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Editorial Review

Review

"The phenomenon that is Barack Obama has intrigued us all. Who is Barack Obama? The editors of LIFE have gone a very long way toward helping us all answer this question. Senator Obama's singularly American life has been characterized by tragedy and triumph, drama and despair, anxiety and anticipation, and, ultimately, enormous excitement and the deepest historical significance. In this book, Obama's tale is told in all of its dimensions, from the mistakes he has made and the obstacles he has confronted and overcome, to his moments of almost sublime and glorious transcendence. With spectacular photographs--funny, surprising, exceptional in detail--combined with a highly readable narrative, Obama's biography comes to life, from his youth in Hawaii to his roots in Africa, from Harvard to Chicago and, eventually, to his life as a public servant in Washington. Who is Barack Obama? Read these compelling words and study these exceptionally candid and beautiful photographs and discover the answer for yourself." **Henry Louis Gates, Jr.**

About the Author

LIFE has long been one of the country's pre-eminent publishers of periodicals and books, and is renowned for its presentation of photography. The editors who bring you THE AMERICAN JOURNEY OF BARACK OBAMA are the same who created *One Nation: America Remembers September 11, 2001*, also published by Little, Brown, which reached No. 1 on the *New York Times* bestseller list and was hailed by *The Wall Street Journal* as "a thorough and thoughtful telling."

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Regardless of one's political viewpoint, the story of President Obama's journey to the White House deserves to be heard, and the editors of LIFE Magazine have the expertise to recount such a trip. Staying as neutral as possible, they examine how the president achieved the highest political office in the nation and suggest possible ways to understand his trajectory. There is a lingering shrillness in Richard Allen's voice that distracts from his otherwise perfectly good narration. While this issue with timbre is not enough reason to avoid the production, some listeners may find it grating by the book's end. L.E. © AudioFile 2010, Portland, Maine

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