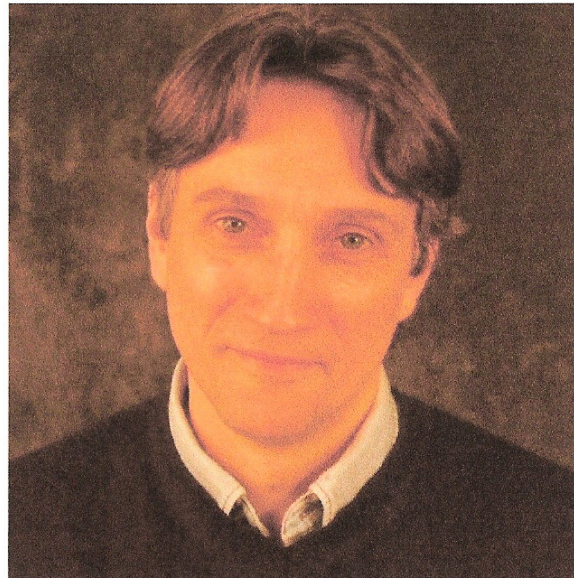


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Clifton Truman Daniel, grandson of our nation's thirty-third president, presents unique insights into both the legacy of President Truman and the subtleties of the man himself.

Harry S. Truman is generally considered one of the United States' greatest presidents, a plainspoken, largely self-educated man who rose from modest farmer to become leader of the most powerful nation in the world. He was the first and only president to authorize the use of nuclear weapons in wartime, was the force behind the Marshall Plan to rebuild war-torn Europe, and the architect of the Truman Doctrine to contain the spread of Communism. He overcame ingrained racism to integrate the United States military and pulled off the greatest presidential election upset in history.

He also avoided household chores religiously, often did the opposite of what his wife and daughter asked him to do, and could correct his grandchildren's bad behavior instantly just by glaring at them.

Growing up around the former president, Daniel was privy to family stories illustrating Truman's character and great sense of himself, whether he was dealing with Gen. Douglas MacArthur or an errant Republican with a flat tire. Daniel also knew the Truman character firsthand, having been the focus of his grandfather's ideas on education and the grit needed to survive being upended by a hobbyhorse.

What emerges is a portrait of self-assured, intelligent, but accessible human being, a man who loved his family and did his best for his friends and neighbors, who had a lasting, positive effect on his country and the world ... and who could be grossly affronted when cannonballed in a swimming pool.

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