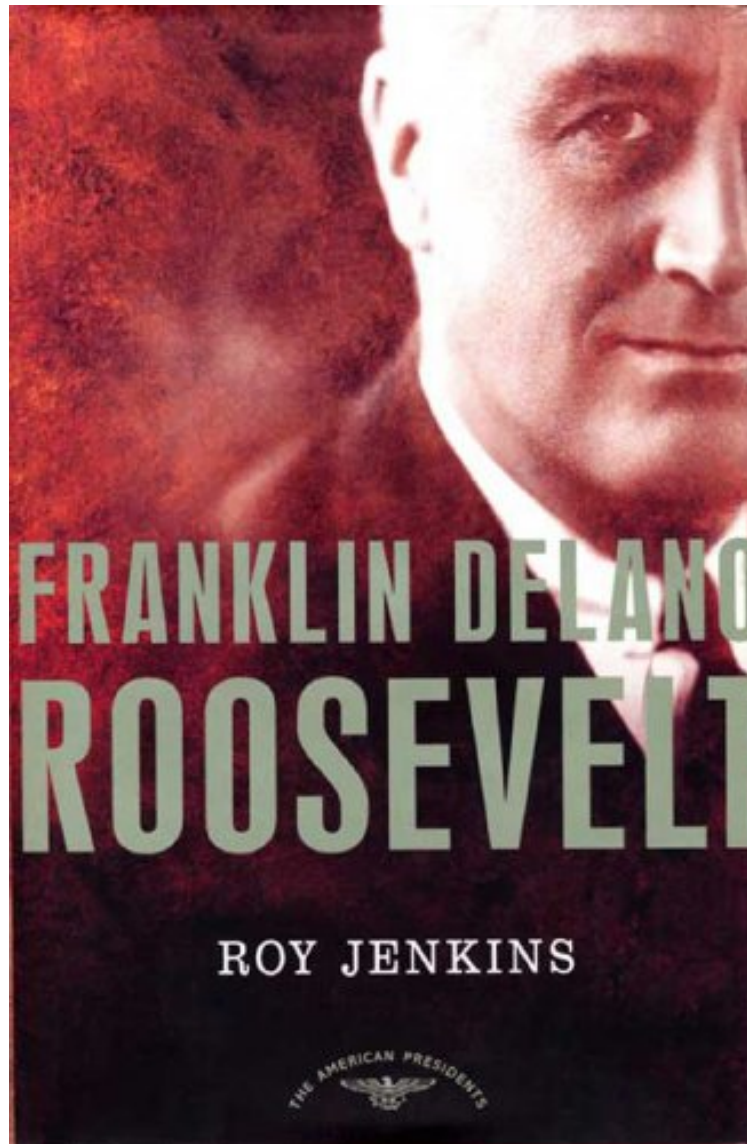


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Roy Jenkins as a historian is certainly more in the public eye than as a British politician and yet this latter occupation serves him well to gain insight into the inner workings of a consummate politician. In this slight volume, he sums up the achievements of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and explains to us when and where they outweigh his failures. Without describing any of his programs in much detail, he gives us a general idea of what Roosevelt's politics were all about and he does so elegantly but not superficially. In particular, I am grateful to the late Mr Jenkins for doing away with the one myth which I think was created by Gore Vidal, namely that Roosevelt provoked, if not instigated, the Japanese attack on the US fleet in Pearl Harbor in order to be able to join in WW II. Mr Jenkins reasons convincingly against such a scheme as not being in line with Roosevelt's character. The succinct description of Roosevelt's political and personal life, the absence of lurid details about his extra-marital activities and the lack of hero worship are great virtues of this most readable book.

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