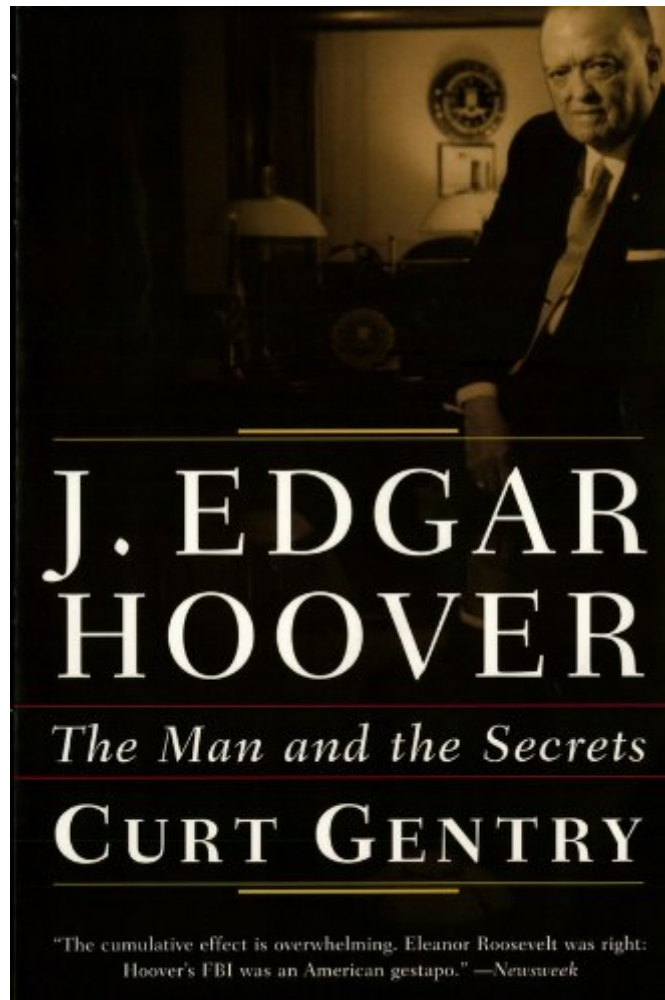




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Very thorough book. Behind the scenes stories

Wow good book

This is the seminal review of J. Edgar Hoover's diabolical and imperial ramrodding disabuse of the American justice system as only he could have abused it. A must read for all Americans.

Could NOT stop reading it. It confirmed what I knew, but recited many more illegal acts this BULLY committed. It is a travesty that his name appears on the FBI building. The only federal building that should have his name on it is a maximum security PRISON.

I loved this book because it lets you know that for a very long time secrets have been kept to use against others not just in today's world. The thing that was interesting to me was how long it went on and no one stopped him from getting all the dirt and they knew he was doing it. I do not like the way Hoover used others.

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Very good insight into politics of US government, Description of how power corrupts individuals, Occasionally difficult to read but worth the effort

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