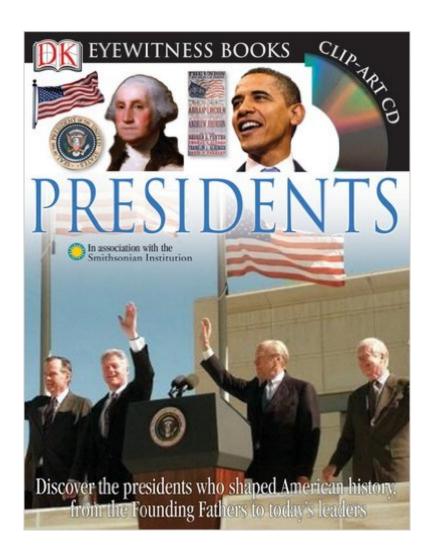
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I got really excited for a moment when I say that this DK Eyewitness Book on the "Presidents" was written by James Barber, because I thought this would be James David Barber, the reknown Presidential scholar. Instead it turns out to be James G. Barber, who does a nice job of bringing out the details for all of the Presidents from Washington to Clinton. The book talks about Clinton's impeachment but does not get as far as the 2000 election (the year the book was published). My expectation was that this book would look at the office as well as the men, but the organizational structure is a strictly chronology. Young readers get a sense for the relative importance of each President whether or not they get a "chapter" to themself and if they get just one or a pair of two-page spreads. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt all get four page spreads (and they are the ones on our coins). Theodore Roosevelts gets three pages with William Howard Taft getting the four in the "chapter," which makes perfect sense once you know their history. Andrew Jackson, Woodrow Wilson, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, and

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