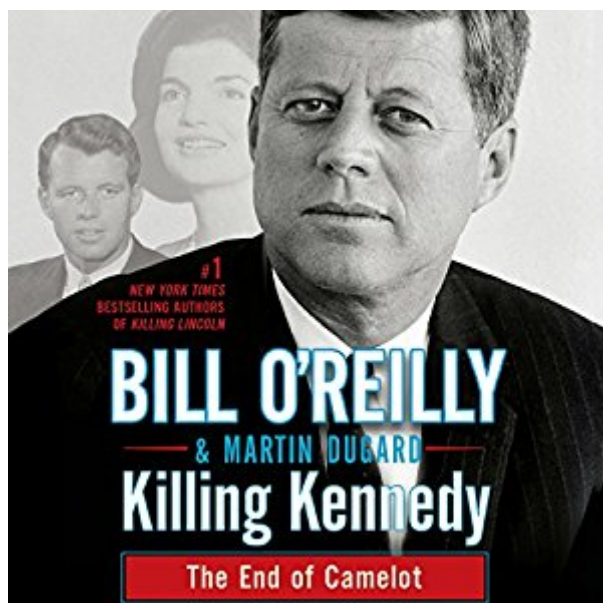


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# Killing Kennedy: The End Of Camelot



## Synopsis

A riveting historical narrative of the shocking events surrounding the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and the follow-up to mega-bestselling author Bill O'Reilly's *Killing Lincoln*. More than a million listeners have thrilled to Bill O'Reilly's *Killing Lincoln*, the can't-stop-listening work of nonfiction about the shocking assassination that changed the course of American history. Now the anchor of *The O'Reilly Factor* recounts in gripping detail the brutal murder of John Fitzgerald Kennedy—and how a sequence of gunshots on a Dallas afternoon not only killed a beloved president but also sent the nation into the cataclysmic division of the Vietnam War and its culture-changing aftermath. In January 1961, as the Cold War escalates, John F. Kennedy struggles to contain the growth of Communism while he learns the hardships, solitude, and temptations of what it means to be president of the United States. Along the way he acquires a number of formidable enemies, among them Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, Cuban dictator Fidel Castro, and Alan Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency. In addition, powerful elements of organized crime have begun to talk about targeting the president and his brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy. In the midst of a 1963 campaign trip to Texas, Kennedy is gunned down by an erratic young drifter named Lee Harvey Oswald. The former Marine Corps sharpshooter escapes the scene, only to be caught and shot dead while in police custody. The events leading up to the most notorious crime of the 20th century are almost as shocking as the assassination itself. *Killing Kennedy* chronicles both the heroism and deceit of Camelot, bringing history to life in ways that will profoundly move the listener. This may well be the most talked about book of the year.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a real toughie for me.....haven't finished it yet but will eventually.... I was about 27 years old when President Kennedy was murdered & was totally devasated.....I lived in the East Bay (CA) at the time, had supported his election, had two young chiledred about the ages of his children, had seen him in person twice. I was a supporter of his! So with that background it's been somewhat difficult for me to read & finish the book....I will finish it eventually.....I'm a bit surprised, that after all these years, it is still painful to recall those awful days.....My political views have changed since then & I had thought I'd breeze right through the book.... not so.....

The book is an entertaining read with an amazing amount of detail. However, there are weaknesses in the research. The chief source for the Vietnam coverage is listed as Noam Chomsky, linguistics professor turned propagandist, who has been called out by critics as prominent as John Silber for inaccuracy. The chief source for Kennedy's philandering is sensational journalist Seymore Hersch, also noted more for propaganda than accuracy. I don't doubt the philandering, but I would prefer a more reliable source. Even with these limitations on the background research, the book is still worth reading.

I wanted to read this book because 1.) I really liked Killing Lincoln and was hopeful that this book would be just as good and 2.) I wanted to see what O'Reilly and Dugard would say about the Kennedy assassination conspiracy allegations / accusations. Killing Kennedy is definitely well researched and the O'Reilly / Dugard style of writing is very readable / enjoyable. This book contains a well developed timeline and describes very well most of the key people surrounding or participating in the event. However, the book does NOT address any of the 'still lingering' conspiracy theories, pro or con. This was very disappointing.

I have followed Bill O'Reilly on his TV show for years and like it. So I decided to read Killing Kennedy as I am intrigued by this assassination, which stands out as one of the biggest crimes of the 20th century... and still unsolved as far as I am concerned. O'Reilly and Dugard do an excellent job of filling in the years just prior to the assassination and I never really knew the incredible extent of JFK's infidelity to Jackie. He also does lay ground work for a number of individuals / organizations to have very good reasons for Jack and Bobby Kennedy to be dead. It is obvious, because that is the sequence of events O'Reilly describes, that he subscribes fully to the "lone gunman" theory of JFK's shooting. There are just too many unanswered questions and too many troubling facts to just

accept the fact that Oswald acted totally alone. There's lots of highly unbelievable conspiracy theories out there... some quite laughable (like John Connolly turned around shot JFK with a pistol). However the facts were that the Kennedy family was on its way to a political dynasty at the top of this nation and the free world and there are hidden powers that be that just couldn't let that happen. For JFK, Bobby Kennedy and MLK Jr all to be assassinated within a 5-year period is no coincidence. These three men could have changed the course of history for the better but that was not allowed to be. Bill O'Reilly does a disservice to history, to this nation and to the pursuit of truth itself with this book. I shall not bother to read his others.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of JFK, a plethora of books, articles and TV specials inundated or attention. This is just another. If one is not acquainted with the story, it was fairly interesting. But for those of us who loved through it, little new information was presented. The books dealing with the Kennedy assassination that I enjoyed the most was the latest volume of Robert Caro's biography of Lyndon Johnson, *The Passage of Power* and Stephen King's time travel tale, *11/22/63*.

I think John F. Kennedy being the handsome youngest President we had up to that date, was so charming and charismatic, we did not wish to see any of his bad traits. That he was a serious womanizer and cheater may not have impacted his Presidency, but it sure gives you a feeling of distrust in the man, how could it not? He was a good man, a flawed man and this book is well written and researched and shows aspects of the man Kennedy really was. The Cuban missile crisis as it was known, was interesting to read how Kennedy (behind the scene) stood up to Castro and Khrushchev and handled a very tense and possibly worse situation. If you are looking for some rare in depth details about President Kennedy's Assassination, I am not sure if this book will fascinate you or just retell basically the assassination details almost all of us already know. The days leading up to and Oswald's back story is interesting. A fast read and some unknown facts and well written.

Interesting read. I've read one other book on the Kennedy assassination, Seymour Hersh, *"The Dark Side of Camelot."* Good book. As to my review of this book, I realized that O'Reilly was leaving every reader to their own conclusions. So what else do you do with an unsolved murder mystery? I liked JFK--however, I didn't particularly care for RFK. He can still make the hairs on my neck stand up--something very cruel there. I don't want to get off course here, but I've always thought that, Joseph Kennedy, through his unrealized social ambitions, sent both his sons to their deaths. You

lay with dogs you get fleas or even in this case much worse. Joe Kennedy Jr. was killed in WWII. He was the son his father's light shone on. JFK was physically sick fairly much of his entire life--yet, he was thrust into the political arena by Daddy Dearest. Just my inane thoughts. Anyway, price is good if you download to your Kindle. I'm 65--never in my lifetime.

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