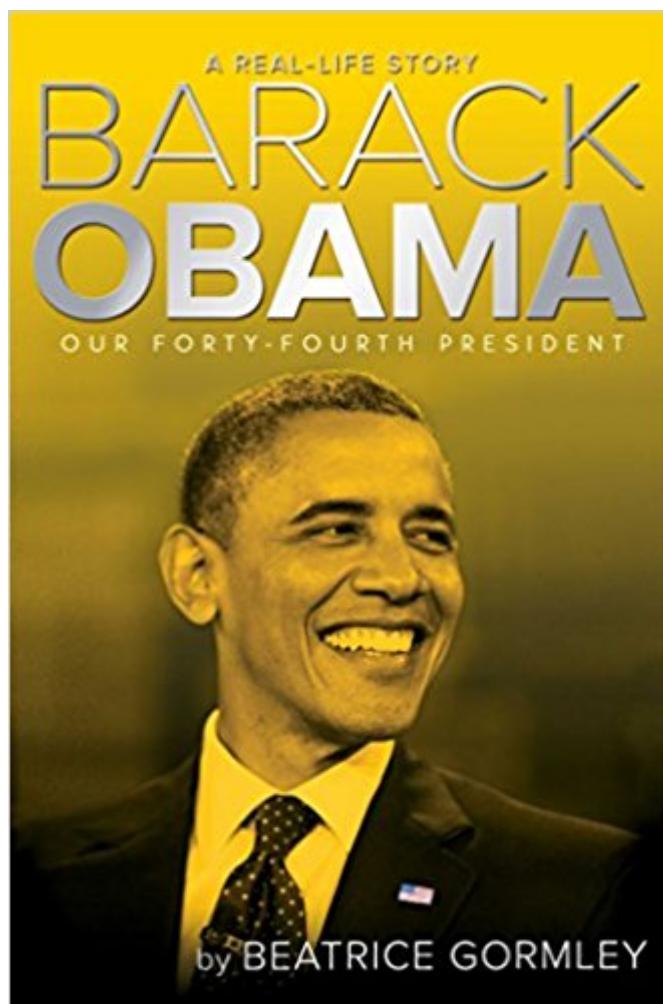


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# Barack Obama: Our Forty-Fourth President (A Real-Life Story)



## **Synopsis**

Learn all about the life of the 44th President of the United States in this updated biography of Barack Obama, specially written for a younger audience. University Professor. Nobel Peace Prize Winner. First African American President of the United States. President Obama was born on August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii. With relatives in Kenya, Ireland, Indonesia, and Kansas, President Obama has referred to his family as "a mini-United Nations." He attended college on both coasts, first at Occidental in California, then at Columbia in New York City. After graduating from Harvard Law School, he practiced and taught law in Chicago. In 2005 Barack started his political career when he became the senator for Illinois. President Obama was inaugurated on January 20, 2009. His many efforts in the first 100 days of his presidency earned him a Nobel Peace Prize and, in 2012, he was reelected for a second term. Originally published in 2012, this revised biography of the 44th President of the United States includes eight pages of photos as well as a timeline and index.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Gormley, who has written biographies about subjects as diverse as the biblical Salome and Laura Bush, turns her attention to the new president. Although there have already been several books

published about Obama, including picture books, this is for a slightly older audience and takes him through his presidential win. Organized chronologically, the straightforward telling of the events in Obama's life include just a hint of psychological inquiry, primarily regarding his search for a comfortable identity as a biracial child. For kids who know just the bare facts about Obama, they will be interested to learn that he was not always the best student, that he could be sullen and difficult, and how unorthodox his upbringing was. The book follows his life as a community organizer and his involvement in politics as well as his family relationships. Although there is a bibliography, no source notes are given, even for quotes, and there are no photographs. A serviceable choice until something more attractive comes along. Grades 6-9. --Ilene Cooper --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Beatrice Gormley has written a number of books for young readers, including several titles in the History's All-Stars series, as well as biographies of Barack Obama, George W. Bush, and Laura Bush. She lives in Westport, Massachusetts.

My daughter loved it. Excellent facts we used it for a great Book Report! She even dressed up like him and gave out vote for me badges

Very good and informative . Easy reading and a great help for a book report that my son has to do for his class

I loved reading this book with my nine year old son. It is wonderfully thorough in describing President Obama's life from childhood to his inauguration. I was moved by his story and inspired by the possibilities...

This book was purchased to add to my book shelf for my third grade students. I've had a lot of interest from my students about Barack Obama. This book is very well written and easily understood by third graders although the readability level is probably at the fifth grade level. I'd consider this a book that would be suitable for my above average readers.

YO A good book but got very boring at times overall pretty good so 2 stars. I used it for my book report

My son loved reading the book!

My son wanted to do a project on Mr Obama so we decided to give this book a try. There were parts that he needed help with but overall was able to handle it on his own. I purchased the Kindle version so he was really excited about that!!

I came across this book on the shelf in the 3rd grade classroom of my niece, as i was sitting in on her class one day (by her request), and i read through a good fraction of it as i waited -- and was really touched and moved by the detail. I'll admit i've been a huge fan of the Pres's personal story and arc right from the beginning, but all the details of his family life -- his Mother (the most), his grandparents, his sister, his search for roots through his father -- just blew me away. I have a much better picture of what makes this very amazing man and incredibly inspiring speaker, exactly who he is today, starting right from his birth (I have to say i only got as far as his Columbia days in the book, about 1/3 through, before the class ended and i had to leave it behind! But i'm certain i would've found the rest also quite interesting, though slightly less new to me, as i feel i know his more recent history in somewhat better detail already).Anyway, for a 'full-grown' adult like me, i rather relished this book, so i can only think it must be quite interesting for a kid also to read through, and compare their life to our current very amazing President's arc (in contradistinction to the much \*less\* distinguished dissolute youth and adulthood of various previous occupants of the office, and in order to not sully the positivity any further, i won't go into specifics about who and when, and readers can fill in their least favorite President here. ;-> ).Great book, thx for writing it, Beatrice!-Dr. XTG.

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