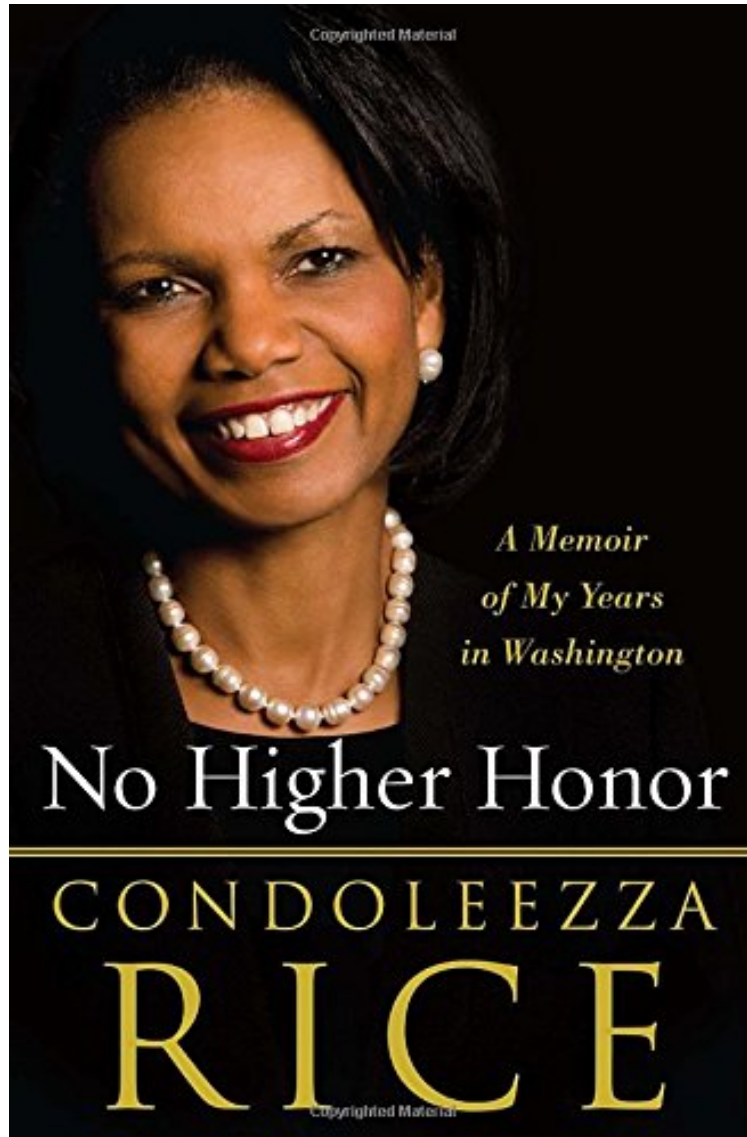


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Condoleezza Rice : No Higher Honor: A Memoir of My Years in Washington before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised No Higher Honor: A Memoir of My Years in Washington:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Very Informative By Sylvia Carroll I was also curious about this black woman with such an important role in the administration. I have always admired her and reading this book really helped me to understand some of what she was going through. In her book, she showed the other side of world events

that all of us have experienced and/or heard about. I think she humanized a lot of important figure heads that we will never meet personally. I learned that even though people may hold a high office or position, they are just human, too. This book shows a human and vulnerable side to her that I never saw when she was in the Bush administration. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A fascinating story on inside diplomacy By A Forest Fan I have read every other book from the top Bush officials (Rumsfeld, Bush, Cheney, and Rove), and this is the most personal. That is ironic, since the job of the State Department is not to tell foreign dignitaries how you really feel. Rice focuses on her personal reactions to the officials and personalities she met over her years of high service, first as National Security Advisor, then as the Secretary of State. She does a bit of self-editing, as this is her memoirs, so she doesn't talk about what she does not have to. There is no mention of that Code PINK protestor standing next to her with bloody hands as she testified before congress. But she is not shy of telling the reader when she differed with Rumsfeld or Cheney. The latter of which she gives a good example, when Cheney wanted a stronger stand against North Korea. As Rice pressed him on specifics of resuming the Korean War, she felt that he had not thought through the consequences of doing more than diplomacy. Throughout the book, she speaks truth to power, even if "the boys" don't want to hear it. An unanticipated consequence of this book is that I now feel some sympathy for the job Rice's successor has. Hillary Clinton is now working her butt off in a thankless job, doing endless damage control over the stupid statements of people like Joe Biden with heads of state and trying to give some formative policy to the Obama Administration. Although the two women could not be more different, Rice accurately gives a sense of the trials of running the State Department, and being our diplomat to the world. And that is the real value of this book to the reader. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Condi is my hero! By AI L-O-V-E Condi! She is my idol! I read her childhood memoirs which I adored! No Higher Honor took a bigger brain. I am a fairly fast reader but this one took 3 weeks, for perspective I read her other memoir in 2 days. It was a bout her years in the White House. Her relationships with foreign ministers fascinated me. I really enjoyed it. Thank you Ms. Rice!

From one of the worlds most admired women, this is former National Security Advisor and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rices compelling story of eight years serving at the highest levels of government. In her position as Americas chief diplomat, Rice traveled almost continuously around the globe, seeking common ground among sometimes bitter enemies, forging agreement on divisive issues, and compiling a remarkable record of achievement. A native of Birmingham, Alabama who overcame the racism of the Civil Rights era to become a brilliant academic and expert on foreign affairs, Rice distinguished herself as an advisor to George W. Bush during the 2000 presidential campaign. Once Bush was elected, she served as his chief adviser on national-security issues a job whose duties included harmonizing the relationship between the Secretaries of State and Defense. It was a role that deepened her bond with the President and ultimately made her one of his closest confidantes. With the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Rice found herself at the center of the Administrations intense efforts to keep America safe. Here, Rice describes the events of that harrowing day and the tumultuous days after. No day was ever the same. Additionally, Rice also reveals new details of the debates that led to the war in Afghanistan and then Iraq. The eyes of the nation were once again focused on Rice in 2004 when she appeared before the 9-11 Commission to answer tough questions regarding the countrys preparedness for and immediate response to the 9-11 attacks. Her responses, it was generally conceded, would shape the nations perception of the Administrations competence during the crisis. Rice conveys just how pressure-filled that appearance was and her surprised gratitude when, in succeeding days, she was broadly saluted for her grace and forthrightness. From that point forward, Rice was aggressively sought after by the media and regarded by some as the Administrations most effective champion. In 2005 Rice was entrusted with even more responsibility when she was charged with helping to shape and carry forward the Presidents foreign policy as Secretary of State. As such, she proved herself a deft crafter of tactics and negotiation aimed to contain or reduce the threat posed by Americas enemies. Here, she reveals the behind-the-scenes maneuvers that kept the worlds relationships with Iran, North Korea and Libya from collapsing into chaos. She also talks about her role as a crisis manager, showing that at any hour -- and at a moments notice -- she was willing to bring all parties to the bargaining table anywhere in the world. No Higher Honor takes the reader into secret negotiating rooms where the fates of Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and Lebanon often hung in the balance, and it draws back the curtain on how frighteningly close all-out war loomed in clashes involving Pakistan-India and Russia-Georgia, and in East Africa. Surprisingly candid in her appraisals of various Administration colleagues and the hundreds of foreign leaders with whom she dealt, Rice also offers here keen insight into how history actually proceeds. In No Higher Honor, she delivers a master class in statecraft -- but always in a way that reveals her essential warmth and humility, and her deep reverence for the ideals on which America was founded.

In her memoir, NO HIGHER HONOR, Rice looks back, offering unexpected candor about her tenure as national security adviser in Bushs first term and as secretary of state the [books] moments of self-doubt and regrets are a revelation Rice offers sharp and penetrating portraits of foreign leaders Her memoir is a reminder that foreign-policy choices facing the United States are complex and difficult, with no easy solutions Rice has acquitted herself well in

telling her side of the story; now she awaits the judgment of history.--The Washington Post Rice provides a vivid account of the tumultuous years after Sept. 11, 2001the latest in a string of memoirs emerging from Bush administration figures trying to define the history of their tenure [this book is] the most expansive record of those eight years by any of the leading participants.--The New York TimesThe fascination of Rices memoir, and it is fascinating, is less in the broad vision put forth for a more democratic world than in the gritty description of the way decisions were made in the White House and in the State Department as the Bush Administration sought to adapt to a universe radically changed by Al Qaedas attacks on the United States in 2001. Rices account of the immediate aftermath, as seen from inside the halls of the White House, is both vivid and disturbing.--NewsweekCondoleezza Rice has a lot in common with Henry A. KissingerNow, like Kissinger, Rice has written a memoir drenched in details of the daily work of diplomacyhers is a great story.--Bloomberg.comImportanther stories [of the aftermath of 9-11] add texture to the well-known history of those days and weeks, sometimes movingly so.--Wall Street JournalAbout the AuthorCONDOLEEZZA RICE was the sixty-sixth U.S. Secretary of State and the first black woman to hold that office. Prior to that, she was the first woman to serve as National Security Advisor. She is a professor at Stanford University, and co-founder of the RiceHadley Group. Rice is also the author of the New York Times bestselling *Extraordinary, Ordinary People: A Memoir of Family*.