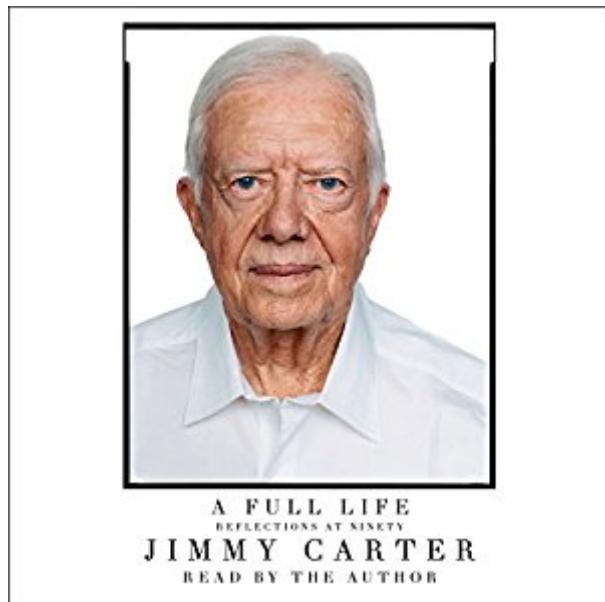


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# A Full Life: Reflections At Ninety



## **Synopsis**

Grammy Award, Best Spoken Word Album, 2016 Jimmy Carter, 39th president, Nobel Peace Prize winner, international humanitarian, fisherman, reflects on his full and happy life with pride, humor, and a few second thoughts. At 90, Jimmy Carter reflects on his public and private life with a frankness that is disarming. He adds detail and emotion about his youth in rural Georgia that he described in his magnificent *An Hour Before Daylight*. He discusses racism and the isolation of the Carters. He describes the brutality of the hazing regimen at Annapolis, how he nearly lost his life twice serving on submarines, and his amazing interview with Admiral Rickover. He describes the profound influence his mother had on him and how he admired his father even though he didn't emulate him. He admits that he decided to quit the navy and later enter politics without consulting his wife, Rosalynn, and how appalled he is in retrospect. In *A Full Life*, Carter tells what he is proud of and what he might do differently. He discusses his regret at losing his reelection but how he and Rosalynn pushed on and made a new life and second and third rewarding careers. He is frank about the presidents who have succeeded him, world leaders, and his passions for the causes he cares most about, particularly the condition of women and the deprived people of the developing world. This is a wise and moving look back from this remarkable man. Jimmy Carter has lived one of our great American lives - from rural obscurity to world fame, universal respect, and contentment. *A Full Life* is an extraordinary listen.

## **Book Information**

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## Customer Reviews

This is a very honest and open book written by President Jimmy Carter. I appreciate his candor as much as I appreciate his writing. I would recommend this book for anyone interesting in our history of the 20th century and presidents in particular. After Jimmy Carter left office, he continued to amaze me in all of the things that he has done. I continue to be very impressed with him as a former president and as a person who does what he thinks is right. This is an excellent book.

I had the distinguished honor of meeting President Carter at a recent book signing. He was all smiles and greeted me cordially as I waited on a very long line to have my book signed. A Full Life: Reflections at Ninety is an enlightening memoir/autobiography written by a former President who is part of the Greatest Generation. Readers learn about Carter's childhood and also get a glimpse into his psyche regarding political decisions before and after his presidency. But the focus of this book is not politics; it's one great man and humanitarian revealing his experiences. We even get to read some of President Carter's poetry, including a very moving poem he wrote for his wife, Rosalynn. Carter is something of a Renaissance Man with talents that stretch far beyond the political arena: farming, furniture making, and yes, even poetry writing. Mr. Jimmy Carter is the most underrated President in American history...and my personal favorite. Thank you, Mr. Carter, for sharing your life experiences and for all the wonderful ways you've impacted the lives of people around the world.

Jimmy Carter has led a full life and, in my opinion, this is his best memoir, reflecting on his life at ninety years of age. Though I have not always agreed with him, and did not vote for him, I have read some of his books and have admired the Carter Center and all the good work he has done after his presidency in many parts of the world. He served only a 4 year term as President and was wounded by losing the next election but he moved on and must be respected for his good works. I even read his long diary in which he penned his thoughts daily over those four years (as well as the diaries of other presidents that were published). In this book he tells us much more about his navy experience and education in nuclear submarines. Because he has opened up his thoughts and concerns about our nation and the world, learning from his short presidency, this book is worth reading. Everyone's life is a work in progress and Jimmy Carter continues to learn and share his life. Obviously, it is important to him that people remember him as a faithful Christian man who delights in simple pleasures (like fishing and hunting) and who wanted to become famous, not just as a peanut farmer or agricultural expert, but as president of our country in order to do great things and make a difference in the world. For some people he is a great man -- for others, a man who is mostly

ignored. For me, he is an interesting man who writes well, keeps busy building homes for Habitat, employs many at the Carter Center, and really continues to make a difference. This book should be read by those who enjoy presidential memoirs.

I absolutely was stunned by the information in this book and the man Jimmy Carter. I knew he was president but had no idea of the scope of his greatness or the humbleness he has shown to his fellow man. He must surely be one of the great humanitarians of our century. From the time he was a child he was a determined person. Just the detail of that are in this book. I loved he shared his personal faith and lived it. I feel so inspired reading this book. The lessons he learned in life, the grief, the failures. how could a person not respect him. After reading this I am thinking how we dwell on mistakes and past happenings, that get us stuck in life. He had tings happen made mistakes, but learned and went forward. The last paragraph in the book he sums his life up. He gives credit to people that made a difference in his life. I can say I would like to meet him, just tell him he is inspiring. Thank you Jimmy Carter for writing this book sharing your story.

There seems to be considerable agreement that Jimmy Carter is our greatest ex-President. Anyone who reads *A Full Life* with an open mind will realize that he was also an exceptional President. Many unfortunate circumstances combined to limit his time in office to one term. But in four short years he brought a humanness to his leadership that has been all too scarce in the White House. The volume of work that he handled while in office is remarkable, and his imprint is on much that has been accomplished since. Throughout his immense contributions following his Presidency, he has provided an example of ethical performance, dedicated and informed work, and a seldom rivaled concern for and service to others. *A Full Life* is an inspirational read, and it provides considerable evidence that we can overcome the acrimony presently plaguing our nation and reassert our better natures for better prospects.

Written in a conversational manner, President Carter explains his life, the highs and lows, in a candid and most interesting way. He "names names" along the way, not in an angry way, but sometimes to explain his frustration with people. There is no hype at all. I enjoyed it, as I have his past books

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