

From the Ward to the White House: The Irish in American Politics



[From the Ward to the White House: The Irish in American Politics_ 下载链接1](#)

著者:

出版者:

出版时间:

装帧:

isbn:9780684189772

George Reedy was destined to write this book; his fifth since his classic *The Twilight of the Presidency*. Reedy's impoverished great-grandfather, Michael Reedy, emigrated from Ireland to America in 1850, at the nadir of the Potato Famine, and his mother was a Mulvaney. "The Irish character found its expression here in the United States in politics

because there was no other vehicle that offered our Potato Famine immigrants passage out of the slums," he writes.

Reedy, formerly Lyndon Johnson's press secretary and now the Nieman Professor of Journalism at Marquette University, traces the growth of Irish-American political power through four stages: the emergence of an Irish immigrant proletariat as the muscle of the nascent Industrial Revolution; the domination of big-city police and fire departments; the political rise to control of city halls; and ascendancy to national leadership as epitomized by the election of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

With verve and characteristic humor, Reedy shows how the Irish clan system was perfectly adapted to American politics, free of ideology and focused on forging alliances to win power and votes. The popularity of Irish pols was often achieved with a gift turkey on Thanksgiving or a load of coal on Christmas. But Reedy also illuminates the potent, serious aspect of the story: the Irish constructed the presidential nomination of Al Smith, and their machines forged links with the Jewish minority, from which the

New Deal coalition that would prevail for decades emerged, headed by the liberal elite of Roosevelt, Harriman and the Lehmans. From the Ward to the White House is a testament to Reedy's theme that the enduring Irish-American legacy to today's political party system is its highly personal flavor and the principle that a government's first job is to help the people.

作者介绍:

目录:

[From the Ward to the White House: The Irish in American Politics_ 下载链接1](#)

标签

评论

[From the Ward to the White House: The Irish in American Politics_ 下载链接1](#)

书评

[From the Ward to the White House: The Irish in American Politics_下载链接1_](#)