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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The History of Our LivesVon James Gallen"A Century Turns" is Bill Bennett's analysis of the political developments and changes over the last twenty years. Told by an insider during the Bush administrations and a knowledgeable outsider during the Clinton administration, the reader is treated to a reminder of the events through which we have lived and an insight into what was really happening. We are brought back to the days of the 1988 election, when Michael Dukakis

rode around in a tank and George Bush put aside the wimp factor. The hard treatment of Dan Quayle, "You're no Jack Kennedy" is brought to mind. Bennett provides critical assessments of the subjects about whom he writes, both friend and foe. He reminds us of George H.W. Bush's war leadership and his incredible popularity which fell victim to his apparent lack of touch with the common people. In his chapters dealing with the Rodney King incidents and trials, he give credit to King's much maligned "Can we all get along?" as about the best that could have been said under the circumstances. The 1992 election is depicted as pitting a President Bush who really could not touch the heart of America against a Governor Clinton who could make friends with anyone he met. He meets personality issues head on, as when Bush appeared bored by looking at his watch during a debate when he wanted to know how much time he had to make important points. The wild card in the race was Ross Perot who was motivated by love of country and an irrational resentment of Bush. Bennett's review of the Clinton years is much more critical, reflecting his position as part of the loyal opposition as well as his disgust at Clinton's moral lapses. Not the least of Bennett's frustrations included the shifting standard that accepted presidential misconduct so long as the economy remained strong. The 2000 elections brought a new contest between two morally upright candidates, Al Gore and George W. Bush. The long Florida vote count was merely the start of a contentious era in politics. The attacks of 9-11 brought a new focus to Bush's presidency as he fought the battle against Islamic terrorism. The 2004 elections are described as tight as Bush worked to gradually gain the upper hand over John Kerry. The rising disenchantment with the war in Iraq and dissatisfaction with the handling of Hurricane Katrina led to the weakening of Bush's position toward the end of his term. Those factors led to Democratic control of Congress after the 2006 elections. Bennett's narrative of the 2008 elections provides the reader with a comparison of Obama and McCain and Biden and Palin. Although much of this book follows the story of our elections, Bennett also reminds us of social changes and domestic issues which unite and divide us. For any follower of contemporary affairs, "A Century Turns" provides a trip through our recent history while forming a base for reflection on what the new century holds for us and what we can make of it.

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