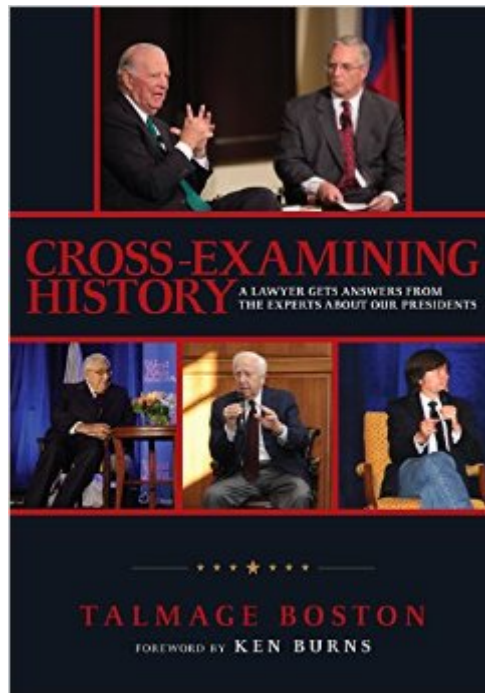


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As one of the historians interviewed in the book (the section on JFK), I have to admit that I am not an entirely objective reviewer. However, I think that the author has done a remarkable job of asking thoughtful, probing and tough questions. I learned a lot from several of the interviews and found myself wondering if this book could be especially useful for introducing undergraduates to the drama and complexity of US history.

As one of the writers fortunate enough to be featured in this volume, I was impressed and gratified by Boston's endless curiosity for the historical themes that define who we are as a nation today, and his great respect for historians, writers, readers and audiences. As a reader, I've spent hours with this book already and expect to spend many more in the weeks to come. Much of its substance has

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