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**Lisa Kathleen Graddy, Amy Pastan : The Smithsonian First Ladies Collection** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Smithsonian First Ladies Collection:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful photos and packed with information. By Maura KI't's a nice summary of almost all the First Ladies and the photos are wonderful. When I visited the Smithsonian the exhibit of the First Ladies' dresses had a wait time of several hours, so I never got in to see it. But the photos in this book are clear and close-up, so it's perhaps better than the exhibit. Plus there are other objects pictured that are not displayed at the museum. The capsule biographies are interesting. I wish the book had included a summary of all the First Ladies - it left out those who had no items in the collection. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book is a great guide to the First Ladies Collection at the Smithsonian ...By rjh This book is a great guide to the First Ladies Collection at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC. I'll never forget my first visit to the Collection when I was 15! I've been looking for a book like this for years that discusses the lives of the First Ladies and provides photographs of the

dresses in the Collection. I couldn't wait to receive the book and could hardly put it down when it arrived. On my last trip to Washington about 13 years ago, I was disappointed to find out that the exhibit was being remodeled and didn't get to see it! I thoroughly enjoyed this book! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By tlcza My sister in law loved this present.

Admire the nationally famous collection of first ladies' gowns and learn about the contributions made by the women who wore them The Smithsonian First Ladies Collection is a beautifully illustrated book inspired by one of the most popular attractions at the Smithsonian: the first ladies exhibit at the National Museum of American History. This striking book showcases the treasures from first ladies throughout history, ranging from Martha Washington's silk dress and dressing mirror to Michelle Obama's 2009 inaugural gown and jewelry. These and many other unforgettable objects--including gowns, tableware, and invitations from beloved first ladies such as Mamie Eisenhower, Jacqueline Kennedy, Barbara Bush, Hilary Clinton, and more--tell the story of the first ladies as public and private figures. They illustrate how these women, thrust into an influential and visible role by happenstance of marriage, adapted themselves and the role of first lady by taking on responsibilities as campaigners, hostesses, and policy advocates. The Smithsonian First Ladies Collection features many treasures not on view at the exhibit. Complete with an insider's look at the acquisition, conservation, and exhibition of the pieces as well as a timeline of all forty-six first ladies, this is a must-have for anyone fascinated by these incredible women and their roles in American culture and political life.

"The Smithsonian First Ladies Collection, a slim but lavishly illustrated paperbound book, attempts to juggle that national obsession with dress and the weightier elements of a first lady's role, in both her husband's administration and the larger society... Still, it's the dresses, in the end, that make this book, just as the clothes have made the Smithsonian exhibit a must-see for more than a century. There's something about gazing at these gowns, captured in all their glory in full-color studio photographs, that's almost hypnotic." -Chicago Tribune About the Author LISA KATHLEEN GRADDY is deputy chair of the Division of Political History at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. She is the curator of the first ladies exhibit and the collection of woman suffrage and women's political history. AMY PASTAN is a Washington, DC-based author, editor, and photo researcher. A former staff editor at the Smithsonian Institution, she currently writes and produces books for both adults and children. Among her recent titles is The Smithsonian Book of Presidential Trivia.