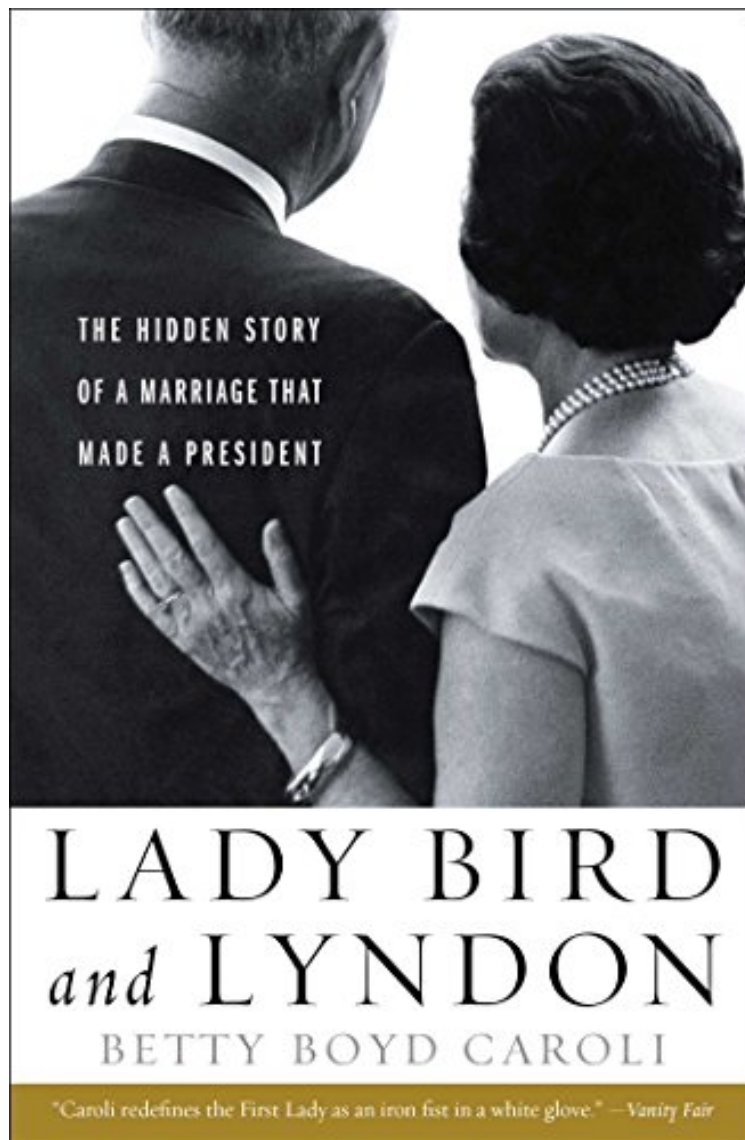


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. "Go get me 'Bird'"... Von Jill Meyer Betty Boyd Caroli's biography of Lady Bird Johnson, "Lady Bird and Lyndon: The Hidden Story of a Marriage That Made a President", is a well-written look at one of the most famous and yet, curious, political marriages in US history. Claudia Alta Taylor - known throughout her life as "Lady Bird" - was a calm, smart southern lady who hitched herself to a rising political star when she married Lyndon Baines Johnson. She literally devoted her life to the care and feeding of Johnson - who called her "Bird"; often times to the detriment of raising two daughters. Like many couples devoted to each other, the daughters knew who came first in their parents' lives and affections. Reading Caroli's book and noting the emotional ups-and-downs that seemed to afflict Lyndon Johnson his whole life, it's not difficult to speculate on his deep need for a wife to keep him in balance, particularly in the eyes of the world. And "Bird" did just that for her husband. She followed behind him, cleaning up his messes, and in some cases taking the blame for problems. Was Lady Bird Johnson an enabler for her husband? Sure seemed like it, but then so are many women married to "difficult" men. "Bird" acknowledged her husband's attractions to other women, seemingly unconcerned about the affairs he conducted, some quite openly. But she was always sure he needed her and would stay with her. (But there were a couple of "other" women...) Betty Caroli's book touches on all the parts of Lady Bird's life, from her childhood loss of her mother and her idealisation of her father, a larger-than-life figure. He was replaced by Lyndon - maybe that was a bit of LBJ's initial attraction to Lady Bird - and continues through her education at UT, marriage to Johnson, the raising of their two daughters, and her financial management. But it is in noting Lady Bird's political life - both "behind" Lyndon as he built his political career, and then as First Lady - that Caroli's biography shines. Her book is an excellent look at a political life and a political marriage and all the tact and smarts it takes to succeed at both. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A great read Von L. Arnold This book is fantastic! Who, would have thought these 2 were so interesting. I was young when they were in the White House, and they seemed very boring. Nothing could be further from the truth. Read this book, it is an inspiration for women who survive all sorts of situations. Well written and fast paced.

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Nancy Gibbs, coauthors of *The Presidents Club*) "The coach, the advisor, the steady soothsayer to an erratic man in these pages, Lady Bird Johnson bursts from history's shadows to her rightful place at the heart of a stirring story. More important still, Betty Caroli establishes the prominence of a gripping and mysterious relationship—one of the critical intimacies of the 20th century. This is a tremendous work of scholarship and storytelling." (Joshua Wolf Shenk, author of *Powers of Two*) "Engrossing and perceptive. . . Caroli shows that Mrs. Johnson played a crucial part in getting her husband to the White House and through the presidency. One of the essential studies of a modern first lady written by one of the masters of the field." (Lewis L. Gould, author of *Lady Bird Johnson: Our Environmental First Lady*) Caroli redefines the First Lady as an iron fist in a white glove." (*Vanity Fair*) "Smartly written and devoid of gossip and cant. . . Stunning." (*Boston Globe*) "The spouses of the world's most influential movers and shakers rarely receive similar attention to their lives, regardless of the influence they may have had, but biographer Caroli bucks the trend with this enticing and fun examination of Claudia Alta Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson. . . Johnson changed the role of First Lady forever, and Caroli's well-researched work gives readers insight into that shift." (*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)) [Caroli], an expert on first ladies, provides overdue recognition of the important role Lady Bird Johnson played in an historic presidency. (*Washington Independent of Books*) "Lady Bird and Lyndon reveals the demure powerhouse behind a president. . . In her absorbing new book, Caroli delves deep into the complex and compelling relationship between Lady Bird and LBJ. . . Groundbreaking. . . Through unprecedented research, including her investigation into previously unpublished letters that LBJ and Lady Bird exchanged during their brief courtship, Caroli fashions a detailed and captivating portrayal of the ultimate Washington power couple: the larger-than-life president, and the woman who played the indispensable role in making him who he was." (*BookTrib*) Engaging. . . Caroli breaks new ground by drawing on newly available evidence—above all a trove of love letters from Lyndon and Lady Bird's brief courtship in 1934—and advancing a provocative argument to explain what held the couple together for so long despite their enormous differences. . . The book offers a convincing portrait of a level-headed, genial and talented woman who left an indelible mark on the nation. (*Austin-American Statesman*) "Our idea of Claudia Taylor Johnson as an autonomous individual—someone with great ambition and intellect as well as great compassion and poise—is underdeveloped to say the least. How well do we know the woman who was courted by LBJ and bolstered him as he fought his way up the political ladder to the U.S. House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Presidency? Betty Boyd Caroli dispels any notion of Lady Bird as LBJ's doormat." (*Austin Chronicle*) Fascinating. . . What makes Caroli's insightful study of an underreported political partnership so appealing and so much fun to read is her masterful light touch, winning style and deeply informed feeling for her subjects. (*Dallas Morning News*) "A touching, sympathetic portrait of a successful marriage despite the agony and the stress, emphasizing Lady Bird Johnson's spectacular inner grit. . . Caroli does an impressive job refuting [Lady Bird's] 'doormat' reputation . . . by underscoring the symbiotic relationship that mutually sustained the couple through their whole lives. . . An engaging dual biography of a most intriguing power couple." (*Kirkus*) "Caroli fills out the portrait of a pragmatic political partnership emphasizing Lady Bird Johnson through many letters unavailable to researchers until 2013, using analysis by historians and details of important face-to-face, email, and telephone interviews with those who understood the dynamics of the marriage of Lyndon B. Johnson and Lady Bird. . . Caroli's suggestion and amplification of a virtual pact teased out of Lyndon and Bird's correspondence during a very brief courtship frames the story of this alliance. Recommended for history buffs and devotees of human behavior." (*Library Journal*) "President Lyndon B. Johnson was a pretty tough guy, the kind of leader who could steamroll Congress when it was called for. His wife, Lady Bird, was no wilting flower either. . . With research from Lady Bird's personal diaries and newly released letters between her and Lyndon during their brief courtship in 1934, Caroli makes a compelling case that the first lady was more important to LBJ's career than commonly believed." (*New York Post*) Insightful. . . Caroli recounts Lady Bird's progress from childhood to middle age with telling details and intriguing anecdotes. . . Caroli's book stands alone as a penetrating analysis not so much of two individuals but instead of a marriage that paired two complicated but devoted figures, a coupling that changed the face of America. (*Richmond Times-Dispatch*) Caroli uses a wealth of primary sources to explore the marriage of Lady Bird and Lyndon [and] skillfully weaves the couple's personal lives together with the tumultuous political situations they faced. Her narrative is a soulful account that details the pair's widely divergent family backgrounds and acknowledges that LBJ was indeed the 'human puzzle' that one journalist called him, but also 'head over heels' in love with his wife. (*BookPage*) Caroli's work is a very nice supplement [to Robert Caro's volume] that fills in some important gaps. (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*) Caroli argues persuasively. . . Its refreshing to see Lady Bird given her due. (*The Daily Beast*) Full of fascinating details about the behind-the-scenes functioning of a partnership that affected the lives of many millions of people. (*Lone Star Literary* (Lubbock, TX)) **Kurzbeschreibung** This smartly written stunning (*The Boston Globe*) portrait of Lady Bird as the essential strategist, fundraiser, barnstormer, and ballast for her husband Lyndon offers a penetrating analysis of a marriage that paired two complicated but devoted figures, a coupling that changed the face of America (*Richmond Times-Dispatch*). 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