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A NEW BOOK
THE LIVING WHITE HOUSE
With a Foreword by Laura Bush
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Mrs. Bush writes in her Foreword,

“When my father-in-law George Bush was president, my family and I loved to visit the White House. We enjoyed dinners in the Family Dining Room, admired Christmas decorations in the East Room and laughed as our girls tumbled down the slopes of the South Lawn.

With so many wonderful memories, when President Bush and I moved into the White House, it already felt like home. And that is just what the White House is --- a home for the president and his family and a symbolic home for America.”

A new book, *The Living White House*, provides a fascinating glimpse into the public and private life as lived by the first families in the White House. It serves as a companion to *The White House: An Historic Guide* which focuses on the décor and furnishings of the house. This 11th edition features highlights of George W. Bush’s family life in the White House and contains 33 new photographs and a foreword by Laura Bush.

The Living White House was first published in 1966 by the White House Historical Association with the cooperation of the National Geographic Society. First Lady Lady Bird Johnson was credited with the original inspiration for this book and she guided the preparation of the first edition. Subsequent editions were prepared with the assistance of First Ladies Patricia Nixon, Betty Ford, Rosalynn Carter, Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush and Hillary Rodham Clinton. Over the years more than 1.1 million copies have been distributed, and the book has become the authoritative and popular social history of the President’s House.

In the first edition in 1966, original author Lonelle Aikman wrote, “Indeed it is this personal and domestic life, carried on in the fierce glare of national affairs that gives the White House its fascinating dual character.”

The White House Historical Association was established in 1961 as a non-profit organization to enhance the understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the Executive Mansion. Proceeds from the association’s trusts, publications and other items are used to fund acquisitions of historic furnishings and artwork for the permanent White House collection, assist in the preservation of the public rooms, and further its educational mission.

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