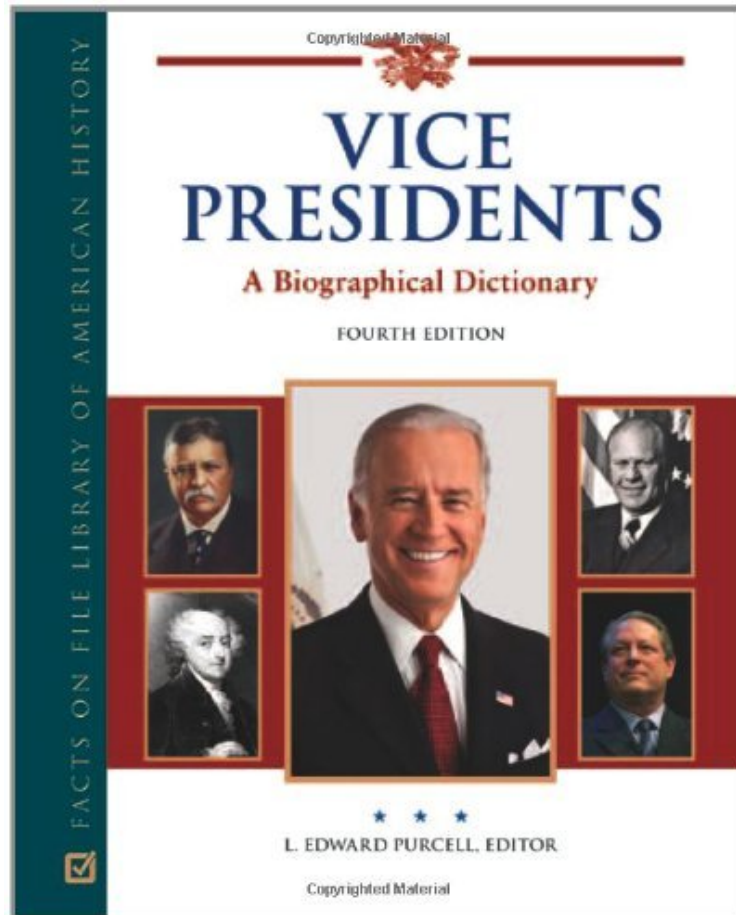


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Vice Presidents: A Biographical Dictionary (Facts on File Library of American History):

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which either ended or were continued when they reached the vice-presidency. The changing nature of the office can be gleaned from a reading of these biographies. Originally the vice presidents were, primarily, presiding officers of the Senate, with little or no involvement in the president's administration. Over time the vice presidents gradually shifted from the legislative to the executive branch. Garrett Hobart (1897-99) was an early one to be a confidant and aid to the president. Calvin Coolidge (1921-23) began the tradition of vice presidents' attendance at cabinet meetings. Beginning with Richard Nixon the veeps acquired increasingly important roles in the administration. Today we expect a vice-president to maintain unquestioning loyalty to the administration. This has not always been so. Some, most recently John Nance Garner, actively opposed Administration programs, even to the point of voting against administration backed bills in the Senate. All the impressive things we learn notwithstanding, there are some whose habits are so at variance from our standards as to be funny. Two who come to mind are Richard Johnson (1837-41) who was shunned, not because he had a family with a slave, but because he was open about it, and Aaron Burr, the All-American villain. For those seeking to get beyond the high points of history, "Vice Presidents" is a great place to start.

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