

MY FATHER, MY PRESIDENT: A PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE OF GEORGE H. W. BUSH

McGrath assisted author Doro Bush Koch as she assembled her New York Times bestseller about her father, the 41st President of the United States. McGrath researched, suggested interviewees and questions, and drafted and edited material for inclusion in the final version of the book.

BOOK REVIEW FROM VANESSA BUSH AT “BOOKLIST” | Koch states up front that this book is written from the perspective of a daughter and concedes that while “a daughter may not have either the expertise or objectivity of a historian...a historian doesn’t know a father the way his daughter does.” What follows is a loving account of the life of George H. W. Bush: U.S. Navy, Yale, Texas oil business, UN ambassador, U.S. ambassador to China, CIA director, vice president, president, former president. Koch draws on her own recollections, her father’s personal papers, and interviews with Bush, family members, and friends. Among those lending observations are Bill Clinton, Generals Colin Powell and Norman Schwarzkopf, and Bush imitator Dana Carvey. She cites Bush’s hallmark modesty and his mother’s admonition against the egotism of “The Great I Am” as reason for his reluctance to write a memoir. Koch also offers fascinating recollections of her own sense of life in a glass bowl as the daughter of a famous man, the only girl in a rambunctious family of five children. She recalls feeling like Eloise when she lived at the official UN ambassador’s residence at the Waldorf-Astoria and managing dating as the divorced mother of young children being baby-sat by the First Couple at the White House. Koch brings a fresh perspective to her father’s long and distinguished career, and her parents’ devotion to family.

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