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The author traces the eight years between the presidencies of her husband and son, discussing her charity work, relationships with her children and grandchildren, and her family's reactions to September 11 and its aftermath.

## **Reflections: Life After the White House Details**

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**~mad says**

I enjoyed thi book about Barbara Bush's post-White houe years. I quit about 2/3 of the wy thru because there were events and more events and speeches and trip in wach chapter, listing who attended, who organized, who went on the trip and who they visited, including housequests.

She wrote from her diaries and those were interesting but the listing ad naueum got to me - and I don't mean that in a bad way - I just couldnt do it anymore and far more interesting books waiting in my to-be-read pile(s)!

Just be aware...

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**Marita says**

This book together with Mary Slawson's March enrichment mtg. on journals inspired me to start a book diary of my own. This goodread site might evolve into my new one?? Anyway, I was very impressed that Mrs. Bush mentioned books she was reading when she reflected on her life. This struct a cord with me since I do spend a lot of my time reading. What I love about goodreads is that I can put books into selves- I now have a quick way of seeing where I've been mentally so now I can control better where I am going to go next....). Thanks Linnet for inviting me in!

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**Becky says**

Barbara Bush sounds like a sweet lady, but just wasn't too into reading this book. I really wanted to though. I think I got disinterested because half of the people they were visiting/coming to visit (ok I'm sure more like 75 percent of these people) I had no clue who they were talking about. Sure I could have looked them up, but then I would have spent more time on reading about her visitors, than the book itself. Writing is not terrible, but just didn't interest me as much as I wanted it to.

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**Elizabeth says**

I enjoyed reading about what life is like after the presidency, you think after having the stress of running the country you would want to slow down and relax but this was not the case for the Bushes. This book shows the love and support that she has for her family and that she would be there for anything. I also enjoyed reading about all of the work she did with her Literacy programs, I did not realize that she focused on the whole family and not just the child and helped parents get their GED's, it was moving. My only complaint

about this book is that she'd start talking about a story and I'd be laughing and wanting to read more but she'd jump in and talk about something else. Overall enjoyable.

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### **Lorraine says**

Politics aside, I loved Mrs. Bush's honest and matter of fact style she used in her memoir. I felt like she stated 'it' as she remembered 'it' or as she knew 'it' to be, (from a Bush family perspective). I would say however, I found perhaps she was a little too honest. But then I came from the background where if you couldn't say anything nice, perhaps you shouldn't say anything. :)

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### **Jen says**

I really enjoyed this book. I think I picked it up at a library book sale a couple of years ago, and finally started reading it. Once I started, it was a quick and enjoyable read. It covers Barabara Bush's life between George H.W. Bush leaving office and George W. Bush taking the office. She candidly admits to being biased when it comes to her family, and how blessed she is, but she's also warm-hearted, entertaining, and could be anyone's grandmother. She (obviously) loves literacy and reading, and I love that she shares the books she read during these years throughout the book - I added a few of these to my to-read list after her some of her comments. Having read this, I'm also going to pick up Barbara Bush: A Memoir from the library to read (backwards, I know, but hey, it works).

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### **Megowen says**

Reading this books was like having lunch with a dear friend. Recipes, books read, where we went on our summer vacation, and all year round. Sharing grief, worry, and fun. Mrs. Bush is a real person, no airs, no false front. And she has a marvelous sense of humor. What you see/read is what you get. I enjoyed this book immensely.

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### **Kellie says**

My favorite Barbara Bush quote..."AT the end of your life you will never regret not having passed one more test, not wining one more verdict, or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child or a parent.

This book was enjoyable. I wish it could have had a little less "we went here and we went there" and a little more "I think"

I am happy to have read this though.

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### **Melissa says**

I listened to an abridged audiobook read by the First Lady herself. Fairly interesting look at the period

between when 41 left office and 43 assumed office. My favorite part was the constant book dropping - apparently she loved to read.

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### **Sue says**

It is excerpts from Barbara Bush's diary after George H. Bush left office to shortly after George W. Bush was elected. I liked reading it because George W. lived in my community prior to and during his elected office. I found it interesting to see what the Bushes endured during that time. I did find it a little boring at times since it was a reflection of Barbara's diary, and, well, as with any family life cannot always be excitement.

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### **Mark Park says**

Listened to the abridged audio book version and really enjoyed it. The events were fascinating and sometimes funny. She did a marvelous job narrating the audio book; adding to my enjoyment.

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### **Dawn says**

I really liked Barbara Bush's tales of the White House years, and I was pleasantly surprised that she even managed to work in some favorite family recipes into her book. She brings a unique perspective to GHWB's presidency, and speaks honestly of how it feels to be the mother of a president as well. Great if you're a fan of the family; otherwise, not recommended.

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### **Lori says**

Picked this up at the Bush Presidential library this past weekend where I thoroughly enjoyed reading about her early life & excerpts from her diary and letters which made me want to read more. I've been a fan of hers since she told her husband's handlers she would do anything they wanted except lose weight or die her hair. Who can't love a woman like that?!

This has become my "between books" book.

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### **Nancy says**

On the whole, an interesting and sometimes amusing book. However it gets bogged down with names of her friends, personal as well as White House acquaintances. The details of trips and experiences seem repetitive and boring at times. What really comes across in this book is Mrs. Bush's extraordinary love of her family and the pride she takes in their achievements.

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## **Elyse McNulty says**

Barbara Bush was an amazing woman and leaves behind a wonderful legacy enabling literacy across the world. What amazed me was the schedule she and President Bush kept after leaving office. They were constantly on the move visiting, fundraising, speaking and opening their homes to friends and family. She had an amazing life and is a wonderful role model for all of us.

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