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The Audacity of Hope

By Barack Obama

Vintage Books, \$7.99, 464 pages

Dreams From My Father

By Barack Obama

Three Rivers Press, \$14.95

Most books written by presidents are written after the fact for huge advances and to great acclaim. Few modern presidents have written for publication prior to achieving office; Eisenhower with his war memoirs, JFK and Profiles in Courage are the only two that spring to mind. Barack Obama has written two, *Dreams from My Father* and *The Audacity of Hope*. *Dreams* was published in 1995, well before any realistic presidential aspirations, and was Obama's personal journey into his family history and personal heritage sparked when he learns of his absent father's death. *The Audacity of Hope* was a continuation of the thoughts and ideas from his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, looking for a new

kind of politics, one that finds unity between people and doesn't exploit divisions. *Hope* was an early announcement of his belief that America was ready for a change in political style, looking for specifics over rhetoric, uniting over dividing. Much has changed in the years since *Hope* was written. The themes he discussed have not.

Can he govern in the centrist way that he suggested back then? Only time will tell. But *Dreams* and *Hope* are both good insights into the man who might be the most thoughtful and considered person to hold the Presidency.

