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25 of 25 people found the following review helpful. Useful and Enjoyable By Richard Carr The subject is interesting, of

course, but Batcher and Hunt's clear writing and nimble storytelling make it compelling. Additionally, the book is well researched, complete with index, bibliography and extensive endnotes--all entirely unobtrusive. The writing and research combine to make this a useful scholarly source for one reader, while for another, it is simply an accessible, thoroughly enjoyable read. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Infidelity and tragedy, the curse of being married to a Kennedy. By Fred Speno The chapter on Ethel Skakel Kennedy was the most enlightening to me. She was apparently 100% loyal to her husband despite his philandering nature generally, but what must have been even more painful for her was the romantic attention her husband focused on sister in law, Jackie. Ethel lacked the poise, charm and culture of her popular sister in law, but she was a more genuine person who suffered great pain and grief despite her lack of selfish motivation. The most tragic figure was the beautiful, Joan Bennett Kennedy, Ted's first wife. She simply could not deal with the Kennedy value system and collapsed, using alcohol and drugs as an escape method. She was apparently unhappy throughout her adult life. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Challenges and Perils of marrying into the Kennedy clan. By Ebeth I'm giving this a 5-star because of all the numerous stories and books on the Kennedy's, this one is not only about the wives but each wife had her own chapter and storyline. The stories all started from beginning, all about the wives as a single daughter before marrying into the Kennedy clan and facing their many but different challenges. I was so impressed with the book that I bought a copy for my sister.

The Kennedys endure as American icons because of the mix between power and vulnerability that so many of them embodied. Our fascination and connection to them comes most strongly through the wives, whose pain, heartbreak, and grief seemed immensely public and lonely and personal at the same time. The *Tragic Lives of the Kennedy Wives* examines five of the Kennedy matriarchs: Rose, Jackie, Ethel, Joan, and Vicki. .

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