



## Rose Kennedy: The Life and Times of a Political Matriarch

By Barbara A. Perry

WW Norton & Co. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Rose Kennedy: The Life and Times of a Political Matriarch, Barbara A. Perry, In her compelling and intimate portrait, presidential historian Barbara A. Perry captures Rose Kennedy's essential contributions to the incomparable Kennedy dynasty. This biography—the first to draw on an invaluable cache of Rose's newly released diaries and letters—unearths the complexities behind the impeccable persona she showed the world. The woman who emerges in these pages is a fascinating character: savvy about her family's reputation and resilient enough to persevere through the unfathomable tragedies that befell her. As a young woman, she defied her father, Boston mayor John Fitzgerald, by marrying ambitious businessman Joseph Kennedy. During Joe's diplomatic career, she began carefully calibrating her family's image, stage-managing photo shoots and interviews of her nine children and herself. After husband Joe's isolationist views on the eve of World War II made him a political liability, Rose took to the campaign trail for son Jack. Her perfectionism, initially a response to the strictures imposed on Catholic women, ultimately created a family portrait that resonated in modern politics and media. Perry's account looks past the fanfare, poignantly revealing the matriarch's vulnerability. Rose...



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