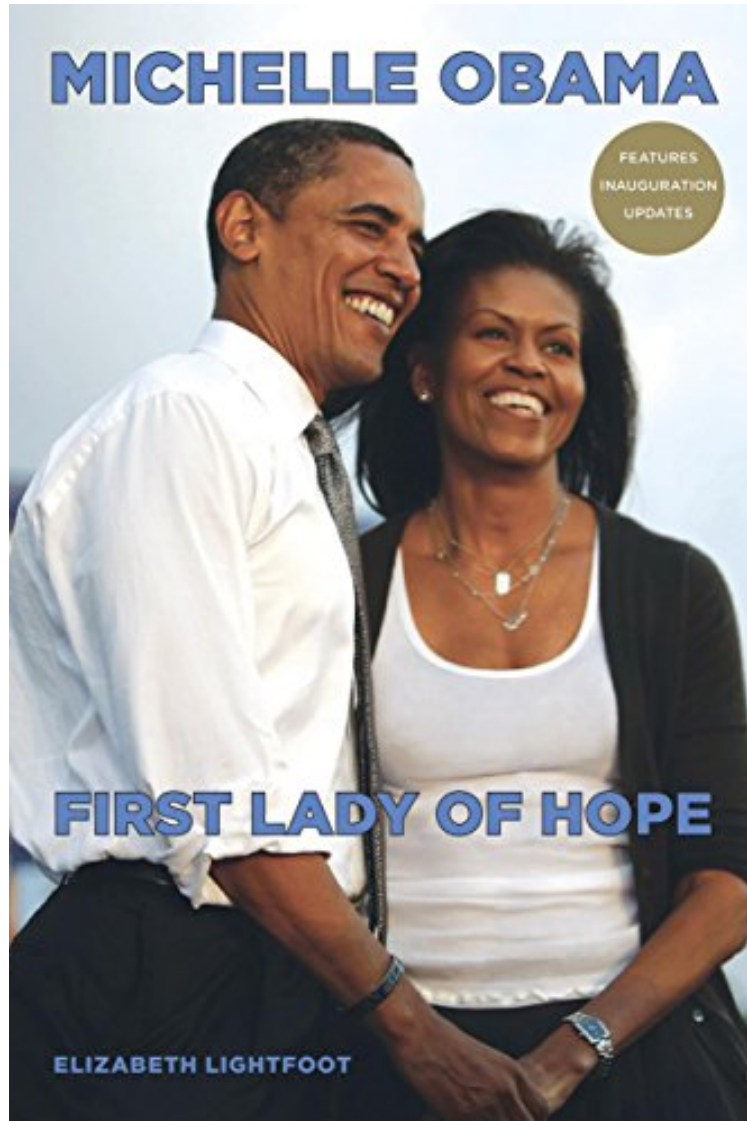


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**Elizabeth Lightfoot : Michelle Obama: First Lady of Hope** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Michelle Obama: First Lady of Hope:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An overview of the campaign rather than a book about Michelle By heartoregon I felt like this book was more about the campaign rather than about Michelle Obama. The first couple of chapters gave a little background information about the First Lady, but then went off topic to speak more about the campaign and Barack Obama. At times, I felt the author really strayed from topic to include little pieces of information that had no relevance or were a stretch to fit with book's topic. I really had wanted a book that told more about

Michelle Obama's life prior to becoming to First Lady.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Michelle RocksBy Violet BandongMichelle Obama made \$275,000 on her own before she joined the non-profit board of the University of Chicago Hospital. One of the more remarkable things that was said about her was how she prepared, prepared and prepared for everything she showed up for, whether it was a briefing, an interview or a meeting where she was going to deliver some speech. What a woman!I was pretty amazed at how much personal sacrifice she had put in to become a wife of a senator and mother, putting aside a career that she worked very hard for. Barack Obama was her mentee! It is amusing how she agreed to Obama's running for president contingent on his quitting smoking.If there was a person who could be president after Barack, it would be Michelle!Elizabeth Lightfoot wrote the book without as much as one personal interview with Michelle Obama. That kind of detracts from the impact of the details that Lightfoot articulates so well. The only commonality they have is that they were both educated in Princeton/Harvard.16 of 18 people found the following review helpful. Very DisappointingBy Denise L. Plourde-whitehairIn the 16 page Preface, and following 10 page Introduction, we learn quickly that Lightfoot was given two months to write the book, and a few days to update it after the general election. We also learn she never interviewed Michelle, and begin to hear her suppositions as to how the Obama family compares to her own. Surprisingly, the Preface and Introduction prove to be better than the following Chapters 1-10 (169 pages of medium sized font, wide spaced print) which are followed by 3 pages of Acknowledgements and another 26 pages of Notes referencing the sources she used to write the book. Anyone who was half paying attention to news broadcasts throughout the election season has already heard everything contained within. Lightfoot shares little we don't already know about Michelle. She often and quickly digresses at length onto other persons and situations in the campaign, and repeats these details again and again in chapter after chapter, all the time giving her opinion and irrelevant thoughts regarding situations. I admit to having stopped reading after Chapter 8 out of sheer boredom and frustration. The book lacks proper editing; at times she speaks to our new President Elect; at other times, it appears she is writing as if the general election decision has not been made yet. Lightfoot quotes and relies on opinions of a British journalist friend, as well as a couple of Michelle's classmates (located in a yearbook) who had little or no interaction with Michelle. It appears throughout that she is struggling to fill the pages in any way she can. I recommend skipping this book entirely. Lightfoot and others should make another attempt only after more of Michelle is revealed to us in her early years as First Lady, or through direct interviews with Michelle and her family.

There is no one quite like her. Michelle Obama. This is the first book to tell the astonishing story of a woman whose intellect, verbal flair, and poise are certain to make her one of the most influential First Ladies in history. A woman whose remark, For the first time in my adult life I am really proud of my country, did her husbands campaign no good. A woman whose impassioned speech to the Democratic National Convention may have helped win him the Oval Office. A woman touted as a future presidential candidate herself. Readers are given a revealing and intimate look at Michelle Obamas remarkable lifefrom her Chicago childhood to her education at Princeton and Harvard, from how she first met Barack Obama at the prestigious law firm where they were the only African-Americans, to her role as his closest adviser, and to her own political beliefs. For Michelle, family comes first, andlike so many women who struggle between family and careershe seriously weighed her husbands presidential ambitions before giving her stamp of approval. Apparently she struck a hard bargain: he had to give up smoking.

From the Back CoverJanuary 20, 2009. Inauguration Day. Making History. Himand Her. What would she wear? the media asked. But Americans sought more than fashion: The mind. The mother. The woman. Michelle Obama. This is the first book to tell the astonishing story of a woman whose intellect, verbal flair, and poise are certain to make her one of the most influential First Ladies in history. A woman whose impassioned speech to the Democratic National Convention may have helpedwin her husband the Oval Office. A woman touted as a future presidential candidate herself.Readers are given a revealing and intimate look at Michelle Obamas remarkable lifefrom her Chicago childhood to her education at Princeton and Harvard, from how she first met Barack Obama at the prestigious law firm where they were the only African Americans, to her role as his closest adviser, and to her own political beliefs. For Michelle, family comes first, andlike so many women who struggle with family and careershe seriously weighed her husbands presidential ambitions before giving her stamp of approval. Apparently she struck a hard bargain: He had to give up smoking.Down-to-earth. Witty. Honest. Outspoken. One-of-a-kind. Michelle ObamaAbout the AuthorElizabeth Lightfoot is a freelance writer and editor who previously held jobs at The Associated Press as well as at weekly and daily newspapers in the northeast. She also works part-time overseeing publications for the school her children attend, allowing her to attempt to strike that elusive balance between career and motherhood, a challenge Michelle Obama spoke so much about during the campaign trail. A contemporary of the future First Lady, Liz is a 1985 graduate of Harvard College, where she received a degree cum laude in English and American Literature. After college, she worked at The American University in Cairo, Egypt, where she also wrote free-lance articles for an English language magazine, Cairo Today. It was that experience that led her to pursue a career in journalism. After a year working for a New Hampshire daily newspaper, she enrolled at Columbia Universitys Graduate School of

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