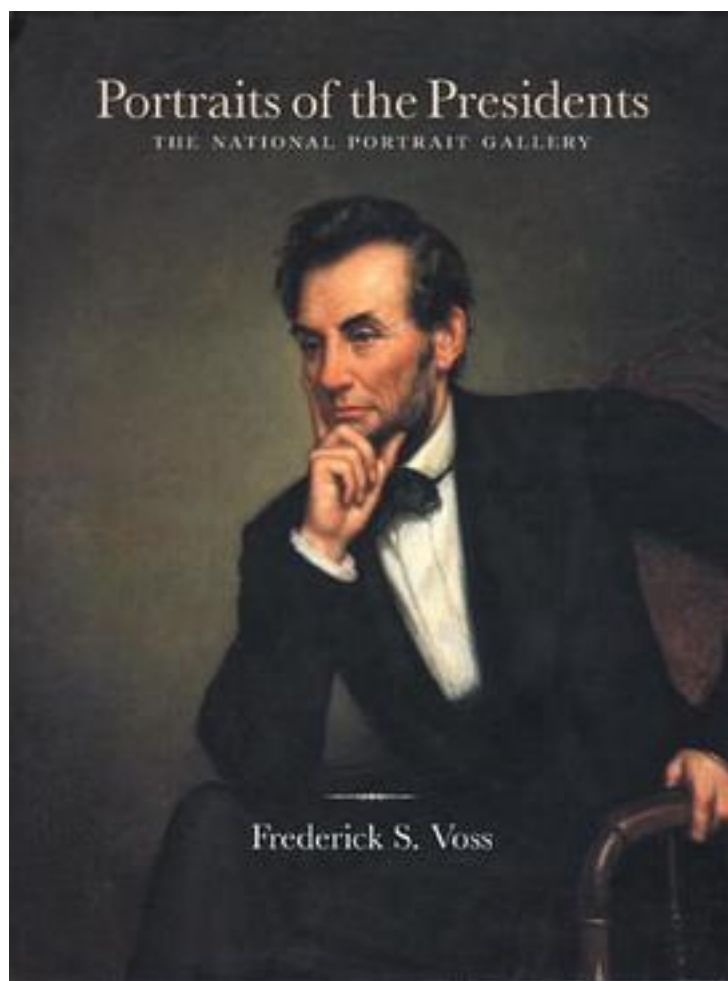


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Hugh Sidey White House historian and the veteran writer of Time magazine's popular column "The Presidency", has reported on America's Presidents for Life and Time

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