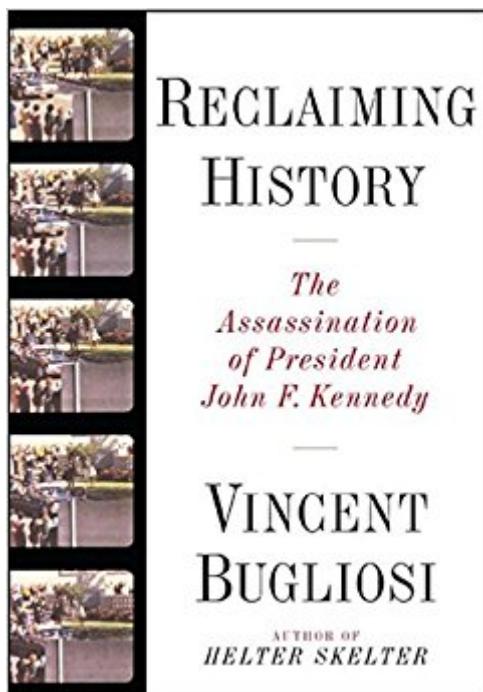


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Reclaiming History: The Assassination Of President John F. Kennedy



Synopsis

For fifty years the truth about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy has been obscured. This book releases us from a crippling distortion of American history. At 1:00 p.m. on November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was pronounced dead, the victim of a sniper attack during his motorcade through Dallas. That may be the only fact generally agreed upon in the vast literature spawned by the assassination. National polls reveal that an overwhelming majority of Americans (75%) believe that there was a high-level conspiracy behind Lee Harvey Oswald. Many even believe that Oswald was entirely innocent. In this continuously absorbing, powerful, ground-breaking book, Vincent Bugliosi shows how we have come to believe such lies about an event that changed the course of history. The brilliant prosecutor of Charles Manson and the man who forged an iron-clad case of circumstantial guilt around O. J. Simpson in his best-selling *Outrage* Bugliosi is perhaps the only man in America capable of writing the definitive book on the Kennedy assassination. This is an achievement that has for years seemed beyond reach. No one imagined that such a book would ever be written: a single volume that once and for all resolves, beyond any reasonable doubt, every lingering question as to what happened in Dallas and who was responsible. There have been hundreds of books about the assassination, but there has never been a book that covers the entire case, including addressing every piece of evidence and each and every conspiracy theory, and the facts, or alleged facts, on which they are based. In this monumental work, the author has raised scholarship on the assassination to a new and final level, one that far surpasses all other books on the subject. It adds resonance, depth, and closure to the admirable work of the Warren Commission. *Reclaiming History* is a narrative compendium of fact, forensic evidence, reexamination of key witnesses, and common sense. Every detail and nuance is accounted for, every conspiracy theory revealed as a fraud on the American public. Bugliosi's irresistible logic, command of the evidence, and ability to draw startling inferences shed fresh light on this American nightmare. At last it all makes sense. 32 pages of illustrations

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Customer Reviews

Bugliosi, best known as Charles Manson's prosecutor, spent more than 20 years writing this defense of the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the slaying of President Kennedy, but his obsession has produced a massive tome that's likely to overwhelm most readers. At times, the author seems determined to present every detail his researches revealed, even if it doesn't add to the overall picture (like a footnote on Elvis sightings). Further, while Bugliosi says even serious conspiracy theorists don't claim the FBI or Secret Service were involved, he devotes chapters to each. The book's structure— it's organized by subject, such as theories about the role of the FBI, the KGB or anti-Castro Cubans— leads to needless repetition, and, for an author who excoriates conspiracy theorists, charging them with carelessness and making wild accusations, Bugliosi is not always temperate in his language; for example, twice he makes the nonsensical claim that some Warren Commission critics "were screaming the word conspiracy before the fatal bullet had come to rest." His decision to devote twice as many pages to critiquing Oliver Stone's movie *JFK* as to his chapter on organized crime (identified by the chief counsel of the House Select Committee on Assassination as the likely conspirators) is a curious one, as is the choice to open the book with a dramatic re-creation of events surrounding the assassination rather than a straightforward chronology of the relevant facts. Moreover, Bugliosi does not always probe whether individuals who are the sole source for certain facts (for example, Oswald's widow, Marina) had any motive to lie. Bugliosi's voluminous endnotes are on an accompanying CD. Gerald Posner's 1993 *Case Closed* made most of the same points in a much more concise way. 32 pages of illus. (May) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

This weighty book (its pages number sixteen hundred and twelve) claims to be the final word on the assassination of President Kennedy. It is as if Bugliosi, who prosecuted the Manson murders, intended to overwhelm with sheer, footnoted bulk. But in the way that others have "proved"

conspiracies, Bugliosi "proves" yet again the guilt of Lee Harvey Oswald. He does this by re-examining familiar evidence but also by dismissing preposterous theories, such as one that J. Edgar Hoover masterminded the murder to keep his job. Bugliosi steps less certainly in considering the work of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, which, in 1978, concluded that J.F.K. was "probably" killed as the result of a plot. Citing a National Research Council study, Bugliosi brushes aside the committee's acoustic evidence suggesting that four shots were fired in Dallas (a fourth shot would confirm a second gunman); he is uncomfortable with a subsequent analysis, by the British Forensic Science Society, which challenged the N.R.C. opinion. Mysteries are like that" Copyright © 2007 Click here to subscribe to The New Yorker

The book is a pretty decent and very detailed account of the events surrounds Kennedy's death. The used condition was really good.

Even though this is the longest book I have ever read, it is the best. So much research and details went into the entire book that it is full of knowledge and facts that you can't deny as true. No conspiracy!

Exceptional work..... Comprehensive and lays to rest all of the crack-pot theories of conspiracy once and for all.....Prof. Timmy..... God Rest the Great American Vincent Bugliosi.....

After experiencing over fifty years of all violence to logic it is refreshing to read this careful study of the facts and dissection of the myths as reasoned and assembled for us by one of the finest legal minds our country has produced. This work should be the standard reference for anyone seriously interested in the JFK assassination.

Pay no mind to the reviews from people who are not verified as having purchased the book. As someone who had read "just" twelve books on the assassination, I read this with tremendous interest. This book, along with Norman Mailer's "Oswald's Tale" have convinced me that it was Oswald who shot JFK and that there is an extremely high probability that it was Oswald alone. The facts in this book speak for themselves. I'm embarrassed to admit that I once believe in a conspiracy and that I even once thought that LJB was aware of it! Silly of me. Highly recommended as the best possible place to start (and maybe end) one's inquiry into this most fascinating of events.

A very long book but open to any page and it grabs you, if you have an open mind. Bugliosi has no qualms about what he thinks about seriously stuck conspiracy theorists. For years I had doubts but I only had what the media reported and I have learned two things; Do not trust the media and Lee Oswald was the lone assassin President John F Kennedy. One chapter you will be right there in the limo as it turns onto Elm St. That day, November 22, 1963 changed the world. Mr. Bugliosi is not out to change any minds, he takes you into the details where the devil is. There is more than enough evidence against Oswald to convict and nothing has ever turned up as proof of or even a hint of a conspiracy. If one thinks Oswald did not do it then Oswald's own statement of being a "patsy" makes him guilty. He was not framed and if you think so then ask why did he bring his rifle to work and how did bullets from his rifle end up killing the President and wounding the governor? His rifle and his bullets are enough to convict him. If you have hung your beliefs on "cheap mail order rifle and scope" then consider that twenty dollars then is about \$160 today. A fair price for a surplus rifle. It is also not impossible to fire three rounds in the time Oswald did. Experts all disagreed and found it hard to duplicate that but one needs to own a firearm and practice with it before a judgement is issued. Oswald did not even have to use the scope either. The scope was mounted in a way that the iron (open) sights could easily be used. The action of opening and closing the bolt to reload is not four steps but one. Acquiring the target in iron sights after each reload is much easier than it would be using the scope. The rifle model had been in manufacturing since 1891. Oswald's rifle was made in 1940. "Junk" or "cheap" products are not long-lived in the market place! Conspiracy? The author explains why those theories just do not work. If you think our government was involved in this and other events such as 9/11 you give them too much credit. Give yourself no credit if you still live in America and believe in JFK conspiracy theories after 50 years.. Thank you Mr. Bugliosi for the sanity and reason, plus the hard work putting this together. "Reclaiming History" is the definitive book about the details of JFK's tragic and horrifying death.

Absolutely amazing book. A must read if you want to know the truth about who killed JFK.

An excellent book by a great researcher and writer. It is worth more than its purchase price. It is past time to put an end to all the confusion regarding this matter, and Bugliosi has done it.

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