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The year was 1981. Just two months into his presidency, Ronald Reagan was shot after leaving a speaking engagement in Washington, D. C. The quick action of the Secret Service and medical professionals saved the president's life. Mere days after his near-death experience, Reagan's personal strength propelled him back into his presidential duties.

Adapted from Bill O'Reilly's historical thriller *Killing Reagan*, with characteristically gripping storytelling, this story explores the events of the day Reagan was shot. From the scene of the shooting and the dramatic action of the Secret Service, to the FBI's interrogation of the shooter, the life-saving measures of the medical professionals and the president's extraordinary recovery, this is a page-turning account of an attempted assassination and its aftermath.

This title has Common Core connections.

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cozy reads says

So good I love Pres. Reagan!?

711Cal says

While a disgusting human being, Bill O'Reilly is a fantastic non-fiction writer that can turn a boring list of facts into a masterful suspense story.

Jennifer says

3 hour audio book. Easy listen. Subject matter interesting, writing style basic.

Brett Davis says

I really like this one but it seemed a little abbreviated and quick so now I will look for a more in-depth telling of this event.

Mingunnkim says

I think that Bill O'Reilly has written a very detailed, and well researched non-fiction book about the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan (who is also one of my favourite Republican presidents). It shows the perspective of both the president, and the assassin, which makes it very easy to understand the situation. I would recommend this to people interested in politics, (as there is plenty, in the perspective of Reagan), and/or people who are interested in history.

Jacob Blanck says

He does an excellent writing about Reagan's assassin! Keep up the good work! I am very amazed about how the stories turned out to be. John Hinckley has since been released from the mental hospital as he is not in danger and that he can live with his elderly mother now.

Eddie Mosley says

It was an okay book. Nothing really new for those who have read about the Reagan assassination attempt, definitely nothing new if you read *Killing Reagan*. It was a nice little book to squeeze another dollar from O'Reilly's work, but not a waste of time for the reader who wants a summary of the people and events.

John Lauricella says

This was a very interesting read - learning about the tragic day President Reagan was shot and all the events that lead up to it was unbelievable. Only 2 months into his presidency, he was shot from a bullet that ricochet off the limousine he was just about to get in. There were actually two other men that were shot, among the six shots fired from a mere ten feet away. These bullets were from the man, John Hinckley Jr., who claims he was trying to impress an actress that he admired. It is incredible how close they allowed people to get to the president. They did have secret service and security, but they would let people come basically right up next to the president (even in 1981). It took Hinckley only 1.7 seconds to shoot those six bullets (you'd think with weapons that fast and powerful they'd protect the president a little more, but nonetheless, the work of the people and secret service that day, was the difference between the fifth assassinated president in American history and the survivor, that Reagan turned out to be). To find out more about the what people really think happened that day and what took place leading up to it, read this fantastic book by Bill O'Reilly. I would recommend this book to anyone that loves historical nonfiction books and learning about these types of terrible catastrophes.

Cara says

The Day the President Was Shot chronologically depicts the timeline of events leading up to the day President Ronald Reagan and others were shot. In fact, readers follow a timeline from birth to present day and get to know each character in the assassination plot. The character portrayals of the Reagans and John Hinckley, Jr. become revealed with each page and haunting picture. Most notable is President Reagan's personal strength to survive the tragedy as it spills over to the reader through words and pictures. This young readers' adaptation of O'Reilly's *Killing Reagan* successfully introduces historical facts and recreates this time period for younger audiences. Much advancement in presidential security developed in the United States due to this single event and is described to the reader. One begins to question the legitimacy of the not-guilty-by-insanity plea and the whereabouts of Hinckley due to clever reporting by the author. This book is sure to start conversations about other aspects of history that are mentioned throughout the book. Mild profanity and a reference to an R-rated movie were present. This book is appropriate for readers in grades eight and up. (Reviewed by Sharon Portell)

Andrew says

Not what I expected

Having just read *Killing Reagan*, I was intrigued by this book. I've read other O'Reilly books and enjoyed them all. When I bought this book, expected a more in depth account of what happened on the day Reagan

was shot. All I got was a rehash of what I just read a few days before in *Killing Reagan*, almost word for word. A few more pictures were added to add length in the book, but it is basically nothing new from what I just read.

No need to read both books.

Ashley says

The Day The President Was Shot I feel is a part 2/Sequel to *Killing Reagan*. This book showed more of the Events leading up to, The event itself, And its aftermath. Basically the opposite of *Killing Reagan* (was mostly Ronald Reagan's Early life, Acting Career, 1st Marriage/Children, The road to the California Governor seat, to Presidency, to leaving office and ultimately his Death.. **His life as a whole**) This book not only gave a look into Regans story, but revealed John Hinckley Jr's also. It put both A more HUMAN light. (Meaning we have always seen President Ronald Reagan as a "Larger than Life" persona, and John Hinckley Jr as an *Insane, Obsessed, Fanatical, Nutcase*) Regan as a Family man, who loves his wife dearly and is overcoming stereotypes, and beating the odds to become President, John Hinckley Jr's Birth/Early life, His Well to do/Well respected Family, His decent into madness, and his **Growing Obsession** with Jodie Foster. (view spoiler) *Sad really to think a man born into such privilege and not getting the help he needed..... I understand the parents not wanting to "push" there son, or even admitted something's wrong with there child. BUT SOMETHING WAS TERRIBLY WRONG AND THE FAMILY(his sister and older brother), PSYCHOLOGISTS, SCHOOLS, JOBS, ANYONE!!! I feel he was done a great injustice.(**BY NO WAY AM I SAYING SHOOTING THE PRESIDENT IS OK OR RIGHT!!** I'm simply saying something could have been done There were MULTIPLE TIMES the ball was dropped.

At the end of this book it had a "where are they now" President Reagan passed away 2004, Mrs. Reagan 2016, John Hinckley Jr still resides in St. Elizabeth Hospital (WITH PRIVILEGES I MIGHT ADD!!) But it has a few pages on the changes, and handling of The code names, The Presidential Motorcade, and lastly "progress of Guns & Gun Control"- and how we have come a long way from presidents getting shot. Better security, stricter policies and so on and so on.this book seems like its trying to say its more safer "Because of the Assassination attempt"(to me personally)I don't believe we can say that in a age where Gun Control is OUT OF CONTROL MORE THEN EVER!!!! Gun violence is everywhere!!! From our city streets, to Children schools, Protests, (even unheard of places) Churches!!!! Now this isn't the time or the place for a big rant or soapbox speech so ill be fast. But it just makes me think, Over 30+years ago a president was shoot, and still we haven't a clue where to start on stoping Gun Violence *Hence Gun Control...

****Fun facts**

There is a part that discusses past President assassinations.

From 1835-2011there have been 17 Attempts and killings on Standing Presidents!!!!

The best one was Andrew Jackson(pg.211)

January 30,1835 a out of work painter shot President Jackson and his gun misfired, Jackson pulled his gun but also misfired, then Jackson proceeded to BEAT THE ASSAILANT WITH HIS HICKORY CANE!!!! (He is called old hickory for being strong like the wood, BUT HE CANED A MAN!!!! A MAN WHO TRIED TO SHOOT HIM!!!!)

The man spent the rest of his life in a institution.

List of Presidents who were Assassinated or someone attempted to assassinate them.

- Andrew Jackson 1835

- Abraham Lincoln* 1865
- James Garfield* 1881
- William McKinley* 1901
- Theodore Roosevelt 1912
- Franklin D. Roosevelt 1933
- Harry Truman 1950
- John F. Kennedy* 1963
- Richard Nixon 1974
- Gerald Ford 1975
- Jimmy Carter 1979
- Ronald Reagan 1981
- George H W. Bush 1993
- Bill Clinton 1994-1996 2x
- George W. Bush 2001
- Barack Obama 2011

* for killed/Assassinated

Wendi Shrum says

Pretty good. Some book in the genre can be really dry and I don't think this one was. Would recommend if you like learning about presidents.

Tyler Needham says

It was awesome

Debra Jeakins says

THE DAY THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT BY BILL O'REILLY takes an indepth look at the days prior and after the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan. You meet Hinckley & get a visual on his thoughts, his life & the torrid love affair he imagined with Jodie Foster. You get get a glimpse on the before the during and the aftermath of the shooting, including not only Reagan, but the officers, the agents & James Brady.

I am not a fan of O'Reilly's . But you cannot help but praise his writings on figures of history as well as the events that he writes about, and this book is no exception.

Libby May says

This was really actually quite informative. I learned about Ronald Reagan, and Jimmy Carter and John Hinckley Jr. and even Jodie Foster.

Recommended for historically interested people ages 13 and up.
