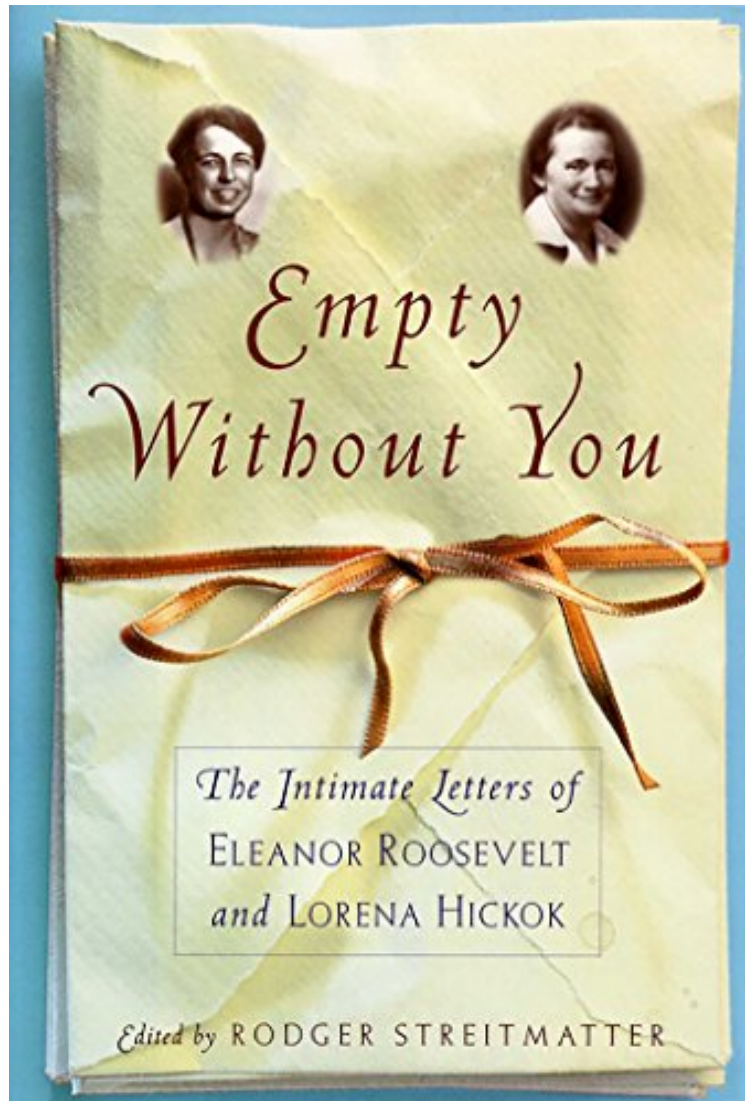


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Von Roger Streitmatter : Empty Without You: The Intimate Letters Of Eleanor Roosevelt And Lorena Hickok (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Empty Without You: The Intimate Letters Of Eleanor Roosevelt And Lorena Hickok (English Edition):

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Lorena Hickok often include vigorous denials about the implications of these letters. "It's not what it sounds like," we have been told. So it's refreshing to have these 300 letters collected and commented on by someone not afraid of homosexual implications. Editor Rodger Streitmatter also provides brief biographical and historical information to put the letters in the context of the times. * Streitmatter tries to let the letters speak for themselves, but perhaps he should have tried harder. He has prefaced most of the letters with an explanatory paragraph, and although these are mostly helpful, I became tired of having him point out the paragraph or sentence in which something particularly intimate or revealing would be said. * Streitmatter also has used the term "first friend" as an identifier for Hickok, parallel to "first lady." Not only does this seem a bit too cute, but also, from what we learn about Hickok, it's exactly the kind of designation that would have driven her up the wall. * Overall, though, the book is a revealing and well-balanced portrait of these women's relationship. Whether their relationship was physically sexual or not, it's clear from their letters that they loved each other.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. CUSTOMER REVIEWVon Debbie WilcoxI FOUND THIS BOOK TO BE LONG OVERDUE IN TERMS OF WOMEN'S ISSUES, PARTICULARLY DURING THE 1930'S AND 1940'S. AS A LOVER OF HISTORY, AND A LESBIAN,IT'S NICE TO GET THE ENTIRE TRUTH ABOUT THIS PROLIFIC FIRST LADY AND HER PROFOUND RELATIONSHIP WITH LORENA HICKOK, AN INTENSELY PROLIFIC WOMEN IN HER OWN RIGHT. THE BOOK, ALSO, SHEDS LIGHT ON THE ESCAPADES OF PRESIDENT F.D.ROOSEVELT AND HIS LACKING ABILITY TO EFFICIENTLY OVERSEE THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE US; ELEANOR DOES A DAMN GOOD JOB FILLING IN FOR HER ESTRANGED HUSBAND, WHILE ENGAGING IN HER OWN PERSONAL AND POLITICAL ENDEAVORS.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Poor taste.Von bernadette.armstrong@uboc.comI didn't get past the first two letters before I felt that I was intruding on something very private that wasn't meant for me to know. I kept thinking about my own love letters and how dear they are to me, and hopefully the person who received them. I have read Blanche Cook's biography about this great women, and I found it fascinating and can't wait to read Vol. II and II. I feel that Streitmatter is exploiting the PRIVATE past of a great woman for his own purposes.

KurzbeschreibungThe relationship between Eleanor Roosevelt and Associated Press reporter Lorena Hickok has sparked vociferous debate ever since 1978, when archivists at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library discovered eighteen boxes filled with letters the two women exchanged during their thirty-year friendship. But until now we have been offered only the odd quotation or excerpt from their voluminous correspondence. In *Empty Without You*, journalist and historian Rodger Streitmatter has transcribed and annotated 300 letters that shed new light on the legendary, passionate, and intense bond between these extraordinary women. Written with the candor and introspection of a private diary, the letters expose the most private thoughts, feelings, and motivations of their authors and allow us to assess the full dimensions of a remarkable friendship. From the day Eleanor moved into the White House and installed Lorena in a bedroom just a few feet from her own, each woman virtually lived for the other. When Lorena was away, Eleanor kissed her picture of "dearest Hick" every night before going to bed, while Lorena marked the days off her calendar in anticipation of their next meeting. In the summer of 1933, Eleanor and Lorena took a three-week road trip together, often traveling incognito. The friends even discussed a future in which they would share a home and blend their separate lives into one. Perhaps as valuable as these intimations of a love affair are the glimpses this collection offers of an Eleanor Roosevelt strikingly different from the icon she has become. Although the figure who emerges in these pages is as determined and politically adept as the woman we know, she is also surprisingly sarcastic and funny, tender and vulnerable, and even judgmental and petty -- all less public but no less important attributes of our most beloved first lady..deIn June 1932, pioneering newswoman Lorena Hickok was assigned to FDR's presidential campaign by the Associated Press. To her surprise, she found Eleanor Roosevelt taking special notice of her. As their friendship grew, Hickok's devotion to the future first lady so overcame her scruples that she sent drafts of her articles to the head of Roosevelt's campaign for approval. After the election, the women began the passionate correspondence--cheerful and diary-like on Eleanor's side, and stormy on Lorena's--presented here. As suggestive as these letters seemed when they came to light in 1978, they don't demonstrate conclusively whether the women had a sexual affair, only that they became, for three or four years, each other's "dearest." They kissed and caressed each other and dreamt of a life together away from Washington. What is more significant is that these years marked Eleanor Roosevelt's transformation from a supportive wife to an independent political force, and the letters show Hickok's advice and encouragement to be essential to that transformation. Only with Hickok's support did the first lady gain confidence for her remarkable achievements in race relations and expanded roles for women. Good footnotes supplement the text, but the bland introductory notes can be skipped in favor of the women's story in their own words. --Regina Marler.comIn June 1932, pioneering newswoman Lorena Hickok was assigned to FDR's presidential campaign by the Associated Press. To her surprise, she found Eleanor Roosevelt taking special notice of her. As their friendship grew, Hickok's devotion to the future first lady so overcame her scruples that she sent drafts of her articles to the head of Roosevelt's

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