

# The Assassination of John F. Kennedy: A Comprehensive and Compelling Account



## "The President Has Been Shot!": The Assassination of John F. Kennedy by James L. Swanson

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The assassination of John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963, was a watershed moment in American history. The young and charismatic president was cut down in his prime, and the nation was plunged into mourning. In the years since, the assassination has been the subject of countless books, articles, and documentaries. But few have provided as comprehensive and compelling an account as this book.

Drawing on a wealth of new research, this book provides a minute-by-minute account of the assassination, from the moment Kennedy's motorcade entered Dealey Plaza to the moment he was pronounced dead at Parkland Hospital. The book also provides a detailed portrait of Lee Harvey Oswald, the man who fired the fatal shots. It explores Oswald's

troubled past, his motives for killing Kennedy, and his own assassination two days later.

In addition to providing a comprehensive account of the assassination, this book also examines the various conspiracy theories that have surrounded it. The book provides a critical analysis of these theories, debunking some and providing new evidence to support others. Ultimately, the book concludes that while there is no definitive answer to the question of who killed Kennedy, the evidence strongly suggests that Oswald acted alone.

### **The Events of November 22, 1963**

On the morning of November 22, 1963, President Kennedy and his wife, Jacqueline, arrived in Dallas, Texas. They were greeted by a large crowd of well-wishers, and the president gave a brief speech at the airport. The Kennedys then drove to the Texas School Book Depository, where the president was scheduled to give a speech to a luncheon crowd.

As the presidential motorcade approached the Depository, a lone gunman, Lee Harvey Oswald, fired three shots from a sixth-floor window. The first shot missed the president, but the second and third shots struck him in the head and neck. Kennedy was rushed to Parkland Hospital, but he was pronounced dead at 1:00 p.m. CST.

Oswald escaped from the Depository and fled to a nearby rooming house. He was arrested two days later in a movie theater. Oswald was charged with the murder of Kennedy, but he was never tried. He was shot and killed by Jack Ruby, a nightclub owner, on November 24, 1963.

### **Lee Harvey Oswald**

Lee Harvey Oswald was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 18, 1939. He had a troubled childhood, and he was often in trouble with the law. Oswald dropped out of high school and joined the Marine Corps. He was discharged from the Marines in 1959, and he moved to the Soviet Union. Oswald lived in the Soviet Union for three years, and he became a communist. He returned to the United States in 1962, and he settled in Dallas.

Oswald had a history of mental illness, and he was often unemployed. He was also a loner, and he had few friends. Oswald's motives for killing Kennedy are still unknown, but it is believed that he was motivated by a combination of political and personal factors.

### **The Warren Commission**

In the aftermath of the assassination, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed a commission to investigate the events of November 22, 1963. The Warren Commission, which was chaired by Chief Justice Earl Warren, concluded that Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy. The commission also found that there was no evidence of a conspiracy to kill the president.

The Warren Commission's findings have been challenged by many people, and there are still many unanswered questions about the assassination. However, the commission's report remains the official account of the events of November 22, 1963.

### **Conspiracy Theories**

In the years since the assassination, there have been many conspiracy theories about who killed Kennedy and why. Some of these theories allege

that Oswald was part of a conspiracy to kill the president, while others claim that there was a cover-up of the true facts of the assassination.

There is no definitive evidence to support any of these conspiracy theories. However, some of them have been fueled by the fact that there are still many unanswered questions about the assassination. The Warren Commission's findings have also been challenged by many people, and this has led to speculation that there may have been a cover-up of the true facts of the assassination.

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