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The former First Lady discusses her life, the Reagan administration, her shaky relationship with her children and key White House personnel, her husband's involvement in the Iran-Contra affair, and her bout with cancer.

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Joan green says

Most interesting .

Fascinating details of the presidency, life in and out of the white house and all the political personalities. Quite a remarkable history of President Ronald and Nancy Reagan.

Melanie Miranda says

Too self promoting.

Carrie Allen says

It's very interesting to read Nancy Reagan's point of view of the various events that happened during her husband's presidency. There are lots of bits and pieces of interesting history, and she has a funny sense of humor, which made the book fun to read.

Beth says

love this book. Read it when it first came out.

Julie says

I think this would have been better if I was older to appreciate what President Reagan did for our country. I was born in the late 70s, so a lot of his presidency I wasn't very old. :) But even so, Nancy's book paints a beautiful picture of what happened.

Janna Scott says

This is a very fast read, and worth it particularly for the perspective it provides on nancy reagan's white house years. There are some novel revelations about the people and the guiding principles that shaped domestic and international policy in the 80s. Largely, however, mrs reagan uses the device of "memoirs" to rebut all the erroneous information reported about her during her 8 years in washington. It is also used to alternately praise and admonish her children with whom it seems she is not on close enough terms to address directly. perhaps oddly, what i found most compelling about the book were the author's early years, before

she met and married Ronald reagan. It's a well-known quote of hers that her "life began when she met Ronald reagan," but i found the characters in the first part of her life fascinating: her beautiful, vivacious actress mother, her neurosurgeon step father, her kind-hearted, loving aunt and uncle who raised her for several years, and the glittering parade of movie stars that moved through her life before she began her acting career.

As memoirs go, this is not a book that imparts profound insights or shares deep self-reflection. Rather, it is nancy reagan's attempt to set the record straight about the criticisms levied against her, and to a certain extent her husband, that she found especially objectionable. What emerges is a portrait of woman, not too different from the rest of us, trying her best to conform to (her own) very high standards in spite of some persistent, herculean challenges. You may not like her any better after the reading the book, but you sure as hell have to admire her.

Decop says

this was a little like reading Stephen King's book on the JFK assassination (nov '63 but the date?) it looks at personalities and how they mesh to create the big events of the times. She rightfully sees herself as a minor player, but her observations are keen, and her loyalties are genuine. I would like living next door to Nancy Reagan.

Sean Dunn says

Yes, it was terrible and filled with lies. What I do realize from reading this book was Ronnie was a pretty much a white knight, staring down evil and vanquishing foes. He never played any political game, and always acted and responded honorably when someone was playing unfair. She literally talked about how on the cloudy inauguration day, the skies parted and the sun shone upon Reagan for the duration of his swearing in, then went back to being cloudy! For both his Governorship and 1st Presidency!!!

The worst part for me was her whitewashing the despicable situation revolving around the Iranian hostage situation and the 1980 presidential election. For Nancy Reagan to openly talk like fate had handed the Carter administration a raw deal, when it was her husband's campaign that engineered it, is beyond despicable to me. But I guess that's just the nature of a whitewash, which this garbage most certainly is.

So yes, My Turn: The Lies of Nancy Reagan and the Whitewashing of the Reagan Administration only received one star from me. If I could give it zero stars without it looking like I didn't rate it, I would.

Jill Barton says

Read this book many years ago. Love Nancy Reagans candor in this memoir.

Audrey Saltarelli says

Wow did not think it was possible for an autobiography to make me like someone less.

Jenndietzel0606 says

I have read and re-read this book. Im certain I love the historical reference as much, if not more than I love her account of life with the President.

Rachel says

I have always been a huge fan of President Reagan. I would rate this book 3.5 stars. I admire Nancy Reagan, but at times the book was a bit "defensive". The sections on the Election/Assassination Attempt and the Gorbachevs were by far my favorite. Very enlightening.

John says

After reading Kitty Kelly's terrible book full of unfounded gossip as she always does to increase sales. I was happy to read the other side and I think Nancy did a good job of explaining some of the misconceptions. easy read

Heather says

The media was not fair to this remarkable woman.

Sandra says

Nancy is a great study. She always was in support of children learning to read. Gotta love a women who cares about children :)
