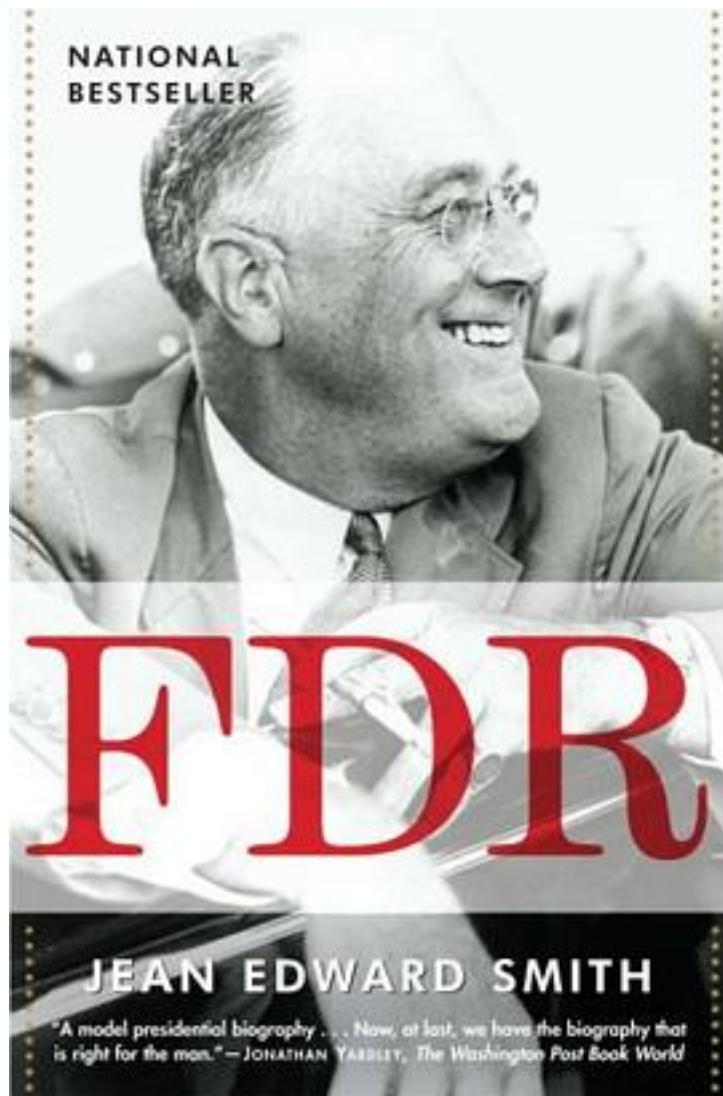


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One of today's premier biographers has written a modern, comprehensive, indeed ultimate book on the epic life of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. In this superlative volume, Jean Edward Smith combines contemporary scholarship and a broad range of primary source material to provide an engrossing narrative of one of America's greatest presidents.

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评论

非常dry 史实细节很多都是distorted的 (TR的套用在FDR身上)
此作者别的作品还得过普利策奖 真够欺负读者的..有几个地方都是直接抄袭的
恰好都是本人看过的书. (可惜原作已经去世了) 打开前几页就是完全雷同的!
人名换了一下而已。唯一有价值的地方是注解不错。这样的shoddiness真对不起FDR

中规中矩了。

虎头蛇尾，前一半对FDR的出身以及其对他性格习惯造成的影响的描述很好，后半段变成了历史教科书和流水账。对很多意义不大的细节花过多笔墨，比如两次Democratic National Convention，让人读着要睡着了。读后对FDR的个性和观点有了更多了解，但依然无从知晓这些观点是如何形成的。

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