Suggested Biographies: HIS-162

**Civil Rights and Other Political Activists**

* Andrew Young : civil rights ambassador by Andrew J. DeRoche
* Stokely : a life by Peniel E. Joseph
* A fire you can't put out : the civil rights life of Birmingham's Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth by Andrew M. Manis
* Daisy Bates : Civil Rights Crusader From Arkansas by Grif Stockley
* The rebellious life of Mrs. Rosa Parks by Jeanne Theoharis
* **First Ladies**
* First lady : the life of Lucy Webb Hayes by Emily Apt Geer
* Frank: the story of Frances Folsom Cleveland, America's youngest first lady by Annette Dunlap (Electronic – All CSU’s)
* Caroline Lavinia Scott Harrison by Anne Chieko Moore (Electronic Resource – All CSU’s)
* Eleanor Roosevelt : transformative first lady by Maurine H. Beasley (ECSU & SCSU)
* America's queen : the life of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis by Sarah Bradford (WCSU)

**Legislators/Members of Congress**

* Barry Goldwater by Robert Alan Goldberg
* Barney Frank : the story of America's only left-handed, gay, Jewish congressman by Stuart E. Weisberg
* Robert Kennedy and his times by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. ; illustrated with photographs

**Presidents’ Staff Members**

Colin Powell : a biography by Richard Steins (CCSU)

Condi : the Condoleezza Rice story by Antonia Felix (ECSU)

**U.S. Presidents**

* Rutherford B. Hayes : warrior and president by Ari Hoogenboom (CCSU)
* James A. Garfield by Ira Rutkow (WCSU)
* Grover Cleveland : a study in character by Alyn Brodsky (SCSU)
* Benjamin Harrison: centennial president by Anne Chieko Moore, author ; Hester Anne Hale, honorary editor (Electronic Resource – All CSU’s)
* Benjamin Harrison by Charles W. Calhoun (SCSU)
* William McKinley by Charles S. Olcott (ECSU)
* Lion in the White House : a life of Theodore Roosevelt by Aida D. Donald (SCSU)
* William H. Taft [electronic resource] by Richard G. Frederick (Electronic Resource – All CSU’s)
* William Howard Taft, an intimate history by Judith Icke Anderson (ECSU)
* Wilson by A. Scott Berg (CCSU)
* Warren G. Harding by John W. Dean (SCSU & WCSU)
* Coolidge by Amity Shlaes (WCSU)
* Calvin Coolidge, the quiet president by Donald R. McCoy (CCSU)
* The life of Herbert Hoover : fighting Quaker, 1928-1933 by Glen Jeansonne (ECSU)
* Herbert Hoover, a public life by David Burner (CCSU)
* Franklin Delano Roosevelt by Alan Brinkley (SCSU & WCSU)
* Citizen soldier: a life of Harry S. Truman by Aida D. Donald (Electronic Resource – All CSU’s)
* Harry S. Truman : a life by Robert H. Ferrell (Electronic Resource – All CSU’s)
* Eisenhower : a soldier's life by Carlo D'Este (SCSU)
* Eisenhower by Geoffrey Perret (CCSU)
* John F. Kennedy: a biography by Michael Meagher and Larry D. Gragg (Electronic Resource – All CSU’s)
* LBJ : architect of American ambition by Randall B. Woods (CCSU)
* Lyndon B. Johnson: portrait of a president by Robert Dallek (Electronic Resource – All CSU’s)
* Richard M. Nixon: a life in full by Conrad Black (Electronic Resource – All CSU’s)
* Gerald R. Ford: an honorable life by James Cannon ; afterword by Scott Cannon (Electronic Resource – All CSU’s)
* Jimmy Carter : a comprehensive biography from Plains to post-presidency by Peter G. Bourne (SCSU)
* President Reagan : the role of a lifetime by Lou Cannon (CCSU)
* A complicated man : the life of Bill Clinton as told by those who know him by Michael Takiff (CCSU)
* George W. Bush : a biography by Clarke Rountree (Electronic Resource – All CSU’s)
* The bridge : the life and rise of Barack Obama by David Remnick (ECSU & WCSU)

**Other Historical Biographies**

* The people's tycoon : Henry Ford and the American century by Steven Watts ***[Inventor/Businessman]***
* Ethel Rosenberg : beyond the myths by Ilene Philipson (CCSU) ***[Communist/Espionage]***
* Flawed patriot: the rise and fall of CIA legend Bill Harvey by Bayard Stockton (Electronic Resource – All CSU’s) ***[Espionage]***

**Bibliographies**

These books might give you some ideas for other historical biographies to look for and read:

* *100 Americans making constitutional history: a biographical history* edited by Melvin I. Urofsky (Electronic Resource – All CSU’s);
* *Dictionary of American biography, including men of the time; containing nearly ten thousand notices of persons of both sexes, of native and foreign birth, who have been remarkable, or prominently connected with the arts, sciences, literature, politics, or history, of the American continent ...* Boston, J. R. Osgood, 1872 (CCSU – Reference; Library Use Only); and
* *First ladies of the United States : a biographical dictionary* by Robert P. Watson (Electronic Resource – All CSU’s)