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NEW Book *How to Draw the Presidents & First Ladies*

Award-Winning Illustrator John Hutton Gives Readers Four Easy Steps to Draw Every President and First Lady!

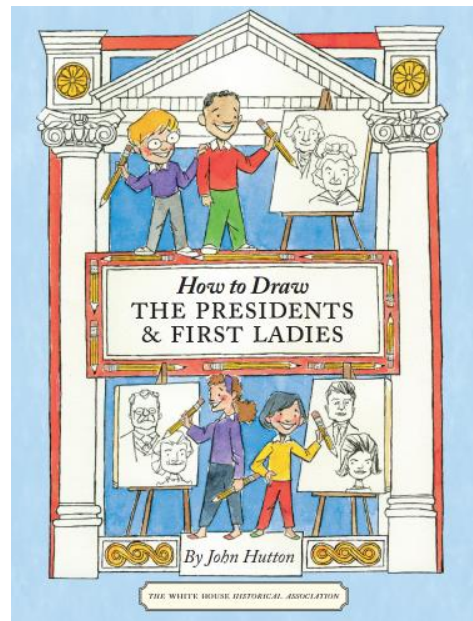
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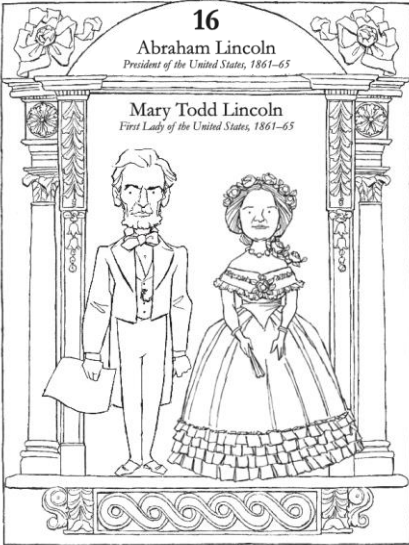
[*How to Draw the Presidents and First Ladies*](#) by artist John Hutton on **July 24**. The book provides readers with a simple four-step method for drawing portraits of each of the presidents and first ladies.

"Anyone can learn to draw," says Hutton. "Drawing is simply another form of looking. . .The trick is in learning to look very carefully, and to know what to look carefully for. Drawing is translating the world into a pattern of lines and tone. With each new line drawn a shape takes form, and before you know it, you have a complete drawing!"

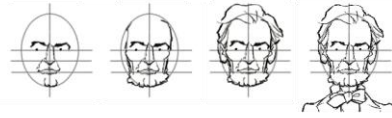
With Hutton's instructions, aspiring artists of any age can try drawing portraits on the page, looking to the facing page, which includes the completed illustration, for guidance. Hutton provides readers with an oval framework and drawing tips that include considering the time period in which a president and first lady lived so that the portrait accurately reflects clothing and hairstyle. Hutton gives readers a history of the evolution of president and first lady fashions, noting how individual styles have become part of White House history.

[*How to Draw the Presidents and First Ladies*](#) retails for \$25.

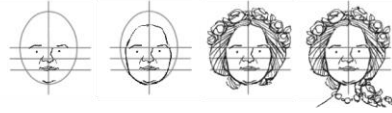




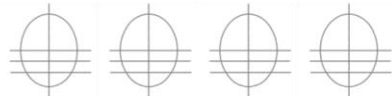
Steps to draw President Abraham Lincoln



Steps to draw First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln



Practice drawing!



About the Author

John Hutton was educated at Princeton, Harvard, and the Courtauld Institute of Art at the University of London. For nearly ten years, he has been a featured artist at the White House Easter Egg Roll where he gives drawing lessons to children. He is the illustrator of for *The White House Easter Egg Roll: A History for All Ages* and a series of nine award-winning children's books published by the White House Historical Association, the Sister Maus book series, and Cartier Christmas cards. Currently a professor of art history at Salem College, where he has taught since 1990, he resides in Winston-Salem, North Carolina with his wife and children.

To request a review copy of this book, or to interview author John Hutton, please contact press@whha.org.



Purchase *How to Draw the Presidents and First Ladies* online at shop.whitehousehistory.org or at these Washington, D.C. retail locations:

- **The People's House: A White House Experience**, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20006
- **The White House Visitor Center**, 1450 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20006
- **Mayflower Hotel Pop-Up Shop**, 1127 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

About The White Historical Association

The White House Historical Association was founded in 1961 by First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy to support her vision to restore and preserve the Executive Mansion and its legacy for generations to come. Mrs. Kennedy sought to inspire Americans, especially children, to explore and engage with American history and its presidents. Supported entirely by private resources, the Association is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that has contributed more than \$115 million to the White House in fulfillment of its mission. To learn more about the White House Historical Association, please visit WhiteHouseHistory.org.

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