

Crapshoot: Rolling the Dice on the Vice Presidency : from Adams and Jefferson to Truman and Quayle, Jules Witcover, 9780517584804, 1992, Crown, 1992

In 1796, two men from opposing political parties, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, were elected president and vice president, respectively, making governing challenging. The system's flaws continued to be exposed in 1800, when Jefferson and his party's preferred choice for veep, Aaron Burr, pulled in the same number of electoral votes, sending the contest to the House of Representatives, which selected Jefferson for president on the 36th ballot. By the time of the 1804 election, the 12th Amendment had been ratified, replacing the original system with the current one requiring electors to cast ... Each vice president since then has called Number One Observatory Circle home. rolling the dice on the vice presidency : from Adams and Jefferson to Truman and Quayle. 1st ed. by Jules Witcover. 0 Ratings. 0 Want to read. 0 Currently reading. 0 Have read. From John Adams to Dan Quayle, the vice-presidency seems the best refutation of the theory of evolution. Or so, at least, does it appear in this brisk if superficial history from syndicated-columnist Witcover (coauthor, *Whose Broad Stripes and Bright Stars?*, 1989; *Wake Us When It's Over*, 1985, etc.). Three-quarters of this account covers the post-Truman years, partly because of Witcover's belief that the vice-presidency became a much more perilous office in the nuclear age, partly because he apparently finds contemporary affairs more congenial than distant history. Read unlimited* books and audiobooks on the web, iPad, iPhone and Android. The tension between [Adams and Jefferson] is just one of many great historical dramas played out in McCullough's engaging and thorough account. "People magazine. Carefully researched, lovingly written. "Pauline Maier, *The New York Times Book Review*. Splendid. If nations appointed historians laureate, David McCullough would surely be ours. "Edwin M. Yoder Jr., *The Washington Post*. As Reagan's running mate and vice president, Bush never publicly criticized the president's economic plan as he had during the campaign. He stated during an interview in June 1981 that he had developed "a good confidential relationship with the president . . . in an environment where I feel perfectly free to discuss controversial things with him and give him my honest opinion and best judgment." Bush rarely offered his own substantive positions during cabinet or National Security Council meetings. *Crapshoot: Rolling the Dice on the Vice Presidency*, from Adams and Jefferson to Truman and Quayle. New York: Crown Publishers, 1992. 5. The friendship of Mr Jefferson and Mr Adams began when they met at the Continental Congress in support of the Revolution against England and as members of the committee to draft the Declaration of Independence. It was during this time the men wrote the first of their 380 letters to each other. When Jefferson's wife, Martha, died in 1782, Jefferson became a frequent guest at the home of John and Abigail Adams. Abigail said of Jefferson that he was "the only person with whom my companion could associate with perfect freedom and reserve". A portrait of Thomas Jefferson's wife, Martha. After the R