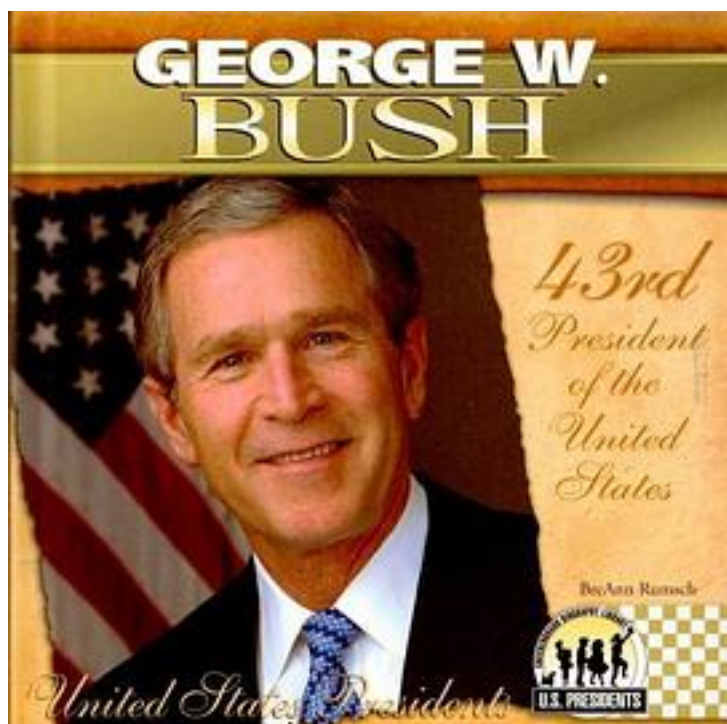


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nominated him for president, and he defeated Democrat Al Gore in a close and contentious election. Eight months after he took office, on September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States. Bush announced a "War on Terror," and gained broad support for an invasion of Afghanistan, where terrorist leaders were in hiding. In April 2002, U.S. forces invaded Iraq, extending the "War on Terror." The invasion succeeded in overthrowing the regime of dictator Saddam Hussein, but the administration struggled to maintain support for its actions at home and overseas. The Iraq war and rising oil prices at home were major issues in Bush's re-election campaign in 2004.

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