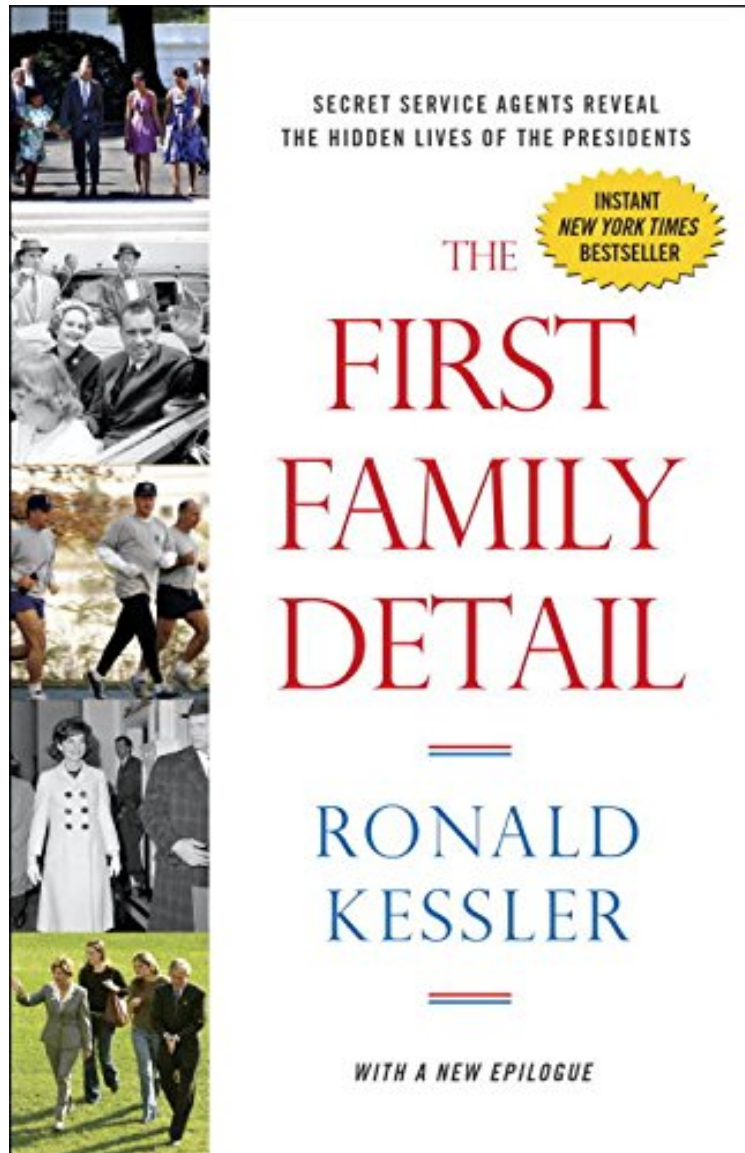


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**Ronald Kessler : The First Family Detail: Secret Service Agents Reveal the Hidden Lives of the Presidents** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The First Family Detail: Secret Service Agents Reveal the Hidden Lives of the Presidents:

71 of 72 people found the following review helpful. A Danger to Our Country and Leaders By Michael The author writes an interesting and thoughtful book about a part of government that many people are not very familiar with: the Secret Service. He describes the vast and impressive array of procedures employed in protecting presidents, current and previous, vice presidents, and their families, as well as cabinet secretaries and political leaders in the line of succession to become president in case of a severe emergency. During a presidential election the leading candidates are also protected. To accomplish their mission Secret Service agents must work in close proximity to all their protectees, becoming a part of their lives on a daily basis. This gives the agents a clear window through which to observe their personalities and character. Revelations from some of the agents indicate that what transpires in their clients' private lives may not comport with the image that they desire to show to the public. As examples, the book describes how a number of protectees were especially "nasty" to the agents and their own staffs: Bill and Hillary Clinton, Nancy Reagan, Jimmy Carter and Al Gore. Especially friendly and respectful to agents were Ronald Reagan, Bush 41 and 43 and their wives, Dick and Lynne Cheney and Mitt and Ann Romney. The sexual proclivities of LBJ, Bill Clinton (both inside and outside of the Oval Office) and Gary Hart are portrayed as important character issues. Some revelations are surprising, such as the preference of Joe Biden to swim naked in his home pool while being closely guarded by female agents. Many other observations of family members are also related, including some of their drinking habits. Tension with the children of protected families seems to be prevalent in many cases. Another focus of the book is an analysis of the management of the Secret Service. The author describes and details the incompetence and corruption of senior management that has resulted in poorly trained agents with very low morale, lack of leading-edge technology and weaponry to discover and eliminate threats, and in some cases a demonstrable lack of concern about national security. Prior lapses in standard procedures have resulted in the assassination attempts on presidents Reagan and Ford, and have put more current presidents in grave danger. After a number of recent scandals involving penetration of the White House grounds by dangerous perpetrators, the author ridicules president Obama's decision not to bring in a new director from the outside to replace the one who was fired, as he believes that as a result there will not be any change in the dysfunctional culture at the top.

180 of 194 people found the following review helpful. Not Political Leaning By Testy Tim Since others have prominently noted that this book is very similar to one of Kessler's earlier works, I will say this is my first exposure. Content: Although I lean conservative, I am neither a Democrat nor a Republican. I was eager to read this book because it interests me how the 'anointed' really live their lives. Opposite my expectation, I did not get the impression that this book's sole purpose was to bash one political party or the other. For example, the Obamas are generally portrayed in a favorable light, but not all good. The same is true of the Bush family. I do believe the author reported accurately what the Secret Service agents revealed to him. It seems that the book has two purposes. First, to expose the true character of our elected officials. And second, to expose how the Secret Service management makes bad decisions which ultimately puts protectee lives in danger. Not that it was wrong, or bad, but one thing that did not grab my interest were the parts that delved into the inner workings of the Secret Service. Style: This is mostly an easy read. However, in a couple of places in the book the author follows a couple of rabbit trails and then abruptly snaps back to the original subject. I found that to be hard to follow and a bit frustrating, which is why I took one of the stars away. Overall, I enjoyed the book, and learned a few things. What more could you ask for? I will be recommending this book to my friends.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Shadow revealed - a look behind the curtain By Malcolm Davidson An easy read, the book containing many enlightening stories about Presidents Vice Presidents. During the Reagan years we had the theory of "trickle down economics", I have asked the question, what trickles up? We see it portrayed here. Arrogance, greed, entitlement. Although certain individuals are portrayed as being "nice" Laura Bush for example, and her husband was thoughtful, this doesn't naturally correlate to competence in the position. (I think of the Clintons and Dick Cheney) I was appalled at the portrayal of Joe Biden and his disregard for frugality knowing some of his mandates were to do just that. All in all I'm glad I read this book, also glad he's not running for President. Kessler did a fine job and outlined quite clearly the classic ailment within the body politic whereby the Secret Service Management are but a symptom of a greater malaise. The malaise being one of lack of accountability and proper management. The political system has been subjugated by the monied vested interest groups and hence politicians have lost integrity and their moral compass. I'd love to know what the Secret Service think of Bernie Sanders?

As in a play, presidents, vice presidents, and presidential candidates perform on stage for the public and the media. What the nations leaders are really like and what goes on behind the scenes remains hidden. Secret Service agents have a front row seat on their private lives and those of their wives and children. Crammed with new, headline-making revelations, **THE FIRST FAMILY DETAIL: Secret Service Agents Reveal the Hidden Lives of the Presidents** by Ronald Kessler tells that eye-opening, uncensored story. Since publication of his New York Times bestselling book *In the Presidents Secret Service*, award-winning investigative reporter Ronald Kessler has continued to penetrate the wall of secrecy that surrounds the U.S. Secret Service, breaking the story that Secret Service agents who were to protect President Obama hired prostitutes in Cartagena, Colombia and revealing that the Secret Service allowed a third uninvited guest to crash a White House state dinner. Now Kessler presents far bigger and more consequential stories

about our nations leaders and the agency sworn to protect them. Kessler widens his scope to include presidential candidates, former presidents after they leave the White House, and the presidents relationships to their first ladies and children. From observing Vice President Joe Bidens reckless behavior that jeopardizes the countrys safety, to escorting Bill Clintons mistress at Chappaqua, to overhearing First Lady Michelle Obamas admonitions to the president, to witnessing President Nixons friends bring him a nude stripper, to seeing their own agency take risks that could result in an assassination, Secret Service agents know a secret world that Ronald Kessler exposes in breathtaking detail. THE FIRST FAMILY DETAIL reveals: Vice President Joe Biden regularly orders the Secret Service to keep his military aide with the nuclear football a mile behind his motorcade, potentially leaving the country unable to retaliate in the event of a nuclear attack. Secret Service agents discovered that former president Bill Clinton has a blond mistress. Within minutes of Hillary Clintons leaving, the womancodenamed Energizer by agents shows up to be with Bill every day while the likely future presidential candidate is away. The Secret Service covered up the fact that President Ronald Reagans White House staff overruled the Secret Service to let unscreened spectators get close to Reagan as he left the Washington Hilton, allowing him to be shot by John W. Hinckley Jr. Secret Service agents have been dismayed to overhear Michelle Obama push her husband to be more aggressive in attacking Republicans and to side with blacks in racial controversies. Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan diverted agents from protecting President Obama and his family at the White House and ordered them instead to protect his assistant at her home and illegally retrieve confidential records as a favor to her. Because Hillary Clinton is so nasty to agents, being assigned to her protective detail is considered a form of punishment and the worst assignment in the Secret Service. Secret Service agents were ordered to ignore security rules and allow the SUV carrying actor Bradley Cooper to drive unscreened into a secure restricted area when President Obama was about to deliver his speech at the White House Correspondents Dinner. Vice President Joe Biden spends millions of taxpayer dollars flying to and from his home in Delaware on Air Force Two. His office tried to cover up the costs of the personal trips. Because the Secret Service refused to provide enough magnetometers at his campaign events, Mitt Romney regularly left himself open to assassination by giving speeches to unscreened crowds. Vice President Joe Biden swims nude at the vice presidents residence in Washington and at his home in Delaware, offending female agents.

About the Author Ronald Kessler is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Secrets of the FBI*, *In the President's Secret Service*, and *The CIA at War*. A former Wall Street Journal and Washington Post investigative reporter, Kessler has won eighteen journalism awards, including two George Polk awards, one for national reporting and one for community service. He was named a Washingtonian of the Year by Washingtonian magazine. Kessler lives in Potomac, Maryland with his wife, Pamela Kessler.