography of the White House, and photos of its illustrious inhabitants, visitors, and even pets and illustrations. Accompanying the photographs is an incisive, informative text by renowned critic Vicki Goldberg. A rich visual history and a beautiful gift book, THE WHITE HOUSE is a must for photography and history buffs alike.

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Vicki Goldberg is a leading voice in the field of photography criticism. Her book Photography in Print: Writings from 1816 to the Present was cited in the Wall Street Journal in 2006 as one of the five best books of all time on photography, and The Power of Photography: How Photographs Changed Our Lives and Margaret Bourke-White: A Biography were both named Best Book of the Year by the American Library Association. Vicki was a photography columnist for The New York Times for thirteen years, and she has written numerous articles for Vanity Fair, American Photographer, and other magazines. Founded in 1961, The White House Historical Association is a charitable nonprofit institution whose purpose is to enhance the understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the White House. The association has published and distributed more than 9 million books as well as produced documentary films and other educational materials, sponsors symposia, lectures, exhibits, and other outreach programs. Mike McCurry is a veteran political strategist and

spokesperson with over 30 years of experience in Washington D.C. McCurry served in the White House as press secretary to President Bill Clinton (1995-1998). He also served as spokesman for the Department of State (1993-1995) and director of communications for the Democratic National Committee (1988-1990). McCurry held a variety of leadership roles in national campaigns for the Democratic ticket from 1984 to 2004.

This book is a must if someone is interested in this historic building. I didn't know that during the Truman Administration that the White House was gutted and remade from the inside out. The different renovations that several president's made and all of the offices that are under one roof. I highly recommend this book.

For someone who can't remember bare facts and dates, Vicki Goldberg's book, uniting memorable backstage scenes with public appearances, is a wonderful way to learn more about presidential history. Some photographs are known and iconic, others unfamiliar. The layout is marvelous and the text is totally original--spirited, witty, idiosyncratic, without being partisan or unduly irreverent. Combining deep scholarship and a graceful style, Goldberg traces the parallel history of the rise and dominance of the image in American culture through its growing importance in presidential self-presentation.

I gave this as a gift and the person really enjoyed it.

Lots of back story history of presidential families and some great photos. Wish it had more recent photos- includes a few 2008-09 photos of Michelle and Barack, so I wanted lots more of more recent families and of the White House interiors.

Good, but wanted more pix of the white house through the yrs. All the changes by the different administrations. Still full of good infomation.

A gift for my brother-in-law...he liked it.

What I love about this book is not only its combination of wonderful pictures and sparkling text, but its wealth of information on all sorts of things: when picture postcards came into being; how Lincoln's photographer doctored his picture to make him look like a dignified candidate, and how

that photo was reprinted tens of thousands of times; the feminism of Warren Harding's wife Florence, who was a lot more interesting than her husband; and on and on. Then, of course, there's the spectacular photo of Lyndon Johnson and Carol Channing (and Princess Di and John Travolta opposite them). Calvin Coolidge, about whom nobody knows much, appears on several pages in various costumes, along with the story of how hard it was to reach him when he suddenly became President. There are many photos here that I had never seen before and so many delicious stories about the Presidents, their home and their habits. Never mind coffee tables--this is a book to read and to savor.

Great coffee table book. Very informative, and the photos are awesome. Must have for anyone interested in Washington DC or presidents or the White House.

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