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Offers guidance for taking part in the Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree, with scriptural passages, devotions, and activities intended to apply their themes. In this compelling, smart, and well-researched dual biography, Chris Matthews shows how the contest between the charismatic John F. Kennedy and the talented yet haunted Richard Nixon propelled America toward Vietnam and Watergate. John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon each dreamed of becoming the great young leader of their age. First as friends, then as bitter enemies, they were linked by a historic rivalry that changed both them and their country. Fresh, entertaining, and revealing, Kennedy & Nixon reveals that the early fondness between the two men—Kennedy, for example, told a trusted friend that if he didn't receive the Democratic nomination in 1960, he would vote for Nixon—degenerated into distrust and bitterness. Using White House tapes, this book exposes Richard Nixon's dread of a Kennedy "restoration" in 1972 drove the dark deeds of Watergate. "Matthews tells his stories well, and Americans have a seemingly bottomless need to have these stories retold" (The New York Times Book Review). The Omnidoxy is the founding treatise of the Astronist religion and was solely authored by the philosopher and religious founder, Cometan. Partitioned into twelve disquisitions, each of which are further divided into hundreds of discourses, which are themselves titled by those which are known as rubrals, The Omnidoxy has been codified according to a unique writing structure known as insentence. The Omnidoxy not only forms the foundations of Astronism, but it remains the primary modern contributor and the book that ignited the establishment of the Astronic tradition of religion which encompasses the philosophy of Astronism. Introducing brand new philosophical concepts such as cosmocentricity, reascensionism, transcensionism, and sentientism amongst many others, The Omnidoxy remains the principal signifier of a new era in philosophy. The Omnidoxy births hundreds of new belief orientations, schools of thought, neologisms, disciplines of study, theories, and concepts which, when combined and considered collectively, have formed the basis of Astronism. The authorship of The Omnidoxy rests with the single individual philosopher, Cometan who began writing The Omnidoxy at the age of seventeen driven by what he terms as personal inspiration. The historical origination of The Omnidoxy rests in its authorship by Brandon Taylorian during early 21st century England, specifically in the northern county of Lancashire. Like in all textual criticism, the timing and location of the codification of The Omnidoxy is integral to understanding why and how it was written, especially by considering the influential factors impacting Taylorian during his construction of the text, particularly the cultural, political, religious, and social contexts of Taylorian's personal life and of wider society at the time. This forms an important branch of study within omnidoxicology known as omnidoxical criticism, or omnidoxical exegesis in which scholars study and investigate The Omnidoxy in order to discern conclusive judgements inspired by how, where, why, by whom, for whom, and in what circumstances The Omnidoxy was written. The national bestseller From the author of the bestselling More Beautiful Than Before comes an inspiring book about loss based on his most popular sermon. As the senior rabbi of one of the largest synagogues in the world, Steve Leder has learned over and over again the many ways death teaches us how to live and love more deeply by showing us not only what is gone but also the beauty of what remains. This inspiring and comforting book takes us on a journey through the experience of loss that is fundamental to everyone. Yet even after having sat beside thousands of deathbeds, Steve Leder the rabbi was not fully prepared for the loss of his own father. It was only then that Steve Leder the son truly learned how loss makes life beautiful by giving it meaning and touching us with love that we had not felt before. Enriched by Rabbi Leder's irreverence, vulnerability, and wicked sense of humor, this heartfelt narrative is filled with laughter and tears, the wisdom of millennia and modernity, and, most of all, an unfolding of the profound and simple truth that in loss we gain more than we ever imagined. The author shares his iconoclastic views on American politics, culture, and society in a collection of essays and observations on contemporary issues and newsmakers, including Bill Clinton, Al Gore, and George W. Bush. Utilizing Lacan's psychoanalytic theory and Žižek's philosophical adaption of it, this book brings into dialogue a series of literary works, films and critical theory that are concerned with defining America. Elbeshlawy demonstrates that texts which particularly focus on explaining how other texts about America communicate an unreliable message, themselves communicate an untrustworthy message. Writers and films discussed include Adorno, Kafka, Sontag, Said, Hassan, Dogville and Birth of a Nation. Every day, there are treasures to be discovered by anyone who will honestly come to hear the voice of the Savior in his Word. The Lord Jesus indicates that there is an added blessing for those who will write down the insights he gives by his instruction: Every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old (Matthew 13:52). The poems in this book are the result of going to the Bible each day with an expectation that God has something very valuable to say. That expectation has NEVER been disappointed. Our risen Lord said, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and will sup with him, and he with Me (Revelation 3:20). This intimate, two-way communion with God is offered to all those who have received the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:12) and thereby have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God (1 Corinthians 2:12). My prayer is that God may use this book for his glory, for the encouragement of his own children, and for the persuasion of those who may yet be awakened to their need of our Savior. Blessed is the man that heareth Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the post of My doors (Proverbs 8:34). Heaven is waiting. Dont miss it for the world. With his more than forty years' experience observing people and politicians in our nation's capital—ten of those years on Hardball, five nights a week—Chris Matthews has learned from the pros what it takes to be a success. Now Matthews shows us what we can learn from the world's most accomplished people and, more important, how we can emulate their best habits to improve our own lives. In The Hardball Handbook, Chris Matthews focuses on four areas—friendship, rivalry, reputation, and success—and shows how we can cull the best traits of others and use them ourselves. Matthews takes us on a raucous road trip through political history and points out the best—and worst—behaviors of some of its most notable characters. Written in the assertive, good-natured style that is Matthews's trademark, each chapter has something to teach us. Here are a few truths from The Hardball Handbook: • People would rather be listened to than listen. • People don't mind being used; what they mind is being discarded. • People are more loyal to the people they've helped than the people they've helped are loyal to them. • Not everyone's going to like you. • No matter what anybody says, nobody wants a level playing field. Once you understand these and other universal truths—and how to make them work for you—you'll be ready to win at life. J. M. Adovasio has spent the last thirty years at the center of one of our most fiery scientific debates: Who were the first humans in the Americas, and how and when did they get there? At its heart, The First Americans is the story of the revolution in thinking that Adovasio and his fellow archaeologists have brought about, and the firestorm it has ignited. As he writes, "The work of lifetimes has been put at risk, reputations have been damaged, an astounding amount of silliness and even profound stupidity has been taken as serious thought, and always lurking in the background of all the argumentation and gnashing of tenets has been the question of whether the field of archaeology can ever be pursued as a science." Chris Matthew's trenchant political analysis and unique perspective on politics come to the fore in this boxed set of three of his classic works: American: Beyond Our Grandest Notions; Now, Let Me Tell You What I Really Think; and Hardball. American: People have often wondered what makes America truly great. With a citizenry of vastly different races, religions, cultures, and ethnic backgrounds, what intangible bond unites and defines us as "Americans"? In American, Matthews explores the best America stands for and portrays our country as a beacon for the modern world—unafraid of challenges, moving ever forward, and ready and willing to prevail. Now, Let Me Tell You What I Really Think: In this memoir spanning the Cold War to the Clinton years, Matthews gives the straight-up account of his "God and Country" Catholic school education in Philadelphia, complete with air-raid drills and his early enthusiasm for politics. He shares with us his life's adventures—two years in Africa with the Peace Corps, the challenge of running for Congress in his twenties, and his three decades deep in the "belly of the beast" of American politics—using his own experiences to give us an irreverent look at who we are and whom we trust to lead us. Hardball: Chris Matthews has spent a quarter century on the playing field of American politics—from right-hand man of Speaker of the House

Tip O'Neill to host of NBC's highest rated cable talk show *Hardball*. In this revised and updated edition of his political classic, he offers fascinating new stories of raw ambition, brutal rivalry, and exquisite seduction and reveals the inside rules that govern the game of power. Presents a contemporary portrait of the United States as the country enters the world arena armed with an extremely potent weapon: the collective notions Americans carry of America at its best. Offers a practical meditation on the nature and dangers of ego, drawing on an array of examples from literature, philosophy and history to show how you can be humble in your inspirations, gracious in your success and resilient on your failures - and rely on confidence, not ego.

AMARANTHE VI: VERGE delivers over 1,400 pages of thrilling Sci-Fi Adventure. **Includes the final three novels in the Riven Worlds series (*All Our Tomorrows*, *Chaotica*, *Duality*), the latest saga in the Amaranthe universe** Humanity has seized its destiny among the stars. But space remains vast and untamed, and nothing has prepared us to face the dangers rising from the deep shadows of the void. In Amaranthe, where exotic alien life, AIs, wormholes, indestructible starships and the promise of immortality rule the day, no feat seems out of reach for humanity. But when the worlds of *Aurora Rhapsody* and *Asterion Noir* collide and the Rasu horde descends upon them both, more will be asked of heroes past and future. More will be given and more taken, and when the dust settles the very fabric of Amaranthe will be changed forever.

* **ALL OUR TOMORROWS** (*Riven Worlds Book Four*) War has come to Concord. Now no one and nowhere is safe. When indestructible warships and dimension-tearing weapons are not enough to defeat the enemy, how do you protect thousands of worlds and trillions of citizens from a Rasu tidal wave bent on devouring everything in its path? The Rift Bubbles offer much-sought protection, but is the safety they promise anything more than an illusion? A weapon crafted by the nearly extinct Ourankeli may hold the key to gaining the upper hand—or it may be a doomsday bomb too dangerous to chance wielding. The Asterions strive tirelessly to improve upon and create new weapons that can kill Rasu, even as Nika Kirumase draws tantalizingly close to unlocking the true power of kyoseil. Yet for every strategic move Commandant Miriam Solovy makes to thwart the Rasu's advances, the enemy swiftly counters in a deadly battle of escalation. We don't need to fear death, for it cannot hold us. Regenes, long the exclusive domain of Anadens, begins to take root in human society. But the possibility of immortality for all does not sit well with those who would rather keep it for themselves. When a conspiracy to sabotage the future of regenes is uncovered, an unlikely advocate decides to risk his one-and-only life to bring the perpetrators to justice. And amidst all the conflict, the enigmatic Katasketousya have been playing a secret long game with the fate of the universe. Now events race toward a rendezvous with their unfolding machinations, and the resulting collision is going to change everything. Everyone talks about the personal ministry of the Word, but how do we make one-another ministry truly biblical? Gospel-Centered Counseling equips readers to change lives with Christ's changeless truth. It does so by examining life's seven ultimate questions and then guiding readers on a journey that explores the biblical, gospel-centered narrative of: The Word: "What is truth?" "Where can I find answers?" The Trinity: "Who is God?" "Can I know Him personally?" Creation: "Who am I?" "What makes people tick?" Fall: "What went wrong?" "Why do we do the things we do?" Redemption: "Can I change?" "How do people change?" Glorification: "Where am I headed?" "How does our future destiny impact our present reality?" Sanctification: "How can I help?" "How can I change lives?"

Bob Kellemen builds on the foundation of the written Word and provides a gospel-centered resource for understanding people, diagnosing problems, and prescribing biblically-based solutions. Gospel-Centered Counseling is the first volume in The Equipping Christian Counselors Series, a comprehensive relational training curriculum for the local church that provides a model for equipping God's people to change lives with Christ's changeless truth. This two-volume series weaves together comprehensive biblical insight with compassionate Christian engagement. A personal history of a time when two great political opponents served together for the benefit of the country. The author was a top aide to Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill, who waged a principled war of political ideals with President Reagan from 1980 to 1986. Together, the two men forged compromises that shaped America's future and became one of history's most celebrated political pairings: the epitome of how ideological opposites can get things done. The two leaders fought over the major issues of the day including welfare, taxes, covert military operations, and Social Security, but maintained respect for each other's positions and worked to advance the country rather than obstruct progress. The Bible is God's gift of love to the world. It is centuries of history acting as a faithful witness to the fact that God keeps His promises, every one. Glad Tidings of Great Joy explores five of these wonderful promises, that through these, we might celebrate Him all the more! For God so loved explores what it means to believe even as God promises that all who believe on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. Come and See explores the meaning of faith wherein God has promised that we are saved by grace, through faith. Faith is not blind; rather it is founded on the truth of God's Word and anchored in the proofs (the evidence) of everything He has shown us through it! Come and see God with us is a refreshing look at Psalm 23 wherein David gives us a vivid and vibrant picture of life with God; God's promise to ever be with us! Unto us a Child is Born is a study of God's first and greatest promise, the promise given to Adam and Eve whereby redemption and reconciliation would be ours through the Seed of the woman. Christmas is the celebration of Jesus birth, and the basis of our faith that He will similarly keep all of His promises! Our God reigns is a glorious picture of Jesus, He who holds the keys of Death and Hades; He who stands strong, victorious, our Savior; the everlasting Lord of lords and King of kings, our amazing God! Glad Tidings of Great Joy is good news of enduring hope. Matthews has spent a lifetime observing politicians and has gleaned wisdom and advice that are useful in politics and in life. Filled with insightful, entertaining anecdotes, this book provides a fun, lively, and thought-provoking guide to getting ahead. Today, many believers are afraid to engage life and grasp hold of the fullness of "Christ's" life. Their flame of expectation about the future is smothered. But God has not given up. He wants to fuel the red ember and rekindle authentic passion for life. Bestselling author and pastor Lloyd John Ogilvie doesn't give exhausted readers another formula, but points them to the living and active Holy Spirit. As they rely on Him, they will "be stirred up" to allow God's power to flow through them "be enabled to love" when the culture says "protect yourself" "be healed in their attitudes and imaginations" so the past can't drag them down and the future is filled with hope. Over the last 30 years, an outstanding author and researcher named Zecharia Sitchin has written a total of nine books which describe a race of ancient beings who came to Earth about 450,000 years ago. These books go into great detail about these beings and their activities on Earth. Sitchin's books are based on ancient tablets found in Mesopotamia, the lands of the Garden of Eden described in the Bible. The Grandest Deception is a book that is based on Sitchin's work and the Bible; it describes how the ancient tablets and the Bible are related to current events. The Grandest Deception describes how the Earth was created and how mankind was created. It also describes the conditions that mankind will face during the New World Order; as well as the fate of mankind if we continue down the path that we are presently on. The Kabbalah of Time is an interactive investigation of two fundamental mysteries: the Absolute (God) and the Infinite (time-space). Everything that has form was shaped by the transitory nature of time. God, devoid of form, as presented in the Biblical text, is a God that does not belong to time. Using mystical teachings within Judaism to learn from the perspective of beyond time, Rabbi Nilton Bonder presents some intriguing questions and mysterious answers that can contribute to a better intimacy with reality. Viewing Creation as the Creation of time itself he proposes a countdown for the establishment of sequential time as we know it. Day 1: The Everlasting produces the Now. Day 2: The Now produces existence. Day 3: Existence produces death. Day 4: Death produces feelings. Day 5: Feelings produce intelligence. Day 6: Intelligence produces the past. Day 7: The past produces the future. Why would a Creator by nature be hidden and invisible? Can something exist without being inside time? Where did we come from and where do we go when we leave time? What if time could be understood as a place, a place that has no direction? Project President is a hilarious romp through American electoral history. From short, fat, bald John Adams' wig-throwing tantrums during the 1800 election to Abraham Lincoln's decision to grow a beard in 1860; from John F. Kennedy's choice to forgo the fedora at his inauguration to John Kerry's decision to get Botoxed for the 2004 race; from the Golden Age of Facial Hair (1860-1912) to the Age of the Banker (1912-1960); from Washington's false teeth to George W. Bush's workout regimen, Project President tells the story of America's love affair with presidential looks and appearance, why that often matters more than a politico's positions on the issues, and what might well be coming next. "I'm constantly citing the power of dress. It's semiology: our clothes send a message about how we want to be perceived, and where is this more powerful and evident than in elected offices. In Project President, Ben Shapiro captures presidential semiotics with a potent narrative and deft analysis. It's simultaneously fascinating and hilarious!" -Tim Gunn Project Runway, Liz Claiborne, Inc. "Ben Shapiro takes a romp through American history and shows how personality--and even haircuts--have elected or defeated presidential candidates. It's a tour through history that fans of both parties will enjoy--and can learn from." -Michael Barone Resident scholar, American Enterprise Institute Senior Writer, U.S. News & World Report Co-author, The Almanac of American Politics "Presidential politics has always been more superficial than we'd like to admit. With a stylish and likeable touch befitting a strong candidate, Ben Shapiro takes us deep into the shallowness that has shaped American history." -Jonathan Alter Newsweek "Shapiro deftly explains how height, hair and handsomeness can affect a candidate's campaign as much as issues. A fun, informative read." -Glenn Beck Nationally syndicated talk show host Host of CNN's The Glenn Beck Show "A hilarious and illuminating journey through America's centuries-long fascination with presidential image-making. Whether you're left, right, moderate or apathetic, this lively book will get you ready for the packaging of the '08 races." -Jim Hightower "This is a perceptive, witty-sometimes hilarious-look at the realities behind the faces and the facades, the slogans and the character assassinations, of each presidential campaign from George Washington to today - with much for us to ponder for tomorrow." -Sir Martin Gilbert Official biographer of Winston Churchill "An entertaining and

illuminating romp through the politics of symbolism and personality in our presidential politics. If you're thinking of running for president, read this book before you spend a dime on a political consultant." -Rich Lowry National Review COLMES: Who do you want [for the Supreme Court]? ANN COULTER: Thank you for asking. I want Ben Shapiro. COLMES: Ben Shapiro. ANN COULTER: Yes. He just finished his first year at Harvard Law, 21 years old. COLMES: You mean for a date or for the court? ANN COULTER: No, for the court. He's my candidate. He's very bright. He's already written one best-selling book. (CROSSTALK) COLMES: You want to put a 21-year-old guy on the court? ANN COULTER: Twenty-one, and he's just finished first year of Harvard Law. COLMES: So you want someone who's going to be on the court for 50, 60 years? Is that - is that the whole idea? ANN COULTER: No, I just happen to like Ben Shapiro. Hannity and Colmes Fox News Channel July 8, 2005 Details the long standing friendship which existed between Kennedy and Nixon which began in 1946 when both were elected as congressmen, but degenerated into distrust and bitterness and ending in the dark deeds of Watergate in 1972. A ground-breaking work on nature and humanity. This book deepens the spirit of Silent Spring, and of Walden into human conservation and healing. It reveals the stunning breakthrough into Nurturome. It breaks open, then completes our view of evolution; it reveals the Second Missing Link. It redefines and redirects the Environmental Movement the nature-human debate. It dispels the issue of nature vs. culture, and other key myths of 'civilization', Modernism, and Postmodernism. It reveals the Origin and Emergence of Alien Being Alienism. It presents the Revelation of Selflifeworld. It reveals the Origins of Egoself that comes to displace whole self and whole mind. Over one hundred-fifty subheadings mark more surprises on the journey! A vast pot-pourri for laymen, professionals, and students! From The Critics Midwest Book Review The Last Human Spring provides a philosophy of the nature-human world and its interactions, from concepts of evolution and astronomical history to reflections on concepts of aliens, human alliances with and struggles over nature, and visions of how humanity interacts with the environment. An intriguing survey of human life and meaning. Journal of Environmental Education - Richard R. Jurin The author, L. S. Heatherly, has done an admirable job of orchestrating a mind-expanding series of short essays ...convincing and thought-provoking ideas ...that show the reader how ...and why[our]separation from nature began ...and continues to exist. In an account similar to Daniel Quinn's Ishmael ideas,...he convincingly debunks many of the great myths that drive our modern human thinking ...and shows how ...only through civilization have [humans] achieved a disconnect [from nature] ...highly readable ...adult readers can [opt to] read in short sections ...suited to a high school or college audience with a good teacher or instructor ...[a] wonderful and uplifting [treatise] of a new spiritual redemption to be used in general environmental education studies [despite] a negative vision of the future ... What People Are Saying It is an amazing book, truly ground-breaking,...I respect and acknowledge [the] vision,...I hope [the] book is widely read. Pulitzer Prize-winning Author, Human Rights Leader, Ecoleader, and Poet Laureate of the Environmental Movement Correct - Gary Snyder I commend [the Author] on the diligence of [his] investigation ...engaged in what Thomas Berry calls the 'great work' of restoring harmony between humans and the rest of nature. Author of Simple in Means, Rich in Ends: Practicing Deep Ecology - Bill Devall June 15, 2009: I continue to be amazed at the clarity with which L.S. Heatherly presents what was, for me, incomprehensible human relationships and foibles. I've come to rely upon "The Last Human Spring" as my guide to life. The book exudes enlightenment. The prose is eminently readable and, in the best philosophical manner, the reader is guided along the path while being encouraged to think independently. -EnlightenedRaconteur "THE LAST HUMAN SPRING is an absorbing, enlightening, and fascinating work. The ideas are as important as any I've ever read or studied. This is an amazing philosopher. I dare say that his work may become as important as any by Darwin or B. F. Skinner. This book has had a profound influence on my interpretation of the human condition; and I am committed to getting it into the minds and hands of the world. Bless Heatherly's soul for forming these ideas and publishing them." -- Darryl House, Magalia California, USA -Anonymous Letters and reflections on a very difficult time in the history of the United States. After fifty years of celebration, the Super Bowl represents the broadest 'shared experience' in contemporary American culture and has become a new national holiday. Explains behind-the-scenes techniques used in politics, discusses alliances, enemies, deals, and reputations, and shares anecdotes about top politicians From Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC's Hardball and NBC's The Chris Matthews Show, and New York Times bestselling author of Now, Let Me Tell You What I Really Think, comes a definitive work on the lifeblood of America -- its enduring spirit. People have often wondered what makes America truly great. With a citizenry of vastly different races, religions, cultures, and ethnic backgrounds, what intangible bond unites and defines us as "Americans"? In his own inimitable style, Chris Matthews offers a portrait of a country born of contradictions. We are a people reluctant to fight, who become ferocious when threatened or attacked. We are a deeply practical nation, yet we stand as the world's great optimists. Inherently suspicious of governmental power, we still embrace our flag in times of danger. Fiercely independent, in love with freedom, and eager to face the future, we are like no other people on earth. Matthews asserts that our greatest strength is a set of distinct notions that comprise our national character. The self-made man. The reluctant warrior. The lone hero. We celebrate them in our popular culture and throughout our history, from 1776 to 9/11. In American, Matthews explores the best America stands for and portrays our country as a beacon for the modern world -- unafraid of challenges, moving ever forward, and ready and willing to prevail. Have you ever asked yourself why you are on planet Earth? And what the ultimate purpose for your life might be? Well, Jack Canfield asked himself this very question and came up with a surprising answer —part of which included a vision revealing that he is part of a "Golden Motorcycle Gang" —a gang whose intent is to have fun, but also to make significant contributions to the well-being of humanity. During a joyful dinner many years ago in Santa Barbara, California, Jack told his friend William Gladstone about the Gang. Upon hearing this account, William had an epiphany that Jack's story held a powerful underlying truth not only explaining Jack's true purpose, but William's as well. For more than ten years, William encouraged Jack to write a book based on the story of the Gang, so they have now collaborated on this work to show you its relevance to this critical moment in the history of human civilization . . . and also to you, personally. As you read, you will be introduced to some of the extraordinary members of the Golden Motorcycle Gang, including visionary thinkers such as Barbara Marx Hubbard, the originator of the concept of Conscious Evolution. The mystery and adventure inherent in this book reveals that there is now the opportunity for all of us on planet Earth to make a quantum leap in real time toward choosing the actual course of our evolution. Along the way, we are meant to experience the joy that comes from recognizing who we really are. Perhaps, as you embark on Jack's journey along with him . . . you will find that you are also a member of the Golden Motorcycle Gang! So get ready for the adventure of your life! The Traces is a ranging inquiry into the seductions of memory and travel, the fragile paradox of desire, and the art of making meaning from a life. Mairead Small Stead's debut, The Traces is a work of memoir and criticism that explores the nature of happiness in art, literature, and philosophy, structured around a season spent in Italy and a reading of Italo Calvino's Invisible Cities. Poised between plummeting depressions, the author considers the intellectual merits of joy and the redeeming promise offered by the beauty, both natural and manmade, that surrounds her. Traveling from Florence to Rome to Capri, The Traces draws on the fields of physics, history, architecture, and cartography, spurred by thinkers from Aristotle and Montaigne to Cesare Pavese and Anne Carson. A New York Times Bestseller "What was he like?" Jack Kennedy said the reason people read biography is to answer that question. Chris Matthews gives us just that. The man you discover here wanted never to be alone, never to be bored. He loved courage, hated war, and lived each day as if it were his last. This extraordinary biography is based on personal interviews with those close to JFK, oral histories, primary documents, and notes from Jackie Kennedy's first interview after Dallas.

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