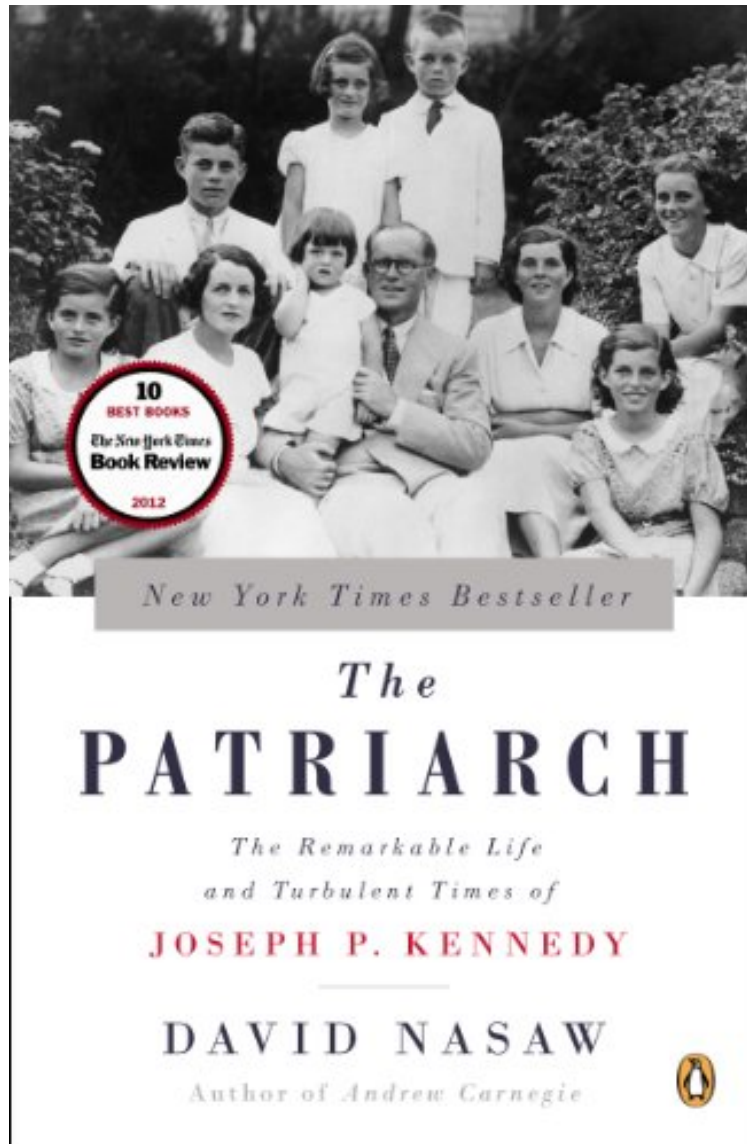


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Pressestimmen One of The New York Times Book 's 10 Best Books of 2012 A New York Times and Washington Post Notable Book of 2012 A Booklist Editor's Choice of 2012 One of Newsday's 12 Best Books of the Year Riveting The Patriarch is a book hard to put down As his son indelibly put it some months before his father was struck down: Ask not what your country can do for you ask what you can do for your county. One wonders what was going through the mind of the patriarch, sitting a few feet away listening to that soaring sentiment as a fourth-generation Kennedy became president of the United States. After coming to know him over the course of this brilliant, compelling book, the reader might suspect that he was thinking he had done more than enough for his country. But the gods would demand even more. Christopher Buckley, The New York Times Book "Panoramic. Never before has Joseph P. Kennedy's conduct been documented in such damning detail, and never before has the verdict on his character been rendered so persuasively." Wall Street Journal "A spellbinding book." Slate David Nasaw's The Patriarch: The Remarkable Life and Turbulent Times of Joseph P. Kennedy is the sort of biography that begs to be called magisterial. "Boston Globe" Nasaw was approached to write this biography by Kennedy's children Jean Kennedy Smith and the late Sen. Edward Kennedy, who offered unfettered access to previously unseen papers. The choice was brilliant. Having written admired biographies of Andrew Carnegie and William Randolph Hearst, Nasaw understands how titans of business operate. In this outstanding biography, he captures the reality of one of America's most complicated and controversial figures. "USA Today" Mr. Nasaw has the rare ability to see the big picture and frame the detail with careful scholarship -- all the while making room for elements that do not fit -- which in Joe Kennedy's case is quite a lot. Mr. Nasaw's is a literate and searching exposition of the patriarch's life that offers the reader compelling answers to questions about JPK. If The Patriarch doesn't scoop up some serious accolades for the writing of American history, the fix is in. Pittsburgh Post Gazette "[A] sprawling, highly readable biography of the dynast and larger-than-life figure whose presence still haunts American political life... Working from his subjects extensive archives, Nasaw (Andrew Carnegie, 2006, etc.) pieces together a sometimes-sympathetic, sometimes-critical view of Joseph P. Kennedy (1888-1969), father of John F. Kennedy and most definitely a man of parts... Exhaustive yet accessible, Nasaw's book illuminates." Kirkus (starred review) "A major contribution to Kennedy history." 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