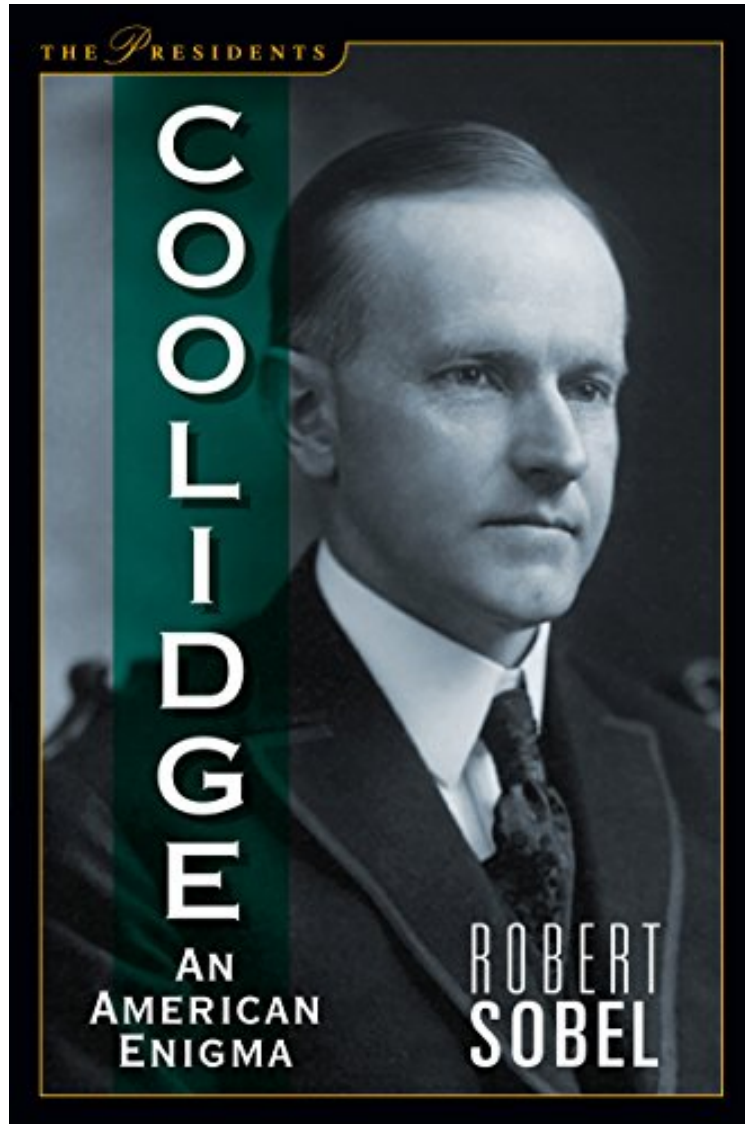


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Coolidge as an EnigmaVon Ein KundeThe title of Robert Sobels Coolidge: An American Enigma summarizes the entire work. No other President achieved success despite the contradictions of his life. Coolidge was a man strict party man who did not have the support of his party. He was nominated for Vice-President and then President during the age

of the political machine, despite his lack of support from the bosses. He was a man who said and did almost nothing, refusing to comment on specific issues during campaigns, who received his support directly from the people. He was a man of the greatest moral character who governed during the roaring twenties. He was as an earlier biographer put it "A puritan in Babylon." Sobel shows all of these contradictions in Coolidge and in the decade. Existing as an anachronism, Coolidge was perhaps the last great statesman to be President. However, Sobel also presents Coolidge as a master politician, a man who was considered unbeatable in a general election. He won the support of "Coolidge Democrats" decades before Reagan crossed party lines. And, he refused to mention his opponents name during an election, and the people responded to honest and simple style. Lastly, Sobel seems to wonder how a man so loved in his own time could be so forgotten today.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Long Overdue Work of... History. Von Ein Kunde This is an excellent Biography of a President that Americans ought to know more about than they do. Beyond that Robert Sobel presents a portrait of a Statesman of High moral character and unimpeachable integrity that is seldom encountered in life, Much less at the summit of political life Professor Sobel is an economic Historian, Consequently He devotes a considerable part of the Book to a discussion of Coolidge's controversial economic policies which rank among the most successful in modern times. Consider that Coolidge was President for five years and in every one of those years the U.S. government had a balanced budget with a surplus which was returned to the taxpayers in the form of a tax cut, And that government spending progressively declined over this same period. And all this was done during an unprecedented economic boom. Now liberal Historians like Arthur Schlesinger Jr. whom Sobel gloriously debunks, would argue that "Coolidge prosperity" was a "false prosperity" which ultimately led to the stock market crash of 1929 and the great depression. Sobel makes a strong case that the prosperity of the twenties was a genuine economic revival based on sound free market principles. Professor Sobel strongly refutes the conventional wisdom that Coolidge was blissfully ignorant of the danger to the economy posed by an unregulated stock market. In fact He clearly saw the danger. But in His Jeffersonian view of the Constitution He believed that federal legislation was unconstitutional. In Coolidge's the regulation of business was the province of the states. This book is not as detailed as it might be. But on the whole it is an excellent biography of an honorable Statesman and a fine moral example. You may expect that this book will be attacked by the liberal establishment as revisionist History... And long overdue!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Much Needed Cure For The Usual Coolidge Dogma Von Ein Kunde I think Mr. Sobel has done an excellent job in destroying much of the criticism of Calvin Coolidge the man as well as Calvin Coolidge the President. I picked up this book out of curiosity - I read the Coolidge chapter in Nathan Miller's book "Star-Spangled Men - America's Ten Worst Presidents", and decided to learn more about this silent, penurious, enigmatic President who was apparently heartless and supported big business while in office. I soon found that this man was quite likable, although he lacked the garrulous nature of many politicians. One of his major faults, as Mr. Sobel put it, was in "not being able to predict the future." He cut taxes four times and had good reason not to interfere with Wall Street (read the book to find out why!). To any person that wishes to know more about an OUTSTANDING U.S. President who was in office during a time of great prosperity, please consider this wonderful biography.

**Kurzbeschreibung** In the first full-scale biography of Calvin Coolidge in a generation, Robert Sobel shatters the caricature of our thirtieth president as a silent, do-nothing leader. Sobel instead exposes the real Coolidge, whose legacy as the most Jeffersonian of all twentieth century presidents still reverberates today.