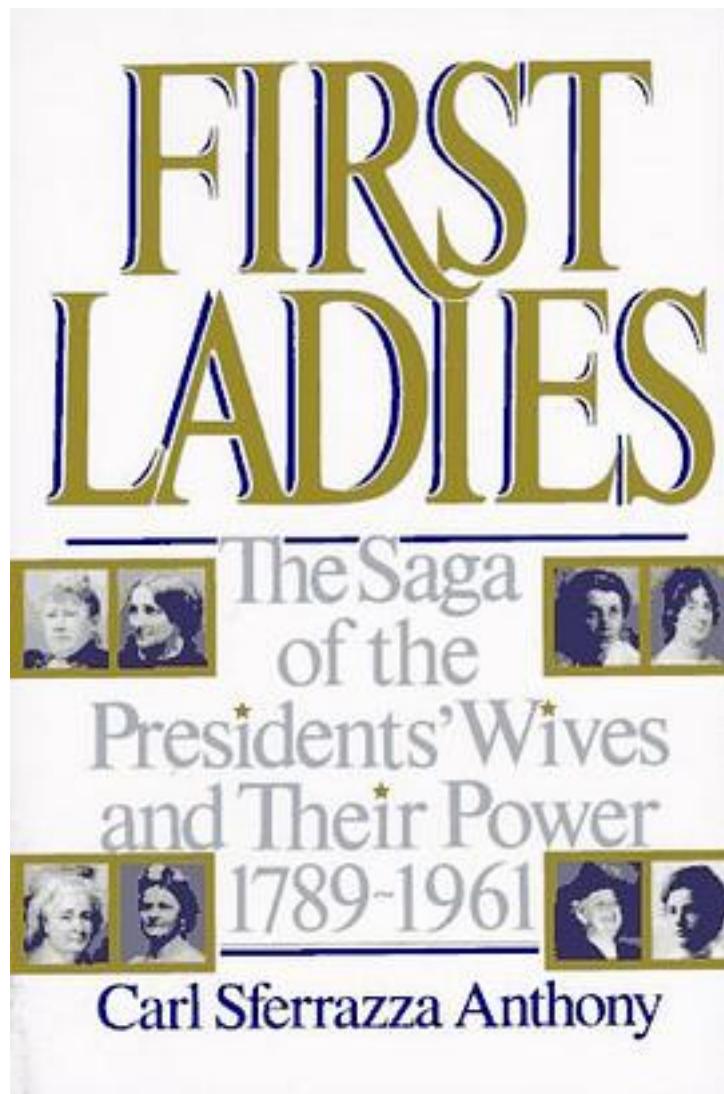


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Laura. Jackie. Dolley. Eleanor. Mamie. Nancy, Barbara, Hillary. Recognizable by one name alone, these women—the First Ladies—are often just as accomplished as their spouses, and sometimes more beloved. And just as they stand staunchly beside their husbands, "Fandex: First Ladies" stands as the perfect companion to Presidents, the bestseller with 700,000 copies in print. Written by Carolyn Vaughan, who showed her terrific talent for short, fascinating biography in "Fandex: Painters," "First Ladies" continues the unique, full-color die-cut Fandex format with lively portraits of the 40 women who have served as America's version of queen. Here's Dolley Madison, the first two-time First Lady--having served earlier as hostess for widower Thomas Jefferson. Elizabeth Monroe, who, while traveling in France with her husband, James, saved General Lafayette's wife from the guillotine. The secret president, Edith Galt Wilson, who allegedly ran the country during Woodrow's prolonged and disabling illness. And more surprises: Pat Nixon adding 600 important paintings and antiques to the White House Collection of Americana; Rosalynn Carter (and not Eleanor Roosevelt) stirring controversy by attending Cabinet meetings. Evocative correspondents, gracious hostesses, behind-the-scenes speech writers, inexhaustible volunteers--these are the great women who have done so much to shape our nation.

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