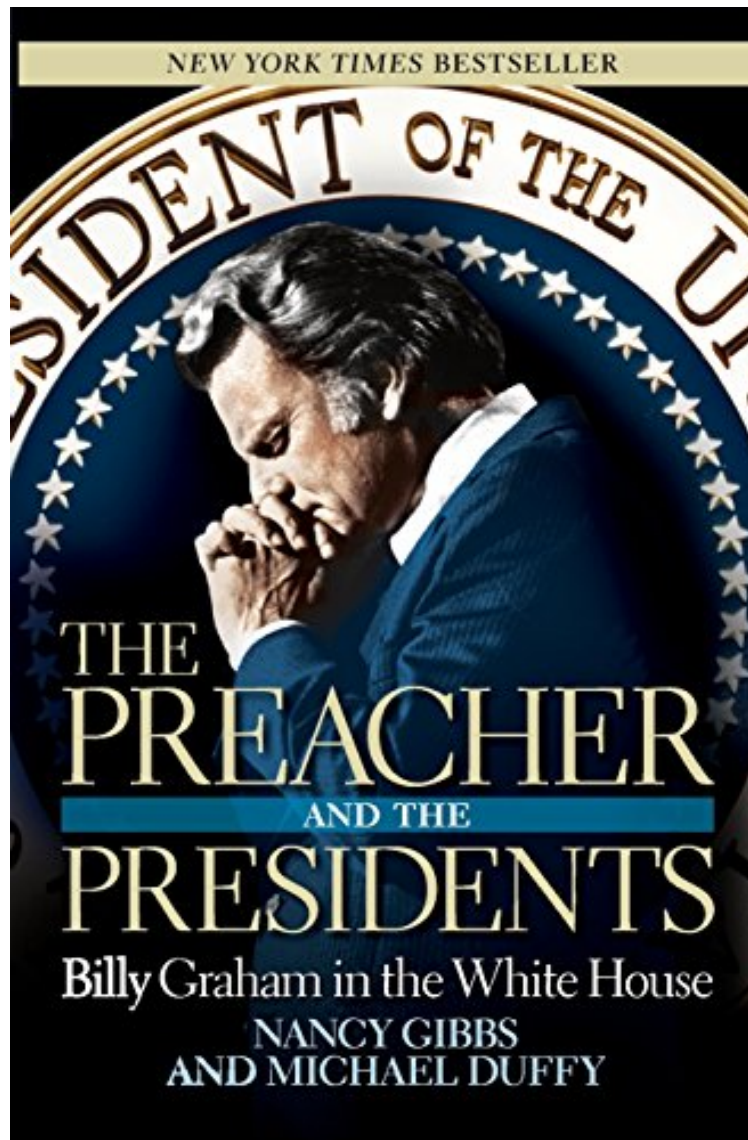


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Insightful. Moving. Powerful. Revealing.By Jeffrey E EllisTHE PREACHER AND THE PRESIDENTS is an extraordinary book about an extraordinary man and the people he ministered to.Gibbs and Duffy deserve high praise for their objectiveness, clarity, and probity. They neither idolize nor

vilify their subject and instead present him clear and unvarnished. It is remarkable that Billy Graham dwelt so long near the flame of power without being burned; singed certainly, but not consumed. He would tell us that it was the Lord that kept him humble, faithful and true, and that he was, above all, forgiven his failings, like everyone who comes to Jesus. Nobody's perfect, not even Billy Graham, and I respect the fact that he is first to set the record straight in that regard. That message of love has set him apart from other religious leaders, preachers and evangelists. Refusing to enter the fray over "hot button" topics, he presented a message of God's love for everyone he met. His life has been one long crusade to speak that simple truth to millions of people, the poor and the powerful, and intimately to the most powerful people on earth: nine American Presidents. The book brought full force the legacy of Ronald Reagan and the often-unseen role of faith on his Presidency. I was deeply moved to read of his special relationship with Graham. Also revealing are the accounts of the Clintons, Nixons, Johnsons and others who shaped recent history. This is a fascinating book and well worth the effort for a deeper understanding of America, her Presidents, and of a Preacher who served them all. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Terrific History of the Intersection of Preacher and President By Daniel Darling After reading Just As I Am I immediately purchased The Preacher and the Presidents, which expands on Billy Graham's influence over U.S. Presidents from Truman until George W. Bush (the book was written before President Obama took office). I love U.S. History, especially Presidential history, so this book scratched that itch. What was interesting about The Preacher and the Presidents is just how involved Billy Graham was in American politics, especially in his early days. At one point there was a serious draft movement to get Dr. Graham himself to run for President. He steadfastly refused, knowing God had called him to ministry. But that doesn't mean he wasn't heavily involved in influencing politics and policy, especially in the early years. Looking back, he views much of his involvement as a mistake and in later years disciplined himself to being simply a trusted confidant of the Presidents. What is so moving about Billy Graham's work with each leader is his trustworthiness. He was the guy they were down, when someone passed away, when they needed spiritual leadership. Billy Graham put himself in a position to minister spiritually to these men, who often felt isolated and alone in the White House. And he shared Christ and led most of them to a saving knowledge of Jesus. We can only praise God for this aspect of Dr. Graham's ministry and perhaps Christians today can emulate his kindhearted love of even the most despised politicians. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Intriguing By Christy Tillery French I bought this book for my dad and he raved about it so much, I borrowed it back. Billy Graham is an icon, a man of deep faith whose counsel has been sought by Presidents and world leaders. Although a Baptist, Graham has the unique ability to transcend that barrier when dealing with people of differing religions. He is a man who appeals to all, no matter their faith, ecoclass, or race. The book provides an intriguing peek into one man's impact on presidencies through the years, his insight into his past life, the people he has counseled, and his views. Absolutely fascinating.

No one man or woman has ever been in a position to see the presidents, and the presidency, so intimately, over so many years. They called him in for photo opportunities. They called for comfort. They asked about death and salvation; about sin and forgiveness. At a time when the nation is increasingly split over the place of religion in public life, THE PREACHER AND THE PRESIDENTS reveals how the world's most powerful men and world's most famous evangelist, Billy Graham, knit faith and politics together.

From Booklist *Starred* Despite Kennedy-era bigots' fears, the only clergyman to visit the White House regularly has been a minister of the major Protestant denomination historically most committed to separation of church and state, the Baptists. Veteran Time staffers Gibbs and Duffy's sympathetic history of evangelist Billy Graham's relations with every U.S. president since Truman testifies that, although sorely tempted by intense interest in politics and political leadership, Graham crossed the line of that separation only in his friendship with Richard Nixon. When he realized Nixon's duplicity and his own susceptibility to political seduction, Graham determined to be strictly a spiritual counselor to political leaders. In that capacity, he earlier served Eisenhower and Johnson, and later, Reagan, both Bushes, and both Clintons, all of whom acknowledged deep appreciation (that he likewise counseled Nixon after the latter's downfall speaks volumes about Graham's character). Kennedy wasn't much interested, Ford infrequently consulted him, and Carter was sufficiently spiritually grounded not to resort to Graham's counsel. But called upon or not, Graham was always available to the president and always prayed for him. Gibbs and Duffy have done posterity immense (and very readable) service by chronicling Graham's devotion. Olson, Ray "Ganser, an oft-employed stage and television actor, has recorded about 200 audio books. He knows what he's doing behind the microphone, bringing nonfiction material to life in a way that makes it seem the stuff of a great novel you just can't put down.".... AudioFile LJ Ganser does a great job of narration. It's easy to listen to and not overacted in any way. An enjoyable listen! About the Author Nancy Gibbs was named a senior editor of Time in October 1991, chief political writer in 1996, and Editor-at-Large in 2002. After moving to the Nation section, Gibbs wrote more than 20 cover stories on the 1996 and 2000 presidential campaigns, and in 1998, helped lead Time's coverage of the impeachment drama. Michael Duffy, most recently Time's Washington Bureau chief, has been at the center of the magazine's coverage of politics and presidents for ten years. Duffy spent six years covering both the Bush and Clinton White House for Time and in

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