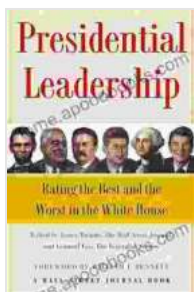


# Rating the Best and the Worst in the White House: A Wall Street Journal Book Review

In their new book, "Rating the Best and Worst in the White House," Wall Street Journal reporters Michael Hirsh and William McGurn rank all 45 US presidents based on their performance in office. The book is a comprehensive and insightful look at the presidency, and it offers a unique perspective on the men who have held the office.



## Presidential Leadership: Rating the Best and the Worst in the White House (Wall Street Journal Book)

by Arne Fronsdal

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Hirsh and McGurn use a variety of criteria to rank the presidents, including their leadership skills, their accomplishments, their personal character, and their impact on the country. They also take into account the challenges that each president faced during his time in office.

The book's top-ranked presidents are George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. These three presidents are all

considered to be among the greatest in American history, and they all led the country through some of its most challenging times.

The book's bottom-ranked presidents are James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, and Warren G. Harding. These three presidents are all considered to be among the worst in American history, and they all presided over periods of great turmoil and division.

"Rating the Best and Worst in the White House" is a fascinating and informative book that offers a unique perspective on the presidency. Hirsh and McGurn's rankings are sure to spark debate, but they are also a valuable contribution to the study of American history.

## **The Best Presidents**

The top-ranked presidents in "Rating the Best and Worst in the White House" are:

- **George Washington**
- **Abraham Lincoln**
- **Franklin D. Roosevelt**
- **Thomas Jefferson**
- **Theodore Roosevelt**
- **Woodrow Wilson**
- **Dwight D. Eisenhower**
- **Ronald Reagan**
- **Bill Clinton**

- **Barack Obama**

These presidents are all considered to be among the greatest in American history. They all led the country through some of its most challenging times, and they all made significant contributions to the nation's development.

## **The Worst Presidents**

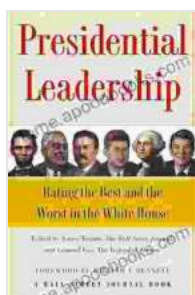
The bottom-ranked presidents in "Rating the Best and Worst in the White House" are:

- **James Buchanan**
- **Andrew Johnson**
- **Warren G. Harding**
- **Zachary Taylor**
- **Martin Van Buren**
- **Franklin Pierce**
- **Rutherford B. Hayes**
- **Chester A. Arthur**
- **Benjamin Harrison**
- **William Howard Taft**

These presidents are all considered to be among the worst in American history. They all presided over periods of great turmoil and division, and they all failed to meet the challenges of their times.

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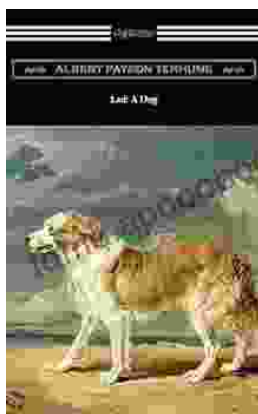
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