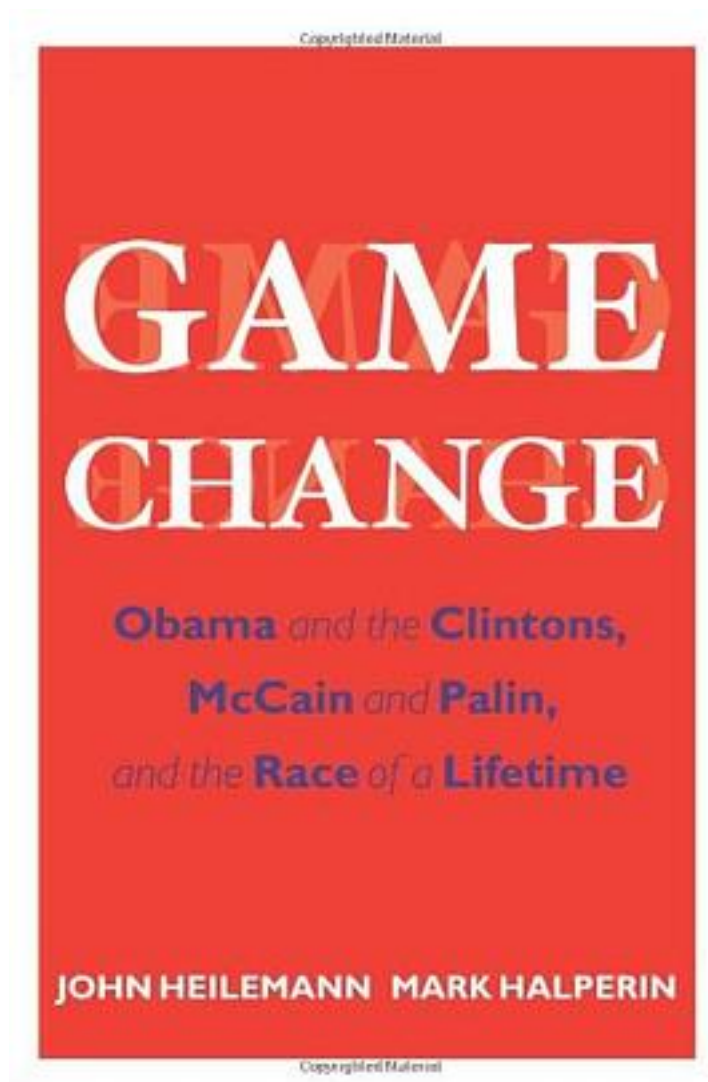


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In 2008, the presidential election became blockbuster entertainment. Everyone was watching as the race for the White House unfolded like something from the realm of fiction. The meteoric rise and historic triumph of Barack Obama. The shocking fall of the House of Clinton—and the improbable resurrection of Hillary as Obama's partner and America's face to the world. The mercurial performance of John McCain and the mesmerizing emergence of Sarah Palin. But despite the wall-to-wall media coverage of this spellbinding drama, remarkably little of the real story behind the headlines has yet been told.

In *Game Change*, John Heilemann and Mark Halperin, two of the country's leading political reporters, use their unrivaled access to pull back the curtain on the Obama, Clinton, McCain, and Palin campaigns. How did Obama convince himself that, despite the thinness of his résumé, he could somehow beat the odds to become the nation's first African American president? How did the tumultuous relationship between the Clintons shape—and warp—Hillary's supposedly unstoppable bid? What was behind her husband's furious outbursts and devastating political miscalculations? Why did McCain make the novice governor of Alaska his running mate? And was Palin merely painfully out of her depth—or troubled in more serious ways?

Game Change answers those questions and more, laying bare the secret history of the 2008 campaign. Heilemann and Halperin take us inside the Obama machine, where staffers referred to the candidate as "Black Jesus." They unearth the quiet conspiracy in the U.S. Senate to prod Obama into the race, driven in part by the fears of senior Democrats that Bill Clinton's personal life might cripple Hillary's presidential prospects. They expose the twisted tale of John Edwards's affair with Rielle Hunter, the truth behind the downfall of Rudy Giuliani, and the doubts of those responsible for vetting Palin about her readiness for the Republican ticket—along with the McCain campaign staff's worries about her fitness for office. And they reveal how, in an emotional late-night phone call, Obama succeeded in wooing Clinton, despite her staunch resistance, to become his secretary of state.

Based on hundreds of interviews with the people who lived the story, *Game Change* is a reportorial tour de force that reads like a fast-paced novel. Character driven and dialogue rich, replete with extravagantly detailed scenes, this is the occasionally shocking, often hilarious, ultimately definitive account of the campaign of a lifetime.

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Obama represents the trend which was irresistible in a time when the public was eager for change; the Clintons, formidable in appearance, have a lot of chinks in their armour. McCain and Palin? They were mere footnotes in this once-in-lifetime competition. The combat for the Presidency in 2008 has finished after Obama won the Democratic caucus.

2010.7 刚出来的时候畅销到不行，还要在图书馆排队才能等到一个copy.
基本是08竞选recount. 因为讨厌那场竞选，i don't think i wanna go through everything again. 虽然号称juicy，而且不公布爆料人，其实也没什么新料。

"great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." the great & average: fuck off and get lost. the small-minded: enjoy!

看了一部分， 没劲。

I wonder what'd have happened if Lieberman had been chosen...

It's the biggest show in the world

太八卦了！！！！！！

感觉美国每次大选都是场耗资巨大的reality show。。。就是今年玩的比较过。不知今年大选得有多少料可报...lol.

用几个词简单概括这本纪实小说：自我定位，竞争与合作，团队建立，人格魅力，危机公关。

八卦太多，干货太少。看完给人感觉大选就是互相捅刀子。实际上对于选票的计算，不同政策的影响，党内势力分析，都是很少的。说实话，感觉作者的水平很有限，写得太像花边新闻大杂烩了。此外对奥巴马对手的描述有点太不堪。

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3月23日，奥巴马迎来总统生涯中的一个亮点。经过千辛万苦以后，他总算有机会在白宫签署医改法案。副总统拜登兴高采烈地祝贺道，“这真他妈的是件大事！”（It’s a big f*u*cking deal.）现场的麦克风一直开着，扩音器将“他*妈的”（f*u*cking）这个词清晰地传递给全场，当晚...

美国大选就是一场权力的博弈和精力的较量。从两党选出各自的候选人，到两党间对抗争夺总统位子，这期间跨过大约一年。美国大选是一场团队的持久战，不仅仅是总统候选人发挥着关键作用，也考量着整个竞选团队的能力。
波涛汹涌的美国大选大致有以下几个特征： 1、这是两个竞选...

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