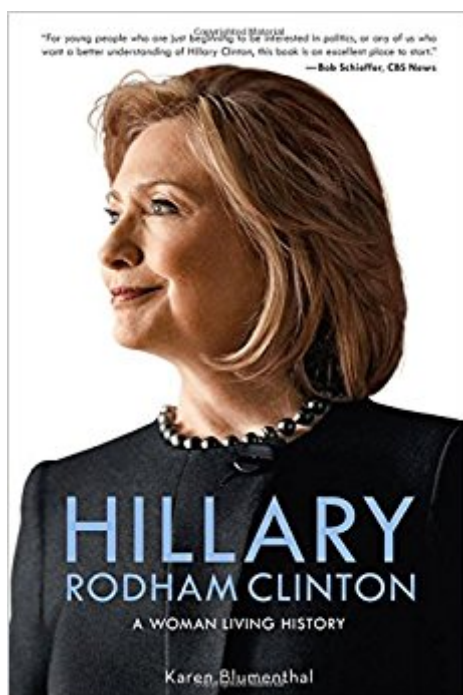


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# Hillary Rodham Clinton: A Woman Living History



## Synopsis

As a young girl, Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton's parents told her she could be whatever she wanted--as long as she was willing to work for it. Hillary took those words and ran. In a life on the front row of modern American history, she has always stood out--whether she was a teen campaigning for the 1964 Republican presidential candidate, winning recognition in Life magazine for her pointed words as the first student commencement speaker at Wellesley College, or working on the Richard Nixon impeachment case as a newly minted lawyer. For all her accomplishments, scrutiny and scandal have followed this complex woman since she stepped into the public eye--from her role as First Lady of Arkansas to First Lady of the United States to becoming the first female U.S. senator from New York to U.S. secretary of state. Despite intense criticism, Hillary has remained committed to public service and dedicated to health-care reform, children's issues, and women's rights. Now, she aspires to a bigger role: her nation's first woman president. In *Hillary Rodham Clinton: A Woman Living History*, critically acclaimed author Karen Blumenthal gives us an intimate and unflinching look at the public and personal life of Hillary Rodham Clinton. Illustrated throughout with black-and-white photographs and political cartoons, this is a must-have biography about a woman who has fascinated--and divided--the public, who continues to push boundaries, and who isn't afraid to reach for one more goal. "After decades in the public eye, Hillary Rodham Clinton is still an enigma, as Blumenthal (*Tommy: The Gun That Changed America*) emphasizes in this compelling portrait of the former U.S. Senator and Secretary of State's journey from budding activist to presidential aspirant." Publishers Weekly, starred review

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"Thorough and evenhanded. . . . Blumenthal, a longtime Wall Street Journal reporter, is part of a current wave of narrative nonfiction authors who write for teenagers with such directness and clarity that adult readers, too, may gain a deeper understanding. . . . Providing nuanced but clear explanations for the ways Hillary's personality and personal history have shaped her political career is where Blumenthal's method really pays off." *The New York Times* "After decades in the public eye, Hillary Rodham Clinton is still an enigma, as Blumenthal (Tommy: The Gun That Changed America) emphasizes in this compelling portrait of the former U.S. Senator and Secretary of State's journey from budding activist to presidential aspirant."

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I found out a lot of interesting facts about Hillary! What a driven hard working woman She is an inspiration for all

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