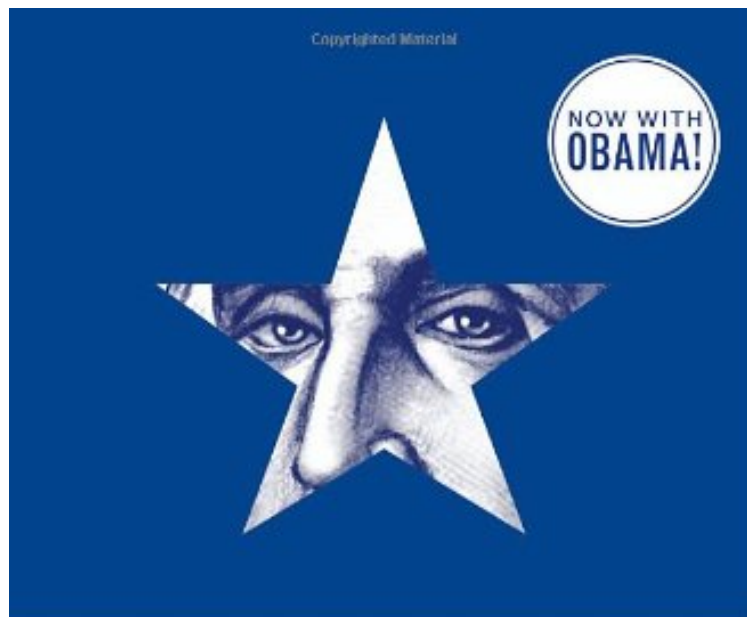


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amusing book gives us a lot of previously unknown details about the Presidents, some of it quite surprising. Did you know that outdoorsman Theodore Roosevelt would eat 12 eggs for breakfast, washed down with huge mugs of coffee, or that another President would retire with a bowl of rum punch beside the bed? Author Cormac O'Brien is very fair in his assessments though, pointing out that although Lyndon Johnson was very coarse and was damaged by the Vietnam war, he is now seen as having done more for Civil Rights than other Presidents. And although Richard Nixon resigned in disgrace, his visit to and recognition of China laid the groundwork for today's good relations between the two countries. The vital statistics of all the Presidents are interesting. Many have been tall men, both Washington and Jefferson being 6'2" and Lincoln 6'4" and Lyndon Johnson 6'3". But President Madison, at only 5'4" was the shortest of all! The very largest President was William H. Taft who weighed in at 325 lbs and got stuck in the White House bathtub! But Taft was probably the most distinguished public servant of any President. Before his election he was Solicitor General of the United States, then Governor General of the Philippines. After his one term as President he was a law professor at Yale University and then in 1921 came his crowning achievement, his appointment as Chief Justice of the United States! The most prolific President was John Tyler, who in two marriages fathered 15 children, the last being when he was 70. John Tyler was born in 1790, and his youngest daughter, born 1860, was still alive in 1948 when Truman was President! After his Presidency, Millard Fillmore visited Great Britain and met Queen Victoria, who later said "He is the handsomest man I ever met!" We also learn that 15 Presidents have been Freemasons, the last being Gerald Ford. And that President Hayes (1877-81) wife Lucy banned alcohol from the White House. She was known as 'Lemonade Lucy' The book contains amusing cartoons of each President; John Kennedy being surrounded by young women! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. With all the bad news it is a good lite read and I ... By Jerry Finch I work at the local Hospital as a volunteer and was heading this book and everyone who came up to my desk asked what I was reading. Almost every one asked where I got it. With all the bad news it is a good lite read and I have really enjoyed it. Will finish today. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good but cautious read By Racine Walsh I enjoyed the book. Author is a good writer but 3/4 of the way through it started to get too political. Unfortunate because I thought it would be fun and informative. That is why only 3 stars. Too bad the political leanings of the author crept into the writing.

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