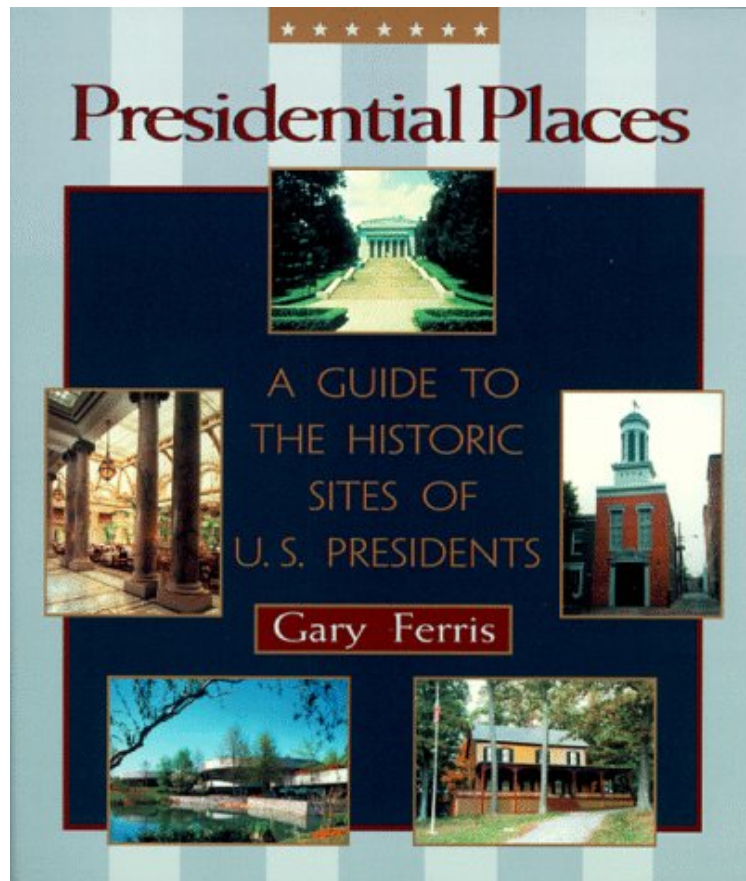


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You might assume that all presidential sites are maintained by the National Park Service, but the park service maintains only about 30 such properties. The rest of these historic sites are not united in any formal or informal way. Presidential Places now fills that void. The guide is divided into sections for each president. These sections include birthplaces, childhood homes, adult homes, schools attended, as well as the places where the presidents married, worked, worshiped, vacationed, retired, died, and were buried. Also included are presidential libraries, museums, major monuments, and a section that lists sites relevant to numerous presidents, such as the White House and Camp David. Each entry includes address, telephone number, hours, admission fees, and a short description of the site's role in that president's life. There is also a geographical index to show the locations that can be easily included in any travel itinerary. One attractive feature of the book is a shaded box for each site that allows visitors to write the visitation date and any appropriate notes, thereby creating a personal travelogue. This feature also provides a place to use dated rubber stamps that resemble old-fashioned postage stamps, available for public use at all National Park Service sites.

From Library Journal This highly useful book is a guide to historic places of interest relating to all the American presidents. Included are, among other things, presidential birthplaces, where they lived, where they went to school, the churches they attended, where they are buried, and the monuments, museums, and libraries dedicated to their lives and administrations. Ferris, a director at the Pennsylvania Red Cross, lives near the Valley Forge National Historic Park, just one of the scores of presidential sites mentioned. This book is a rich source for all things relating to the lives and legacies of the presidents, from Jimmy Carter's Smiling Peanut statue to Grant's Tomb and the youthful haunts of Truman, Lyndon Johnson, Lincoln, and both Roosevelts. It should be useful for both scholars and lay readers. A Michael A. Genovese, Loyola Marymount Univ., Los Angeles Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Back Cover Here is a book that park rangers and curators around the country say their patrons consistently request: one that is both a guide to sites related to the American presidents and a journal in which families can record their travel experiences. Author Gary Ferris does more than take readers to where John F. Kennedy was shot and where Ulysses S. Grant was buried. Included here -- for the first time between two covers -- are the places where all 42 presidents were born, lived, went to school, worshiped, were married, were inaugurated, died, were buried, and are honored. You'll visit the site of Harry S Truman's haberdashery, the former cafe where Lyndon Baines Johnson developed his fondness for chili, and Jimmy Carter's famous Smiling Peanut Statue. You'll discover the California hotel where the Nixons married and the Reagans honeymooned. And the Vermont home where Calvin Coolidge was inaugurated by his own father at 2:47 A.M. one day. And the Ohio dormitory where curious students broke down the wall of Rutherford B. Hayes's former room. And the churchyard in Virginia where George Washington first told friends he would fight for independence. The book's geographic index will help families locate presidential sites wherever they travel, and its listings of schedules and fees will aid them in planning visits -- visits that are sure to be both entertaining and educational. About the Author Judging from where he lives, many would say that Gary Ferris is the ideal person to write *Presidential Places: A Guide to the Historic Sites of U.S. Presidents*. Ferris, who lives adjacent to the Valley Forge National Historic Park, said he became inspired to write his book when he could find no other comprehensive guides to the sites significant to our nation's leaders. A third-time author, Ferris has also published a media guidebook and a media directory, books significant to his career field in research and development. Ferris currently serves as the director of planned giving at the Southeastern chapter of the American Red Cross in Philadelphia and formerly as the director and chair of the development committee of the Wesley Foundation in Pennsylvania. Ferris is the recipient of several awards, including an honoree title from the Famous Poets Society and a feature in both "Who's Who in the East," 24th edition, and "Who's Who Among Emerging Professionals," 2nd edition. A magna cum laude graduate from Niagra University, Ferris is the father of five children.