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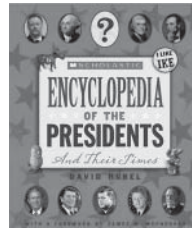
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Encyclopedia of the Presidents

By David Rubel

Scholastic Books, \$21.99, 256 pages

This easy to read, well illustrated and highly education encyclopedia of presidents has just been re-released to include a short (one page) inclusion of Barack Obama as our soon-to-be 44th President. While information on Obama may be in short supply, the rest of the book is highly useful to grade and middle-school children, providing well written biographies of the presidents, explanations of the state of the nation and world at the time, and interesting facts about each administration. Many of the sidebars throughout give flavor to life in those times, from newspaper "articles" about a key event to significant people at those times. There are many pictures,



drawings and maps and controversial subjects are handled with care and historical accuracy. Each of the presidential campaigns are described, with explanations of the issues and candidates involved. Key terms are highlighted and expounded on, and there is a chapter on the history of the White House. For children who are asking questions about the upcoming change in the Presidency, this is a handy guide to previous presidents and American history.