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The Bushes are the family nobody really knows. This popular lack of acquaintance-nurtured by gauzy imagery of Maine summer cottages, gray-haired national grandmothers, July 4th sparklers & cowboy boots-has let national politics create a dynasticized presidency that would have horrified the Founders. After all, they'd led a revolution against a succession of royal Georges. Onetime Republican strategist Phillips reveals how four generations of Bushes have ascended the ladder of national power since WWI, becoming entrenched within the establishment-Yale, Wall Street, the Senate, the CIA, the vice presidency & presidency-thru a recurrent flair for old-boy networking, national security involvement, criminality & deception. By uncovering relationships & connecting facts, Phillips comes to the conclusion that the Bush family has systematically used its financial & social empire to gain the White House, subverting the very core of democracy. In their ambition, the Bushes ultimately reinvented themselves with facile timing, twisting & turning from silver spoon Yankees to born-again evangelical Texans. As Jeb Bush considers a run for the presidency, *American Dynasty* explains what it all means.

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Alethea Hammer says

One of the more interesting aspects of growing old is that they write history books about stuff you remember seeing in the headlines. This is an excellent book spanning 5 generations of a wealthy and powerful American family. Many books have been written about them. Most are either shameless political puff pieces or hostile conspiracy minded exposes. This book is balanced, well researched and firmly grounded in historical context. The author is never afraid to digress a bit to give historical background and depth to an event or trend that he writes about. That being the case you get a lot of major historical figures appearing in the book as background. This is a book I would highly recommend. Especially now with another Bush running for president again.

Cwn_annwn_13 says

Good stuff here on the Bush Family and their many shady dealings going back to the 1800's. I mean it really is amazing how interwoven this bunch is with so many of the worst elements of the worlds power brokers for over a 150 years. If this book has a weakness its, although it brings up many of the the nefarious deeds and dealings of the Bush crime family, that it barely touches on or completely ignores the worst of the worst that the Bushs have been linked to over the years. It also tries a bit too hard to try to draw a parrellell between the Bush gangsters and European royalty by making them into Americans version of a royal family. Still recommended reading though.

Pam says

The author doesn't hold back...he tells all and includes a 'damning assessment of the family's machinations to gain the White House and to subvert the very core of American democracy: government by and for the people'. If you dislike W now, read this and you'll despise his whole family and have good reasons for doing so.

Ely says

The Bush/Walker family has played an immense role in the history of the 20th century both nationally and internationally. Kevin Philips is a thorough and impressive historical voice concerning American history. Power takes an interesting form when you know the right people, and you are part of the greater plan and one of a thousand points of light.

Will Byrnes says

A multi-generational look at the Bush family, as well as some others, their roles in important events in American history and how the present is merely the continuation of the past. There are many compelling points made here, not least of which is that the Bush tax policies acted to cement in place an American aristocracy. He also shows that Dubyah's methodology of lies and obfuscation is one with past practices in the family. Very compelling stuff. But I did find the laundry list methodology used in recounting historical family connection with the rulers of America very sleep-inducing. Still, well, well worth the effort.

Kevin Phillips - image from the Dallas Morning News

While this book was written a while ago, it is relevant today as Dubyah does his best to paint over the truth about his time in office with warm comparisons to his successor as the worst president ever. Just because Dubyah was not as crude, arrogant, blatantly racist, and mindlessly destructive as Swamp Thing, just because he is not the world-class narcissist The Donald is, that does not mean that he did not suck as president, that he did not do lasting damage to our nation, and that he should be seen in any but the harshest light. This book offers some context within which to consider his efforts at image buffing.

AC says

Outstanding book -- K. Phillips at his best. Far broader than the title suggests...

Eric says

The Bush Empire was in the making 100 years before Bush I was coronated President, and while we "slept" grew stronger to coronate Bush II. Those that read books like this are what stand between us and the coronation of Bush III. The problem with this book is that it tries to do far too much in terms of documenting not just the long Bush Dynasty in and out of office, but also the dynastic proclivity of our system of government, the continued rise of the neo cons, the religious right, etc, which muddles and confuses the every day reader. But still, Bully!

Mark Valentine says

I can't believe I read this book! Sometimes I had to hide the cover behind a magazine so no one would see that I was reading it. I mean, really, reading about the Bush family makes me think playing Scrabble is actually enjoyable!

But I read it and I can now connect the dots between the Bush family and exactly why and how the United States invaded Iraq: OIL! The Bush's have enormous family holdings in it and stand to become the largest of the richest if the cards are played well.

Also, I was dismayed to read how Papa Bush helped finance and support Junior into prominence esp. after everything that Junior touched turned to toro-poopoo. But that is how money works. Papa Bush had more

John says

I was a little disappointed after reading the title that it wasn't easy potshots at the world's most worthy target, but rather a fact-based, rather dry account of the last century's rise of dynasty, military-industrial complex, and of course 4 generations of Bushes' feeding frenzy on said trends. But call me lazy.

Ellen says

Very well researched book about the Bush family, going back well before Georges H. and H.W. Bush to Prescott Bush and the Walkers (they were the highly successful capitalists who put the "Dubya" into the 41 and 43 presidents' names, and the massive fortunes into the dynasty's coffers), to this clan's exploits in what the author calls "crony capitalism." In these pages, we learn how the Walker-Bush clan amassed huge amounts of wealth and power in the energy, intelligence and defense sectors of the U.S. economy in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Phillips also presents thoroughly documented evidence of America's growing infatuation with royalty, wealth and dynastic families that would make Washington, Madison and Jefferson despair for our democracy. An added bonus are the fascinating side details about the 2000 election's recount in Florida, and how the Reeps completely outmaneuvered, outstaffed and outfunded the Dems, thereby handing the White House to George W. Bush, even though he had clearly lost the election.

That Kevin Phillips would take such pains to "out" the Bush clan and their shady dealings is a story in itself. He teamed up with Patrick Buchanan to chart Richard Nixon's successful course to the presidency in 1968. He brilliantly masterminded the Reeps' successful campaign to turn the American south from solidly Democratic to solidly Republican. So to see this entrenched Republican's scathing indictment of the Bush clan really gave me pause.

After reading American Dynasty in the spring of 2004, I was convinced that enough damning material about the Bush clan had emerged to ensure George W's defeat that November. While my finger is (obviously!) far, far removed from the pulse of the American body politic, I nonetheless highly recommend this book to anyone interested in American history, American politics and this nation's scary shift away from some of the basic tenets of our democratic roots.

Erik Graff says

I don't much like Obama, but I disliked the Bushes more. This book, a biography of the Bushes and the Walkers by a self-styled Eisenhower Republican, reminded me as to why and added several more reasons to the list. Reminiscent of recent works by another (in his case, a Goldwater) Republican, John Dean, Phillips' study credibly shatters the image(s) so carefully and successfully constructed by this family. Indictments should, but won't, follow.
