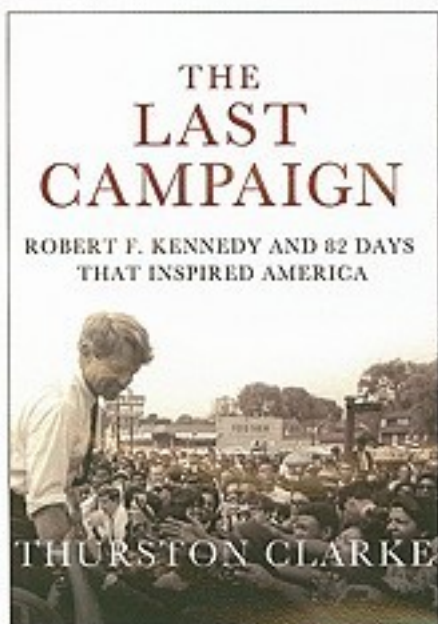

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Description

With new research and previously unavailable interviews, *The Last Campaign* provides an intimate and absorbing historical narrative that goes right to the heart of America's deepest despairs -- and most fiercely held dreams -- and tells us more than we had understood before about this complicated man and the heightened drama of his times. After John F. Kennedy's assassination, Robert Kennedy -- formerly Jack's no-holds-barred political warrior -- almost lost hope. He was haunted by his brother's murder, and by the nation's seeming inability to solve its problems of race, poverty, and the war in Vietnam. Bobby sensed the country's pain, and when he announced that he was running for president, the country united behind his hopes. Over the action-packed eighty-two days of his campaign, Americans were inspired by Kennedy's promise to lead them toward a better time. And after an assassin's bullet stopped this last great stirring public figure of the 1960s, crowds lined up along the country's railroad tracks to say goodbye to Bobby.

Insightful reviews

Alex: This is an essential read if you're a Kennedy junkie like me, it provides the most detailed insight into RFK's 1968 campaign. The first chapter gives a tear jerking account of Bobby's funeral, and why he managed to inspire so many Americans. The book details each primary state and gives a really good summary of Kennedy's entire campaign. It's a good read for any politics student as it details the actual demographics of the primaries and shows that RFK was able to actually do very well in 'racist' strongholds that voted for Wallace later. Basically the book gives an interesting, and unexpected account into the less detailed aspect of Kennedy's campaign-his success among working class whites.

Like any Robert Kennedy book Clarke details the passion of Robert Kennedy, whilst it's limited to 1968 only it goes into great deal about his famous Eulogy for Martin Luther King in Indianapolis. The book is perfect at expressing both the politics and passion of Robert Kennedy. I really don't know what more to say about this book, because as Kennedy fan it covers all the the traditional bases- the embrace of conservatives in Kansas, the support from working class whites in Indiana, the empathy for native Americans in Dakota and finally the success and sorrow from the Ambassador Hotel. A must read!!!

Brian : Thurston Clarke's book on Robert Kennedy provides a narrative account of the 82 days that he ran for President until he was killed at the ambassador hotel in early June 1968. It is a concise and well written account that goes over what happened on the campaign trail showing the triumphs and the struggles of RFK's campaign. From the rallies in Oakland to woo the African American vote to the triumphs in Indiana with the backlash vote that wanted "law and order" you are presented with a person who has belief in his convictions and represents them on the campaign trail (sometimes to his handlers disappointment). There is little doubt that after winning California RFK was on the way to winning the democratic nomination (based off primary totals) and would have raced a tough fight against Nixon that may have led to an RFK victory which this book does dabble in speculation about. That leads to my number one complaint about this book and the reason it is only four stars. This is a wonderful narrative and tells the

story very well but there is no interpretation and almost no analysis to go along with the narrative. It is simply an account of what happened and while interesting to read if you have not read a lot about the time period you will have a hard time placing the significance of some of the events. Nonetheless still an excellent book on RFK and very well written. Highly recommend.

Baidhurya: About the person. RFK was not a great orator but a passionate orator. And it was just with this passion that he won crowds. He said what he felt. He was a man of principles and felt about the poor and powerless. This incident tells you about his courage and the kind of person he was. It was because of his speech that there were no riots in Indianapolis after Martin Luther's assassination. He took a great risk of getting into a black ghetto and in a 6 minute speech convinced them that violence can't be the answer to King's death. About the book. Well written and narrated. It keeps you engaged and and you can't keep it down.

Kristy Miller: If i'd provide this publication 10 stars if I could. This e-book captures a second in time, a second in politics, a second in history, while the United States was once at a fork within the road; with the conflict in Vietnam, with race relations, with the industrial disparity. Bobby Kennedy have been referred to as a ruthless political operative, and the strong-arm of his brother's White House. whilst he was once elected because the senator from New York, he started to differentiate himself from his brother's policies, and pursuing ones that he held dear. He felt in part accountable for the U.S. state of affairs in Vietnam, yet knew that there has been no profitable that battle and desired to reduce the variety of deaths on either sides. He had visible severe poverty, and kids ravenous on US soil, and was once appalled and ashamed. He understood the frustrations of the Chicano and the Negro people, and desired to bridge the divide. while he made up our minds to run for the presidency, he did so simply because he felt to do another way will be ethical cowardice. He knew hes was once in danger, yet he sought to alter the world. My mom was once raised via staunch republicans within the pan-handle of Texas, and if you happen to ask her approximately Bobby Kennedy you will discover tears in her eyes. This booklet captures the wish that used to be in his campaign, and it's either appealing and devastating. If he had lived i think that this nation might were markedly different. I cry for what may have been.

Steven: This novel superbly chronicled the final eighty two days of Robert Kennedy's life. Robert Kennedy, the brother of our thirty fifth President John F. Kennedy used to be a tremendous political face, and ran opposed to his brother's successor, Lyndon Baines Johnson. Robert's hatred for LBJ fueled his maximum ambition, to meet his brother's unfinished paintings within the White House, and Thurman Clarke tells his audiences Robert's trip to the excessive office. On his eighty two day journey, Robert's recognition erupted one of the black community, the immigrant communities, and naturally Jack's supporters. not like his predecessors, Robert Kennedy reached out to people who have been unheard of, those that didn't get a voice, and people whose voices have been squashed by way of white politicians who desired to retain American below white, wealthy power. Robert Kennedy labored as tough as he could, campaigning opposed to those that posed a danger to America's impoverished groups and coffee source of revenue whites. Robert used to be the voice for plenty of whose rights have been impinged, and labored vigorously on his crusade to champion these causes. In 1966, Kennedy spoke in South Africa to scholars and spoke inspirational words: "There is

discrimination during this international and slavery and slaughter and starvation. Governments repress their people; hundreds of thousands are trapped in poverty whereas the kingdom grows wealthy and wealth is lavished on armaments everywhere. those are differing evils, yet they're the typical works of man. They mirror the imperfection of human justice, the inadequacy of human compassion, our loss of sensibility in the direction of the pain of our fellows." Robert's compassion for everyone and his experience of equality and helpfulness reigns preferred and is going opposed to smooth politics and it's for person success, no longer morality; "Moral braveness is a rarer commodity than bravery in conflict or nice intelligence. but it's the one essential, important caliber should you search to alter an international that yields so much painfully to change" (Kennedy, Ted). On April 4th, 1968, Robert Kennedy unfortunately turned the chief of the Civil Rights move whilst Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was once assassinated. Robert's management and calm dealing with of the placement confirmed his strength for the presidency, and Clarke did an grand activity making this truth apparent. Jackie Kennedy used to be quoted during the novel announcing to various people who she was hoping Robert didn't undergo Jack's fate, yet she knew it used to be inevitable, and it used to be going to happen. Robert knew of Jackie's paranoia, yet desired to trek on within the harmful waters of open campaigning. whilst Robert was once assassinated, Jackie knew she was once unfortunately correct. Robert died after his fundamental victory in California after being shot through a gunman, leaving no desire to the hundreds of thousands of youths, black, workers, and fellow countrymen who died correct in addition to Robert at the evening of June 5th, 1968. Robert's existence left a void empty in American politics, one that will constantly be left unfilled.

Mario Adame: Very quickly learn with debts that might curiosity your center and mind. RFK used to be a different chief who touches the lives of hundreds of thousands at the moment or even today. the writer correctly captures RFKs management in instances whilst braveness used to be deeply needed.

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