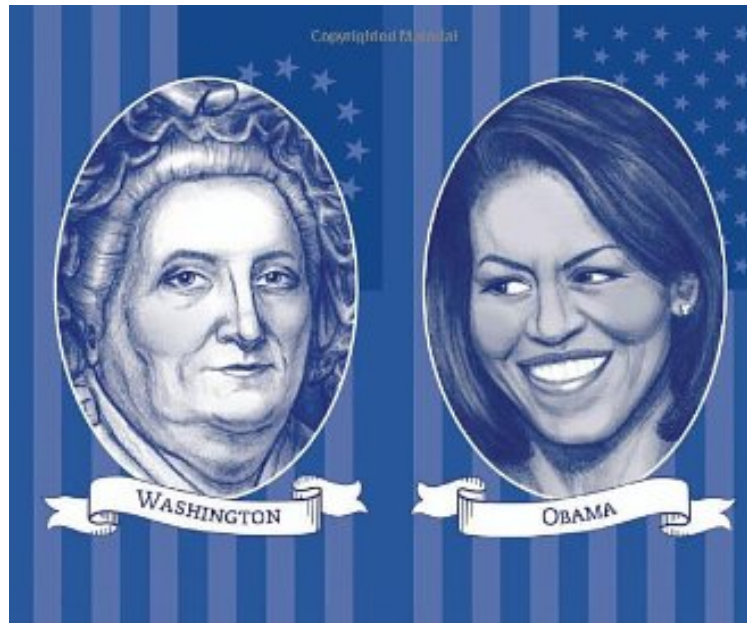


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Media problems for the white house not newBy AMMI got a real

kick out of reading this series of short bios of first ladies; I was amused with some of the stories and particularly impressed when I realized that trouble with the media is nothing new--especially for the poor women in the white house almost none of wished wanted to be there. I was also a little troubled with the use of slaves early on, and can really feel proud that a black woman made it to the executive bedroom suite as first lady. I loved the story about the bustle--but won't include the spoiler. I kept thinking that a whole industry was shut down because of a slow news day. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Similar to 'Cliff Notes' By Customer This book is only for the reader with little or no knowledge of the women featured in this book. The caricatures of the First Ladies are poorly rendered, and the overviews of their lives include snarky comments. I was disappointed with the author's cavalier attitude about some of the heartrending situations that some of the women endured. It seemed very incomplete. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great introduction to the personalities By Dawn Oz A great introduction to the personalities, and their interaction with the historical settings and ways that woman's lives were circumscribed. It highlights their courage and fortitude, especially with some of their grumpy husbands. They varied according to temperament, from bookish introverts to those who could throw entertaining parties (not that they are necessarily mutually exclusive). They also varied in their KQ (Kindness Quotient), and their attitude to their staff. Some were brilliant, and should have been President. And so many, had many births..... It's a great introduction, and it would be interesting to hear from someone who knew the history better than me. I'm an Australian, married to an American (based in Brisbane), so I could engage hubby in lots of interesting discussions. I think it would be a great one for a year's book reading group. I actually ended up listening to the AUDIO version on my iPhone/headphones whilst walking, so having the book was a great backup.

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About the Author Cormac O'Brien is the author of *Secret Lives of the U.S. Presidents*.