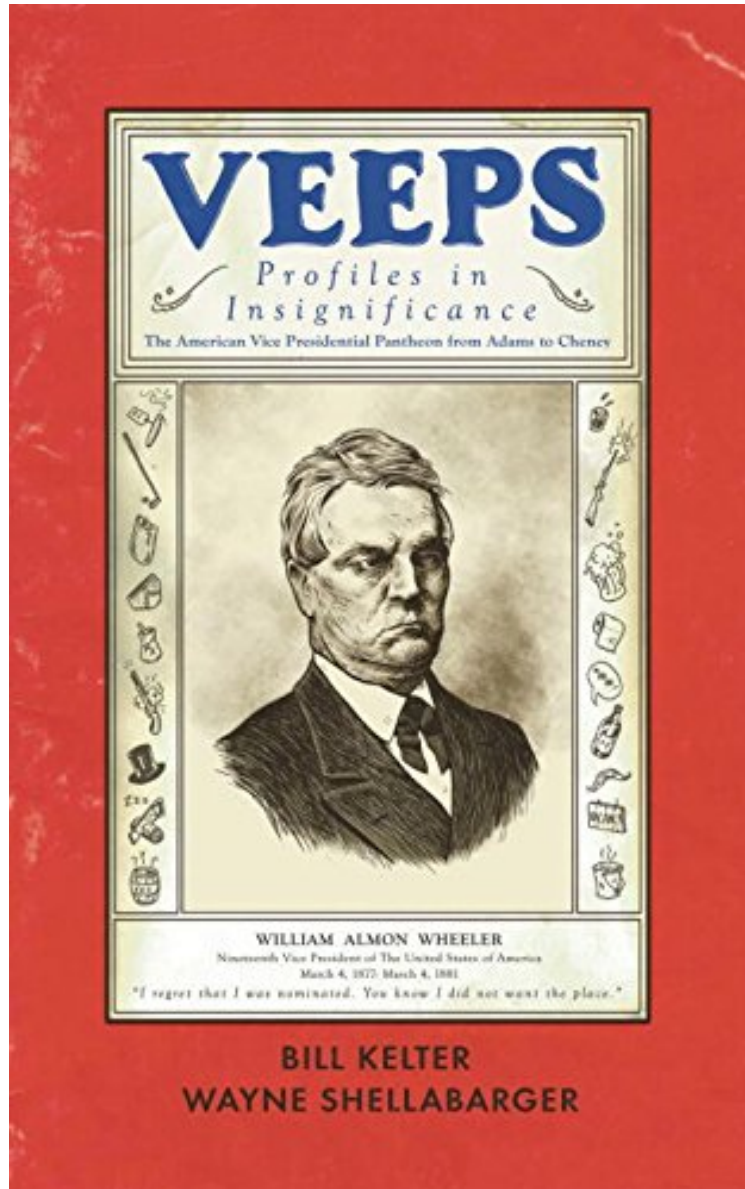


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Nothing to See Here Folks By R. Wiggins This is a very short book, that in trying to be snarky, trivializes some people who didn't deserve to be trivialized (John Adams among others), screws up some facts (James Polk was not from Texas), and makes it clear how dumb the author thinks George W.

Bush was (and he wasn't even ever vice president). One of the most used sources in the bibliography was Wikipedia, which should tell you pretty much everything you need to know. This is not a history of the vice presidents, so if that's what you're looking for, look elsewhere. In fact, you could read all the vice presidential bios in Wikipedia, learn more and it's absolutely free!

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By James W. Maxson  
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Light Shown on a Little-known Corner of American Politics  
By bobbydee  
Wow - What a funny and fascinating book! I had often wondered about the Vice Presidential office and the men who have held it. So close to such great power and responsibility yet with actually very little power and responsibility of it's own! Who even has heard of or remembers most of the former VPs? Yet as this book clearly shows, the men who served as our vice-presidents were a colorful and quirky mixed bag of individuals. This book also shows how the Vice President's position was not very clearly defined in the beginning and held in such low regard that it was seen as a sort of "Booby Prize" and political career kiss-of-death. The original practice of awarding the position to the runner-up in the Presidential election was not well thought out and proved counter-productive. Many of the earliest VPs hated the job, showed undisguised disgust, and frequently were "no-shows" on the job! A surprising number of them descended into frustrated alcoholism. To this day I think we are still trying to figure out the best ways to utilize this unique position. I love books like this that shine a light on areas of our history that are often overlooked. This book is a fun and interesting look at a position that most people don't really think twice about.

It's a tired but true cliché that every American Vice President is just a heartbeat away from the most powerful job in the world — a job they've often never really interviewed for. Who are these people? Over more than 200 years, the American voters have sent a platoon of rogues, cowards, drunks, featherweights, doddering geriatrics, bigots, and atrocious spellers to Washington D.C. to sit one bullet, cerebral hemorrhage, or case of pneumonia away from the highest office in the land. Veeps tells the sordid, head-scratching, perversely-entertaining stories of these men we've chosen to ride shotgun in the biggest rig in democracy, without ever seriously considering the possibility that they might have to take the wheel.

I never thought there was anything funny about our vice-presidents, until I read VEEPS, a welcome, often hilarious respite from the tedium of national politics. --Howard Zinn, historian and author of A People's History of the United States

Here's the weird skinny on The Little Guys waiting for the Big Guys to sneeze. But jeeppers creepers, who ARE these Veepers? Here's everything you were afraid to know about the most powerful men in the world (almost). Remember, a guy named George Bush was a VP. Imagine if he became President! And what if Dick Cheney got his hands on a nuclear weapon!? Read it before it's too late! --Greg Palast, author of Armed Madhouse and The Best Democracy Money Can Buy