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the cumulative effect is overwhelming eleanor roosevelt was right hoover s fbi was an american gestapo newsweek shocking grim frightening curt gentry s masterful portrait of america s top policeman is a unique political biography from more than 300 interviews and over 100 000 pages of previously classified documents gentry reveals exactly how a paranoid director created the fraudulent myth of an invincible incorruptible fbi for almost fifty years hoover held virtually unchecked public power manipulating every president from franklin d roosevelt to richard nixon he kept extensive blackmail files and used illegal wiretaps and hidden microphones to destroy anyone who opposed him the book reveals how hoover helped create mccarthyism blackmailed the kennedy brothers and influenced the supreme court how he retarded the civil rights movement and forged connections with mobsters as well as insight into the watergate scandal and what part he played in the investigations of president john f kennedy and martin luther king jr

an oral biography of j edgar hoover

includes pictures includes a bibliography for further reading we are a fact gathering organization only we don't clear anybody we don't condemn anybody j edgar hoover no single figure in 20th century american history inspires such opposing opinions as j edgar hoover the iconic first director of the federal bureau of investigation in his time he was arguably the most powerful non elected figure in the federal government serving under eight presidents and outliving two of them he remains the longest serving head of a major government office and hoover died as he began a civil servant having been appointed by the attorney general and serving at the pleasure of the president that said no civil servant had ever accrued to themselves the power and public attention that hoover did to many americans in the 1930s 40s and 50s hoover was a real american hero in a country suffering from the great depression and the crime wave of the early 1930s hoover was the symbol of law and order as his g men used the newest in scientific crime solving methods to bring gangsters like john dillinger pretty boy floyd and baby face nelson to justice in the 1940s he protected a country at war from german and japanese spies and saboteurs in the 1950s he led the charge against soviet spies and domestic communists who he saw as undermining the institutions of the country every boy in the country wanted to be a g man helping mr hoover ferret out anyone who would harm the united states however by the 1960s and 1970s hoover the hero had become hoover the villain various exposes and investigations revealed a darker side to the legend one that included serious violations of the civil liberties of individuals hoover's g men it was discovered engaged in illegal break ins and wiretaps of suspected subversives wrote fake letters that undermined the reputations of public individuals paid informants for information and pushed the groups they belonged to into committing illegal acts it was alleged that hoover led a personal vendetta against martin luther king jr and the entire civil rights movement hoover it was said had stayed in office so long by gathering secret files of damaging information about politicians including presidents that shortly after his death in 1972 the hoover legend was in tatters replaced by a caricature of a vain vindictive power mad petty dictator who was a closet cross dresser as with most larger than life figures the truth lies somewhere between two myths views of hoover as hero and hoover as villain contain elements of truth the same man who took a small insignificant office of the justice department and transformed it into the premier national law enforcement agency in the world was the same man who approved or at least had knowledge of actions that violated the constitution he was sworn to uphold the director who ordered his agents in the 1960s to destroy the ku klux klan when they were engaging in violent acts against civil rights protesters also surveyed the leading figure of the civil rights movement j edgar hoover was in many ways a walking contradiction but his apparent contradictions embodied the issues at the heart of 20th century america the fbi and j edgar hoover the history and legacy of the federal bureau of investigation under its first director examines the events that led to the formation of the fbi the most important cases it was involved in and the controversies surrounding hoover's methods along with pictures depicting important people

places and events you will learn about the fbi under hoover like never before

a new york times bestselling author s revealing important biography of the longtime fbi director the philadelphia inquirer no one exemplified paranoia and secrecy at the heart of american power better than j edgar hoover the original director of the federal bureau of investigation for this consummate biography renowned investigative journalist anthony summers interviewed more than eight hundred witnesses and pored through thousands of documents to get at the truth about the man who headed the fbi for fifty years persecuted political enemies blackmailed politicians and lived his own surprising secret life ultimately summers paints a portrait of a fatally flawed individual who should never have held such power and for so long

j edgar hoover the father of the cold war examines hoover s career in detail and looks at his role in the development of the cold war against communism with considerable detail and an excellent selection of photographs kiel traces hoover s anti communism to his earliest experiences during world war i well documented and thought provoking this study looks anew at the connection between hoover lyndon johnson and the hot war against communism in vietnam

on june 2 1919 bombs exploded simultaneously in nine american cities and the nation suddenly found itself facing a new threat radical terrorism then attorney general a mitchell palmer vowed a crackdown to be led by his youngest assistant j edgar hoover under palmer s wing hoover helped execute a series of brutal nationwide raids bursting into homes without warrants arresting over ten thousand americans and assembled secret files on thousands of political enemies despite public backlash against the abuses these were the first steps in hoover s remarkable rise to power young j edgar is the compelling publishers weekly and fast paced kirkus reviews story of hoover s early career one that reaches to the heart of our modern debate over personal freedom in a time of war and fear

the federal bureau of investigation was an agency devoted to american ideals professionalism and scientific methods directed by a sage and selfless leader and anyone who said otherwise was a no good subversive bent on discrediting the american way of life that was the official story and how j edgar hoover made it stick running roughshod over those same american ideals is the story this book tells in full for the first time from hoover s first tentative media contacts in the 1930s to the bureau s eponymous television series in the 1960s and 1970s fbi officials labored mightily to control the bureau s image efforts that put them not so squarely at the forefront of the emerging field of public relations in the face of any journalistic challenges to the fbi s legitimacy and operations hoover was able to create a benign even heroic counter narrative thanks in part to his friends in newsrooms matthew Cecil s own prodigious investigation through hundreds of thousands of pages from fbi files reveals the lengths to which hoover and his lackeys went to use the press

to hoodwink the american people even more sobering is how much help he got from so many in the press conservative journalists like broadcaster fulton lewis jr and columnist george sokolsky positioned themselves as objective defenders of hoover s fbi and were rewarded with access friendship and other favors some of hoover s friends even became adjunct fbi agents designated as special service contacts who discreetly gathered information for the bureau enemies on the other hand were closely monitored and subjected to operations that disrupted their work or even undermined and ended their careers noted journalists like i f stone george seldes james a wechsler and many others found themselves the subjects of fbi investigations and occasionally named on the bureau s custodial detention index targeted for arrest in the case of a national emergency with experience as a political reporter a press secretary and a scholar and professor of journalism and public relations matthew cecil is uniquely qualified to conduct us through the maze of political intrigue and influence peddling that mark and often mask the history of the fbi his work serves as a cautionary tale about how manipulative government agents and compliant journalists can undermine the very institutions and ideals they are tasked with protecting

j edgar hoover the most powerful lawman in america for more than fifty years was also the country s most controversial and feared public servant his career as director of the federal bureau of investigation spanned nine different presidential administrations during that time hoover completely reshaped domestic law enforcement transforming his g men into an elite national crime fighting division despite his contributions to the criminal justice system hoover fell from favor soon after his death the victim of rampant rumors and innuendo in puppetmaster richard hack separates truth from fiction to reveal the most hidden secrets of hoover s private life and exposes previously undisclosed conduct that threatened to compromise the security of the entire nation based on files documents and over 100 000 pages of fbi memos and state department papers hack rips the lid off hoover s façade of propriety to detail a life replete with sexual indiscretions criminal behavior and a long standing alliance with the mafia

the famed 19th century humorist finely peter dunne once commented that life would not be worth living if we didn t keep our enemies certainly john f kennedy could appreciate the wisdom behind this observation at nearly every stage of his noteworthy political career which stretched from the dank run down tenement houses of charlestown massachusetts in 1946 to the gleaming downtown skyscrapers of dallas texas in 1963 kennedy had collected his fair share of enemies some like henry cabot lodge jr in 1952 and lyndon johnson in 1960 presented formidable political obstacles to his attaining higher office others like nikita khrushchev during the cuban missile crisis of 1962 threatened the very survival of the human race itself regardless of the stakes kennedy always seemed to rise to the level of the domestic or international challenge presented our problems are man made therefore they may be solved by man he said to those who knew him best this single mindedness was not surprising he clearly wanted to establish a place in history insisted

robert mcnamara kennedy s secretary of defense but being an historian himself kennedy realized that political success did not come easily or cheaply it required individual strength of character clarity of thought and the ability to act decisively there are risks and costs to action he allowed but they are far less than the long range risks of comfortable inaction

former special agent and assistant director of the fbi ray wannall writes a comprehensive insider s commentary regarding one of the most powerful but enigmatic personalities of our time highly revealing and provocative for the record sheds light on efforts to undermine hoover s legacy and startling details as to events involving martin luther king the kennedy family the nixon administration and much much more

the newest revelations about the man who shaped the fbi made available for the first time shocking never before told stories of j edgar hoover and his secret dealings make a great read for those who love tell it all biographies

a biography of the man who transformed the federal bureau of investigation into an outstanding law enforcement agency

during his forty eight years as director of the federal bureau of investigation j edgar hoover scrupulously maintained secret office files and arranged for special filing procedures to safeguard sensitive information

david wrone one of the nation s foremost authorities on the jfk assassination reexamines zapruder s film with a fresh eye and a deep knowledge of the forensic evidence

nazi germany s efforts to weaken the united states by subversion failed miserably bungling spies were captured and half hearted efforts at sabotage came to nothing yet anyone who lived through wwii remembers the chilling posters warning americans that enemy agents have big ears and loose lips sink ships even superman joined the struggle against these insidious foes in 1940 polls showed that 71 of americans believed a nazi fifth column had penetrated the country almost half were convinced that spies saboteurs dupes and rumor mongers lurked in their own neighborhoods and work places these fears extended to the white house and congress in this book francis macdonnell explains the origins and consequences of america s fifth column panic arguing that conviction and expedience encouraged president roosevelt the fbi congressmen churchill s government and hollywood to legitimate and exacerbate american s fears gravely weakening the isolationists fostering congress s role in rooting out un american activities and instigating the creation of the modern intelligence establishment the fifth column scare did far more than sell movie tickets comic

books and pulp fiction insidious foes traces the panic from its origins in the minds of reasonable americans who saw the vulnerability of their open society in an age of encroaching totalitarianism

winner of the pulitzer prize for biography 2023 winner of the 2022 national book critics circle award in biography winner of the 2023 bancroft prize in american history and diplomacy winner of the american history book prize shortlisted for the 2023 pen jacqueline bograd weld award for biography longlisted for the cwa alcs gold dagger for non fiction when he became director of the fbi j edgar hoover transformed a failing law enforcement backwater into a modern machine he stayed in power for decades and created a personal fiefdom unrivalled in us history in this masterful multi award winning biography beverley gage explores the full sweep of hoover s life and career in gage s portrait hoover was a man admired by millions but was also a formidable public figure who intimidated his enemies excluded minorities from his great american project and created the foundations of the us far right g man is a dramatic portrait of one of america s most influential and controversial public figures it is also an engrossing story of the making of modern america revelatory new york times astonishing the new yorker masterful this book is an enduring formidable accomplishment a monument to the power of biography that now becomes the definitive work the washington post

was j edgar hoover a homosexual and did organized crime leaders knowing this blackmail the fbi director into leaving them alone these charges won almost instant popular acceptance when they were aired in a sensational biography of hoover in 1993 but athan theoharis the foremost authority on hoover and the fbi here shows that the accusations are spurious and not nearly as intriguing as hoover s real attitudes toward sex and organized crime theoharis takes apart the argument for hoover s homosexuality then goes on to paint a chilling portrait of a moralistic bureaucrat who would not hesitate to use sex related information against his political enemies when it could not be traced to fbi investigations theoharis explains why the fbi s ineffectiveness in pursuing organized crime leaders stemmed from the same political priorities that gave hoover broad authority during the cold war years to use illegal investigative techniques and to focus on political activities punctuating his narrative with case materials from the fbi s secret files on presidential candidates senators congressmen artists and writers college presidents and others theoharis unravels the brilliantly devious means that hoover used to accomplish his political ends and he shows how they contributed to a culture of lawlessness within the fbi itself

a fascinating and timely biography of j edgar hoover from a sibert medalist king there is only one thing left for you to do you know what it is you better take it before your filthy abnormal fraudulent self is bared to the nation dr martin luther king received this demand in an anonymous letter in 1964 he believed that the letter was telling him to commit suicide who wrote this anonymous letter the fbi and the man behind it all was j edgar hoover the fbi s first director in

this unsparing exploration of one of the most powerful americans of the twentieth century accomplished historian marc aronson unmask the man behind the bureau his tangled family history and personal relationships his own need for secrecy deceit and control and the broad trends in american society that shaped his world hoover may have given america the security it wanted but the secrets he knew gave him and the bureau all the power he wanted using photographs cartoons movie posters and fbi transcripts master of deceit gives readers the necessary evidence to make their own conclusions here is a book about the twentieth century that blazes with questions and insights about our choices in the twenty first back matter includes an epilogue an author s note source notes and a bibliography

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