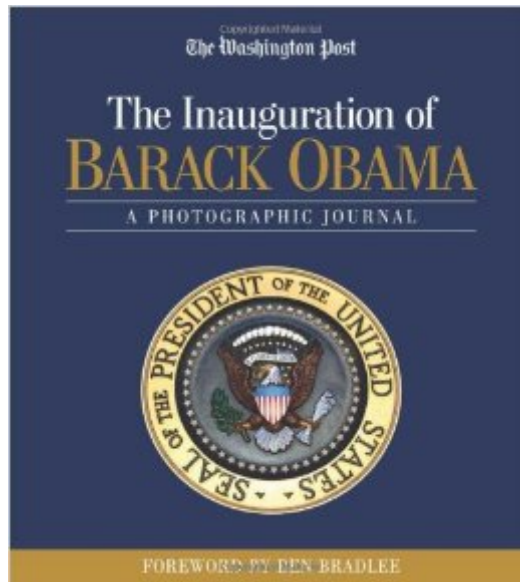


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# The Inauguration Of Barack Obama: A Photographic Journal



## Synopsis

The historic swearing-in of Barack Obama lives on in this 160-page commemorative photo book that documents the official ceremony, the parade, the crowds, the public and private moments, and the inaugural balls with all their finery. With images captured by the Washington Post's award-winning photographers and moments memorialized by Post writers, this hardcover volume is living history.

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## Customer Reviews

If you want a good reminder of Barack Obama's inauguration, this handsome hardcover is it. It brings back all the goosebump moments. It's the result of the Washington Post's exhaustive coverage of the event, which employed over 100 photographers and reporters. It makes a nice bookend with the new New York Times book *Obama: The Historic Journey* as well as, of course, *The Audacity of Hope*. Big and beautiful enough to be a coffee table book, *The Inauguration of Barack Obama* is more than a collection of photos. Also included is a stirring foreword by Washington Post Editor-at-Large Ben Bradlee, who recalls the first inauguration he attended, of John F. Kennedy, and writes: "This shift of power is orderly, but it's always exciting. It's the essence of democracy." Though the coverage of it isn't as thorough as in the Times book, Obama's story is detailed, too, from childhood through young adulthood -- when he, in his own words, burned inwardly with a "knotted, howling assertion of self" -- through his marriage and family life. At the back of the book is the full text of the Inaugural Address. I like the variety of photos. One spread shows the thousands gathered for the ceremony itself, another simply Obama's hand encircling his

wife's waist on the Day of Service. A sober tribute from Obama and Biden at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery is followed by a sweet portrait of Biden holding his young grandson.

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