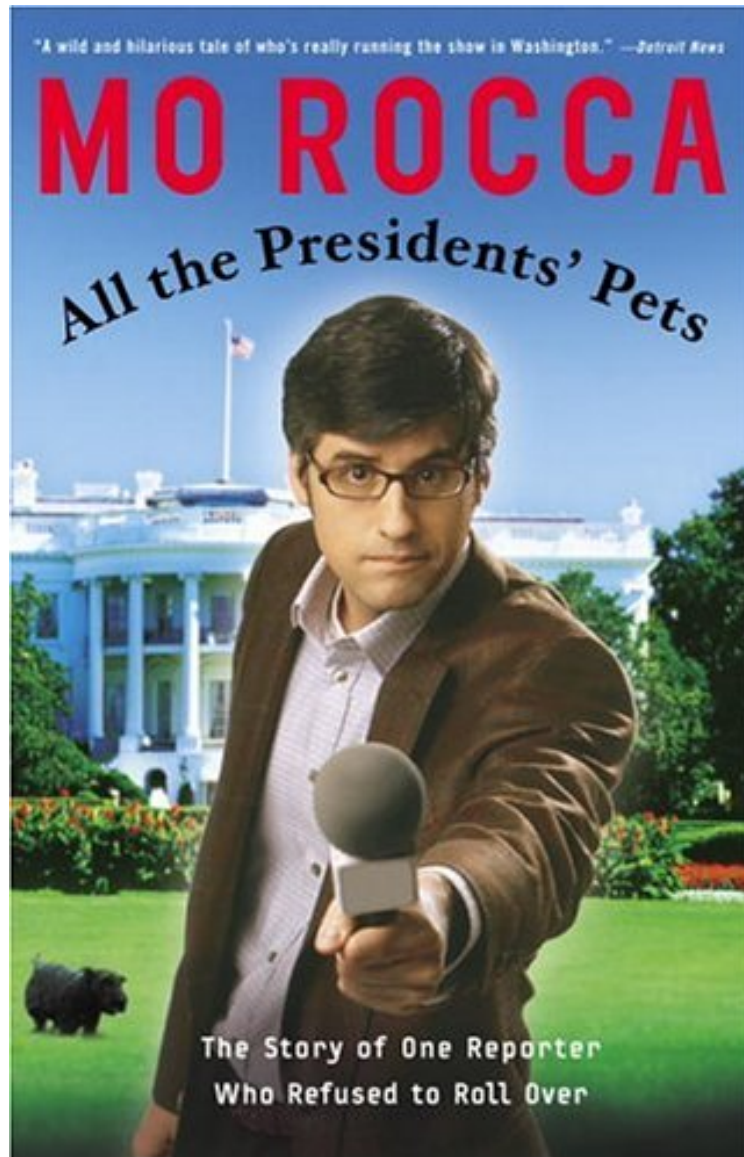


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Mo Rocca : All the Presidents' Pets: The Story of One Reporter Who Refused to Roll Over before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised All the Presidents' Pets: The Story of One Reporter Who Refused to Roll Over:

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review helpful. a smart and funny satire By R. Dixon This was a great book for someone who follows politics on television, and would like a good laugh. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Hours of my life wasted... By R. D'Alessandro III picked this up at the end of the 2nd day of a well-picked over two-day booksale, for a mere dollar and, well, you get what you pay for. Sometimes a comedian's humor simply doesn't translate well on the pages of a book - this is one of those times. I'm a fan of The Daily Show, but Mo Rocca is simply not funny, whether he's 'fundit'ing it up on Iron Chef America or Wait, Wait Don't Tell me, and this debut effort should have been aborted by his publisher. It's a funny premise - that Presidential pets not only possess working larynxes and talk, but that they have been the true policy makers, not their popularly elected owners. You try to go along with the joke for as long as you can, but add in the bizarre bits about well-known media talking heads doing or saying insanely nutty things and you simply run off the rails of readability. Read it through, though, I did, because once I start a book, I finish it. And this was entertaining in a "how bad can this get" way. Very bad, is the answer. I definitely wouldn't recommend this for anyone other than someone looking to read the very last piece of fiction left on a burnt out rotten, post-Armageddon Earth.

In this new edition of *All the Presidents' Pets* you'll find:

- Presidents: 42
- Poops on White House rug: 1
- References to President Chester Alan Arthur's hip muttonchops: 1
- Press corps reporters still wearing Ugg Boots: 2
- Scenes taking place in Wolf Blitzer's Japanese garden: 2
- Cartoon beagles packing heat: 1
- References to the Sacred Feminine: 0
- References to the Sacred Animal: 12
- Near-death escapes by Fox News' Alan Colmes: 3
- Vulgar LBJ animal expressions: 6
- Secrets of the universe from Stephen Hawking: 1
- Body count: 57 (plus one slug pumped into Dr. Phil's backside)
- Fox News hotties: 8
- Appearances by evangelist Pat Robertson in a tank top: 1
- Sports practiced by Condi Rice each day before 5 a.m.: 3
- Plus . . . a long-awaited debunking of the Jimmy Carter killer rabbit story!

From Publishers Weekly: Geeky, factoid-loving TV comedian Rocca of The Daily Show presents a wacky satire on Washington and the media, with particular barbed attention paid to Fox News. With ironically deadpan innocence, Rocca uncovers the top-secret history of a pact between presidents and their pets, who are "bound by the indispensable 'Sacred Animal' component of proper decision-making." Rocca's jibes at media and government personalities range from incisive to silly and may confuse readers not fully literate in cable network news. More universally comprehensible and funny are stories of the influence of presidential pets on their owners. The mating of Kennedy's terrier, Charlie, with Pushinka, a canine gift from Khrushchev, averted the Cuban missile crisis. Johnson's dog Him predicted the quagmire of Vietnam, although Johnson ignored the advice. Funniest of all is a 1798 town square Crossfire on the Alien and Sedition Act between Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, moderated by bulldog Toddy and sheepdog Buzzy, in which the politicians hurl personal insults at each other while the dogs do their best to maintain rational thinking and civility. The book's peculiarly postmodern blending of fact and fantasy make it hard to tell jokes from mere ironic truths. Photos. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Some will consider this satire. Mo Rocca describes how U.S. political policy has been guided by presidential pets for more than two hundred years. Oh, and I suppose you have a better explanation?" —P. J. O'Rourke "A wild and hilarious tale of who's really running the show in Washington." —Detroit News From the Inside Flap: All the President's Men meets Charlotte's Web in an explosive political exposé that blows the lid off a long-held secret in Washington: The Presidents' pets are more than just furry photo ops. How much does the public really know about the role of the President? Does the White House Press Corps really understand it? Does the President himself have a clue? *All the Presidents' Pets* is the long-awaited, spine-tingling, muckraking blockbuster from political and pop culture commentator Mo Rocca—a tour de force of investigative reporting that for the first time tells the true story of who really runs America. From George Washington's donkey, Royal Gift, and Rutherford B. Hayes's Siamese cat, Miss Pussy, to Lincoln's goats, Nanny and Nanko, and John Kennedy's Welsh terrier, Charlie, each has left an indelible mark on the White House. (In fact, Eisenhower's Weimaraner, Heidi, did leave a terrible stain on the Diplomatic Reception Room carpet. She was promptly exiled to Ike's Gettysburg farm.) In *All the Presidents' Pets*, Rocca lays bare the true stories of our nation's First Pets and sheds light on the origins and evolution of presidential power. Rocca plumbs rare sources, with the assistance of veteran White House correspondent Helen Thomas (the Stefanie Powers to his Robert Wagner), for the poop—er, scoop—on what really goes on in the West Wing. Once Helen reveals her deepest, darkest secret, the story turns dangerous. Filled with revelations and news breaks—and an unforgettable cast, including Wolf Blitzer, Ann Coulter, Sean Hannity, and a terrifying albino named Gephardt (no relation)—this is yet another story that the complacent Washington press corps missed. Forget Paul O'Neill. Richard Clarke? Who's that? *All the Presidents' Pets* is the groundbreaking political book that Bob Woodward could have written had he just spent a little less time with the President and a little more time with Barney. "Some will consider this satire. Mo Rocca describes how U.S. political policy has been guided by presidential pets for more than two hundred years. Oh, and I suppose you have a better explanation?" —P. J. O'Rourke "All the Presidents' Pets is a deeply probing, thoroughly engaging account about how the media has uniformly overlooked the White House pet phenomenon to the detriment of our national memory. Thanks to Mo Rocca, no serious political commentator can properly analyze the Bush

Administration without taking into consideration 'The Barney Factor.' And, for good measure, he has broken the story of Helen Thomas's lair, a cosmic revelation that will force historians to reinterpret presidencies dating as far back as James Garfield's tenure."—Douglas Brinkley, Professor of History and Director of the Eisenhower Center for American Studies, University of New Orleans"A freaky, phantasmagoric trip through the secret history of presidential pets."—Robert Siegel, former editor in chief of The Onion