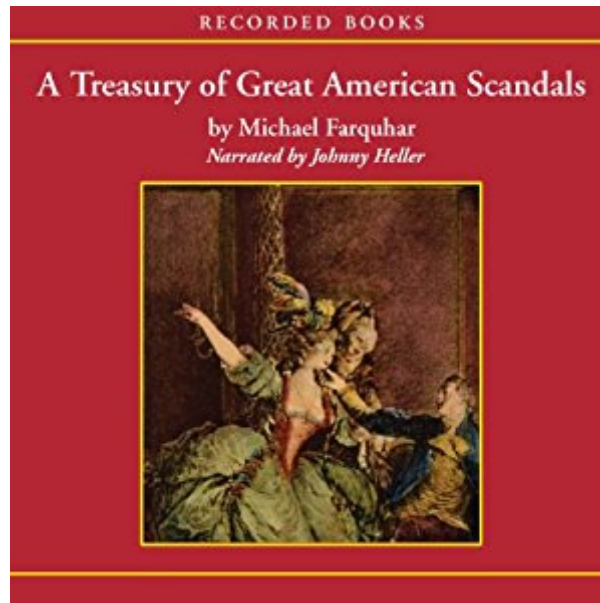




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A Treasury Of Great American Scandals



Synopsis

Following on the heels of his national bestseller *A Treasury of Royal Scandals*, Michael Farquhar turns his attention to matters a little closer to home with *A Treasury of Great American Scandals*. From the unhappy family relationships of prominent Americans to the feuds, smear campaigns, duels, and infamous sex scandals that have punctuated our history, we see our founding fathers and other American heroes in the course of their all-too-human events. Ineffectual presidents, lazy generals, traitors; treacherous fathers, nagging mothers, ungrateful children, embarrassing siblings; and stories about insanity, death, and disturbing postmortems are all here, as are disagreeable marriages, vile habits, and, of course, sex: good sex, bad sex, and good-bad sex too. We can take comfort in the fact that we are no worse and no better than our forebears. But we do have better media coverage. Bonus educational material: A brief history of the United States, including scandals! The American Hall of Shame! A complete listing of presidential administrations! --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

HILARIOUS! Who wouldn't love reading about naughty presidents? This book does an excellent job of keeping the reader interested while providing background history (such as their section on duels). I loved reading this book before bedtime. While the sections are long the individual chapters are short so you can read 2 or 3 stories a day. From the famous Burr-Hamilton duel to Herbert Hoover vs Martin Luther King Jr, this book gives an insight to American History that is not presented in

traditional textbooks. Even if you are not a huge history fan, I believe this book will be interesting to all.  

Good book to help remind you that political scandal has always been part of American politics. Even as despicable and shameful as politics are now, it's nothing new for this country. Fun read, with short sections on various famous Americans and their deeds. Find out why Andrew Jackson was considered a homicide temperamental bully, how Ben Franklin treated his son, or that Jefferson's sex scandal with a slave was as well known in its time as Bill Clinton's scandal. All the embarrassing stuff our founding fathers wish we didn't know about, I just wish this book was longer!

This is a fun book with tantalizing tales of misbehavior from times past, and reminds us that human nature does not especially change through the ages. Maybe we have more checks and balances than in those early days of dueling and fist fights on the Congress floor, but our modern politicians and business leaders still manage to get caught with their fingers in the till or "inappropriately" touching the young lasses; plus now we have digital cameras and taped phone calls. In this interesting little volume, you will find slave-owners, fat presidents, old senile chief justices, a FBI director wearing dresses and harassing civil rights leaders, a president who hates Jewish people, and women finally getting the vote and putting a handsome, but unqualified, president into office. Chapter after chapter is enlightening, often causing the reader to laugh out loud and/or exclaiming, "I didn't know that about our Founding Fathers." I guarantee that if you are the type to slow down at the grocery check-out counter and glance at the tabloids, or chitchat with your neighbors after watching the news, you will truly enjoy this one.

Some of the scandals in the book aren't exactly scandals by today's standards or are so well known we regard them as hardly shocking. And indeed, some stories we already knew. But the lay out of the book is in such a way that it provides an ease with reading. A book with short stories on scandals is always a fun read. I'm often traveling on public transportation and find that it's nice to read when I have the chance, but find it frustrating to leave a good story in the middle of the tale because I've arrived at my destination or the break isn't long enough to finish the chapter. But this book, and the others this author has written, is set up so that leaving in the middle of a chapter doesn't happen that often. Plus, you can flip through and pick a topic at will. I really enjoyed this book, and have read his other two books and enjoyed them as well. I recommend it.

Anyone interested in history will enjoy this read. The format is done in short tales of often little known information. Some is not new to history buffs, but there are some interesting tidbits that put a different perspective on what you thought you knew. It is enjoyable and easy to read. I highly recommend it and this author who seems to enjoy his research and sharing what he has learned with the reader. I am an avid reader of history and I especially enjoy the trivia and little known snippets of information these types of books relay. This book has not disappointed.

I first found one book by this author at a yard sale and loved it once I read it. So I had to find others and buy them. This is one of those I have found. Very good stories all through it. I would never have guessed some of the things it told about. Some of the stories were slightly amusing others were sort of shocking. None very long so for history buffs with small kids it's easier to read between chasing after them. Very good book I will be buying all of them by this author eventually.

Concise and short chapters, packed with information that would otherwise be difficult to obtain as a student of history having to remember dates and historical characters, geography etc. Mr. Farquhar has to have collected this treasury for decades. Indispensable reading for any serious student of history. The paragraphs are short, probably, no more than 3 pages full of beautiful historical readings. No sentence is wasted. Highly recommended specially Mr. Michael Farquhar.

Great read to spark conversation on some of the biggest scandals that happened in United States politics. It may take a village to raise a child, but sometimes I think it takes many alert minds that are willing to experiment to create a country. You will discover things you never knew!

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