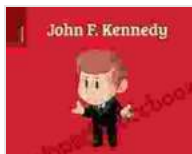


# John F. Kennedy: A Pocket Biography of the 35th President of the United States

John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States, is one of the most iconic figures in American history. His presidency was marked by both great triumphs and tragic setbacks, and his assassination in 1963 remains one of the most shocking events in American history.

In this engaging pocket biography, we explore the life and legacy of John F. Kennedy. From his early years to his assassination, we examine the key moments that shaped his presidency and his impact on American history.



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## Early Life and Career

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was born on May 29, 1917, in Brookline, Massachusetts. He was the son of Joseph P. Kennedy, a wealthy businessman and diplomat, and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, the daughter of the former Mayor of Boston. Kennedy grew up in a privileged environment, attending private schools and graduating from Harvard University in 1940.

After graduating from college, Kennedy joined the Navy and served in the Pacific during World War II. He was awarded the Navy Cross for his

heroism in combat, and his wartime experiences had a profound impact on him. After the war, Kennedy entered politics, winning a seat in the House of Representatives in 1946.

### **Senator from Massachusetts**

In 1952, Kennedy was elected to the Senate from Massachusetts. He quickly became a rising star in the Democratic Party, and he was a vocal critic of the Republican administration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Kennedy's charisma and intelligence made him a popular figure with voters, and he was seen as a potential future president.

### **The 1960 Presidential Election**

In 1960, Kennedy challenged Vice President Richard Nixon for the Democratic nomination for president. Kennedy won a narrow victory in the Democratic primary, and he went on to face Nixon in the general election.

The 1960 presidential election was one of the closest in American history. Kennedy won the popular vote by a margin of less than 100,000 votes, and he won the electoral college by a vote of 303 to 219.

### **The Kennedy Presidency**

Kennedy's inauguration as president on January 20, 1961, was a historic event. He was the youngest man ever elected president, and he brought a new sense of hope and optimism to the country.

Kennedy's presidency was marked by a number of important achievements. He launched the Apollo program, which eventually led to the first moon landing in 1969. He also signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964,

which outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

However, Kennedy's presidency was also marked by tragedy. In 1961, he authorized the Bay of Pigs invasion, which was a failed attempt to overthrow the Cuban government. In 1962, he confronted the Soviet Union over the Cuban Missile Crisis, which brought the world to the brink of nuclear war.

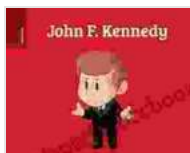
## **Assassination**

On November 22, 1963, Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. He was shot and killed by Lee Harvey Oswald, a former Marine who had defected to the Soviet Union. Kennedy's assassination was a national tragedy, and it sent shockwaves around the world.

## **Legacy**

John F. Kennedy's legacy is complex and multifaceted. He was a charismatic and inspiring leader who achieved a number of important milestones during his presidency. However, his presidency was also marked by tragedy and setbacks.

Despite his short time in office, Kennedy remains one of the most popular presidents in American history. He is remembered for his idealism, his commitment to social justice, and his unwavering belief in the American dream.



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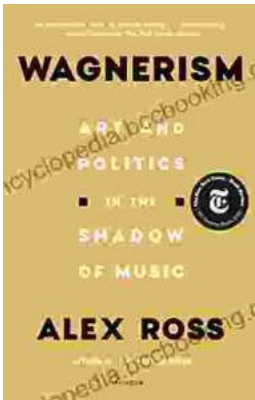
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