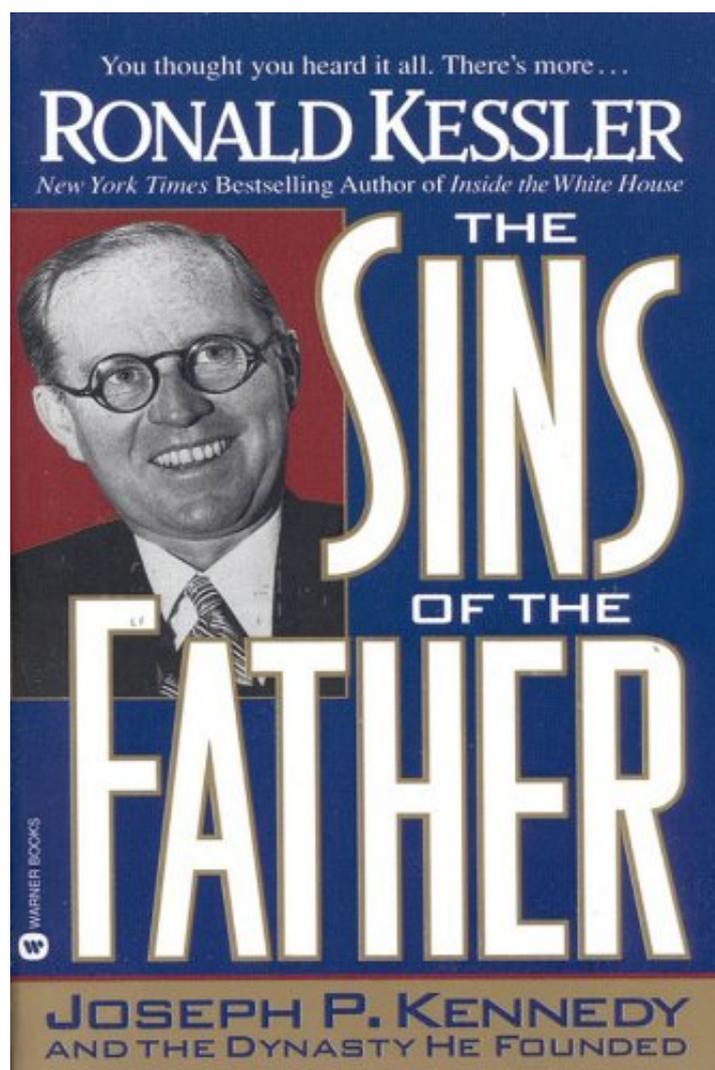


# The Sins of the Father: Joseph P. Kennedy and the Dynasty He Founded

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## Synopsis

From the New York Times bestselling author of 20 books about the Secret Service, FBI, and CIA comes the detailed account of the life and times of the ambitious, powerful, masterfully manipulative Joseph Patrick Kennedy. For all his wealth and power, Joe Kennedy was not a happy man. He also had no shame. What he cared about was having power. Through the political dynasty that he founded, he achieved that for generations to come. If he hurt and corrupted others in the process, no one had the courage to challenge him. The results are the myths that continue to enshrine the Kennedy family and maintain it as a national obsession. This book explodes those myths. Utilizing extensive research and interviews with Kennedy family members and their intimates, speaking on record for the first time, Kessler reveals stunning details of Joseph Kennedy's enormous accomplishments and the terrible personal losses he suffered.

## Sort review

From Library Journal Kessler's catty tell-all, *Inside the White House* (LJ 1/95), exposed the day-to-day idiosyncrasies of recent U.S. Presidents. Here, he delves into the life of the monolithic Joseph Kennedy. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate kindle\_edition edition. About the Author Ronald Kessler is the "New York Times" bestselling author of more than a dozen non-fiction books, including "The Bureau: The Secret History of the FBI, Inside the White House, The FBI, Inside the CIA, Moscow Station, The Sins of the Father: Joseph P. Kennedy and the Dynasty He Founded, Inside Congress, " and "The CIA at War: Inside the Secret Campaign Against Terror". A former "Washington Post" and "Wall Street Journal" investigative reporter, Kessler has won sixteen journalism awards, including two George Polk Awards. Kessler lives with his wife Pamela in Potomac, Maryland. --This text refers to an alternate kindle\_edition edition. From the Back Cover *The Sins of the Father* is the definitive new biography of Joseph P. Kennedy. Based on extensive research and interviews with Kennedy family members and their intimates speaking on the record for the first time, it offers an outstanding personal history - and provides shocking revelations about one of the most influential figures of our time. To the mythmakers of his day, Joseph P. Kennedy, like his glamorous and doomed presidential son Jack, led a charmed existence. He was celebrated as the son of an East Boston saloonkeeper who rose to become one of the richest men in the country. He served as the wartime ambassador to Great Britain, the chairman of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and the chairman of the United States Maritime Commission. He was also a major legitimate liquor distributor, a moviemaker in Hollywood, and a master manipulator of the stock market. Yet his fortune, estimated at \$100 million, traced its beginnings to his career as a bootlegger in partnership with organized crime during the Prohibition era. Even more disturbing, he was a documented anti-Semite and an appeaser of

Adolf Hitler. The beaming family portraits and admiring newsmagazine prose never portrayed any of his many mistresses - or hinted at his seemingly unlimited corruption and duplicity. --This text refers to an alternate kindle\_edition edition. Read more

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## What people say about this book

Bob D Baker, "Not much different than the psychopaths drawn to political power today. Good level of detail like a tell all of old Joe P. However, no mention made of the supposed \$100,000 contract that the Jewish mafia had on Joe, that was bought out. (Maybe Roger Stone is exaggerating again?) FDR never graduated Columbia Law School. The first page of Chapter 8 is very (intentionally) misleading, stating "A Harvard graduate and lawyer, he was fifth cousin of" .... Teddy Roosevelt. The author is implying (unwittingly?) that FDR may have graduated from Harvard Law, he didn't. He attended Columbia Law for 2 years then dropped out, without graduating. The author took the liberty of glorifying FDR with his New Deal and Brain Trusts, whereas the truth about Roosevelt and his mistress, and his bungling of the economy, his confiscation (theft) of personal gold, and his sloppiness in allowing many communists to infiltrate his government, including the White House. This makes the author's castigation of JP a bit more suspect, when he places such a fawning light on FDR. Sounds like this author has let his political leanings and opinions enter this book. Technically, called propaganda, the liberal-socialist drumbeat is incessant, and so seamlessly finds its way into so many historical books. Read about Edward Bernays to see how the master of Propaganda (aka public relations) set the standard for manipulating and brainwashing the thoughts of Americans..... Although there were interesting bits on JP Kennedy in this book, too much of the book has been used to indirectly reinforce liberal big government ideology of FDR. And how purely innocent the international jews have always been, bearing no responsibility at all for any of the widespread resentment against some of their policies and actions."

Jill the Cat Mom, "Finally the truth!. Excellent book! Granted, Kennedy was shot about 7 years before I was born, but I have done a lot of reading about JFK and his family. JFK sounds like he was a great president. (I once asked my dad how he liked JFK as president. He said, "He was okay. He had his own money and didn't want mine!") However, the patriarch, Joseph P. Kennedy, was an evil, womanizing, SOB. How did he get his money?: Bootlegging, and insider trading, ultimately leading to the rules we have now against insider trading. I really see a lot of karma in this book. There were great things about this family, but for all the good, there was some karma to pay for that. This is a very truthful book, according to everything else I have learned about this family. It's a very good read!"

E. Bernard, "REALITY SUCKS. I'm a life long Massachusetts resident, and have lived with the Kennedy mystique and "legend" most of my life. The first book that exposed some of the fallacies concerning the royal family was Bishop's book about the day Kennedy was killed. I was in high school when it happened, and this state went insane with anger and grief. I found the book fascinating not simply because of the truths it exposed, but of the picture it paints of Joe Kennedy. What a vicious, cowardly human being. But, the press, for the most part protected

them for years and so the legend continued. What brought much of it to a head here was the Chappaquiddick incident. And with that, the veil was finally pulled away. I really enjoyed this book.”

Vicky, “Britain Won The War!! [👉](#) . A very well written book that doesn't pull any punches and shows what a horrible old swine Joe Kennedy was. His Anti-British sentiments were a disgrace. He was thoroughly convinced that we would surrender the first time the Germans dropped a bomb on us. Even though I wasn't born until long after the War finished, his remarks made my blood boil. I can only imagine the feelings of my Compatriots at the time he was saying them. I think Franklin D Roosevelt Jr summed him up perfectly "Joe Kennedy was the most disgusting human being that ever lived" Oh and Auld Joe wasn't Irish, his Grandfather was Irish. My Grandfather was also Irish, which makes me Scottish of Irish descent. Joe was American of Irish descent not an Irishman.”

Chrissie R., “great book in fabulous condition. It came very quickly at a very good price and looks brand new and unread. I am very pleased to have found both the book and the seller and am very glad I searched for it. I have started to read it and am taking my time and am reflecting on what I have read and going back to it. Rather like in my student days. The detail is all there and the style is easy to read.”

Ebook Tops Reader, “Joseph Kennedy, the truth unmasked. Excellent book which uncovers Joseph Kennedy's feeling towards Jewish people, which in turn led to JFK's fight to stop Israel becoming a nuclear power. It is also worth reading Michael Collins Paker's excellent books Final Judgement and The Golem to see how much Joseph Kennedy's opinions of Jews was in turn passed on to John F Kennedy. Excellent book which is well worth a read in my opinion.”

Ebook Tops Reader, “Really informative. Found it really interesting. We all know about JFK but not so much about the old man Joe Kennedy who pulled the strings”



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