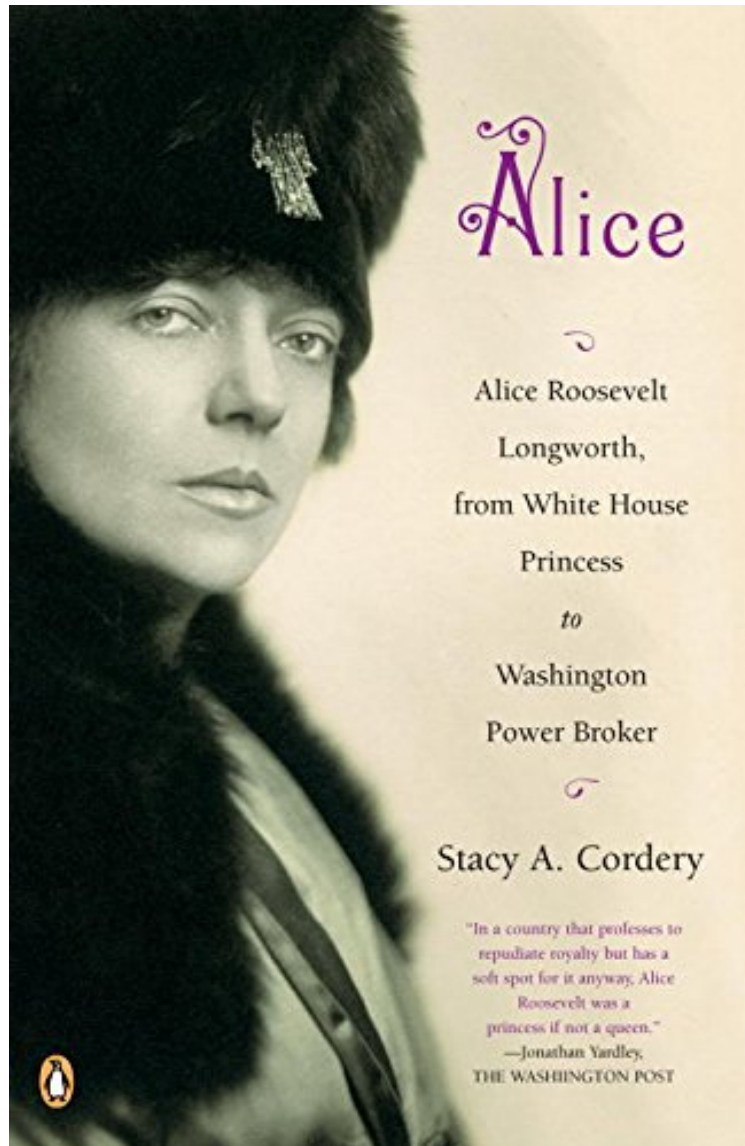


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Powerful book about a powerful ladyBy Carol G. MamantovNext to Ron Chernow's "Hamilton", this is one of the best politically related books I have read. Alice's whole life was about the world of politics although she never held an office. Being the daughter of Teddy Roosevelt, this is not surprising. The fact that she could publicly criticize her relatives, FDR and Eleanor, and still remain one of the most influential people in Washington speaks to her charm and independence. She obviously had a very brilliant mind and enhanced it by reading extensively about science, philosophy etc. She could discuss various subjects in depth with experts in their field. Her love life was not what should have been acceptable but it never lessened her power or influence with the famous and powerful. I knew that Alice was a handful when she was young but I didn't realize how independent in thought and action she was until the end of her long life. I found the book to draw a very in depth portrait of a most unusual, intelligent and witty woman. The author did a thorough job of researching the life of Alice Roosevelt Longworth.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Long ReadBy Sadie McC. This rather lengthy biography is comprehensive and gives a great deal of insight into the personality and character of Alice Roosevelt Longworth and how they were formed. The book is, however, a LOT of information to wade through, and the author's style is not as engaging as one might hope. But, as a textbook for the lady and her times, it is insightful and illustrative. Just be patient.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Lucy MercerBy CustomerI absolutely loved that book and am planning to order paperback copy - my Kindle one does not have any pictures. To the editors - I wish you would mention Eleanor and FDR "little trick" during an election campaign, when Eleanor was following her cousin, Theodore Roosevelt Jr with a huge teapot on the roof of her car to discredit him (a reminder of a scandal in the office, he wasn't involved in it personally). It worked marvels and Roosevelt Jr had lost his race for the governor position. As a result, he was not considered for presidential elections and could not race against FDR. After that, who could have blamed Alice for not being fond of her cousin Eleanor? As for her "encouraging" an affair of FDR with Lucy Mercer ("betrayal" of her cousin Eleanor), an affair was already in a full bloom before Alice started to invite them for dinner.

An entertaining and eye-opening biography of America's most memorable first daughterFrom the moment Teddy Roosevelt's outrageous and charming teenage daughter strode into the White House?carrying a snake and dangling a cigarette?the outspoken Alice began to put her imprint on the whole of the twentieth-century political scene. Her barbed tongue was as infamous as her scandalous personal life, but whenever she talked, powerful people listened, and she reigned for eight decades as the social doyenne in a town where socializing was state business. Historian Stacy Cordery's unprecedented access to personal papers and family archives enlivens and informs this richly entertaining portrait of America's most memorable first daughter and one of the most influential women in twentieth-century American society and politics.

From Publishers WeeklyThe fiercely intelligent eldest daughter of President Teddy Roosevelt (1884-1981) was rebellious and outspoken partly as the result of her desperation to gain the attention of an emotionally distant father, according to historian Cordery. Utilizing Alice's personal papers, Cordery describes how she was more devastated by the political infidelity of her husband, House speaker Nicholas Longworth, during the 1912 presidential election (he sided with Taft over TR) than by his sexual dalliances. Her own affair with powerful Idaho Sen. William Borah resulted in the birth of her only child, Paulina. When her beloved father died in 1919, the stoic Alice simply omitted it completely from her autobiography, and she was a poor mother to Paulina, who died in 1957, at 32, from an overdose of prescription medicines mixed with alcohol. Alice's independence of mind often led her against the grain: she worked to defeat Wilson's League of Nations and was a WWII isolationist and America First activist. Her witty syndicated newspaper columns criticized FDR and the New Deal, and she betrayed her cousin Eleanor by encouraging FDR's liaison with Lucy Mercer Rutherford. Cordery (Theodore Roosevelt: In the Vanguard of the Modern) pens an authoritative, intriguing portrait of a first daughter who broke the mold. Photos. (Oct. 22) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From Booklist\*Starred \* Our royalty is our presidential families, and the eldest daughter of Theodore Roosevelt was even referred to in the press of the time as Princess Alice. "Larger than life" is a clichéd description, but Alice Roosevelt Longworth was qualified to wear it. This absorbing, magnificently complete biography, the first to be based on Alice's own papers, presents her as the first female celebrity of the twentieth century. What that meant in terms of how she viewed herself and how she was viewed by her famous father and an adoring public is explored in Cordery's impressively astute psychological understanding of this quite complex personality. Alice's mother died giving birth to her, her father was famously distant, and her stepmother, First Lady Edith, hadn't a clue about how to handle an intelligent, willful and world-famous stepdaughter who seemed bent on acting in the most dramatic fashion. Alice's tumultuous marriage to Speaker of the House Nicholas Longworth is sensitively appraised, and the true father of Alice's one child is identified. Always the political animal, Alice remained a force in Washington, D.C., politics as well as society throughout her long life, a life she plotted for herself unbound by tradition. Hooper, Brad" One of the most entertaining and educational books of the past year, Alice's proof that scholarly biographies need not be dull--and that popular biographies need not be

frivolous. --Richmond Times-Dispatch