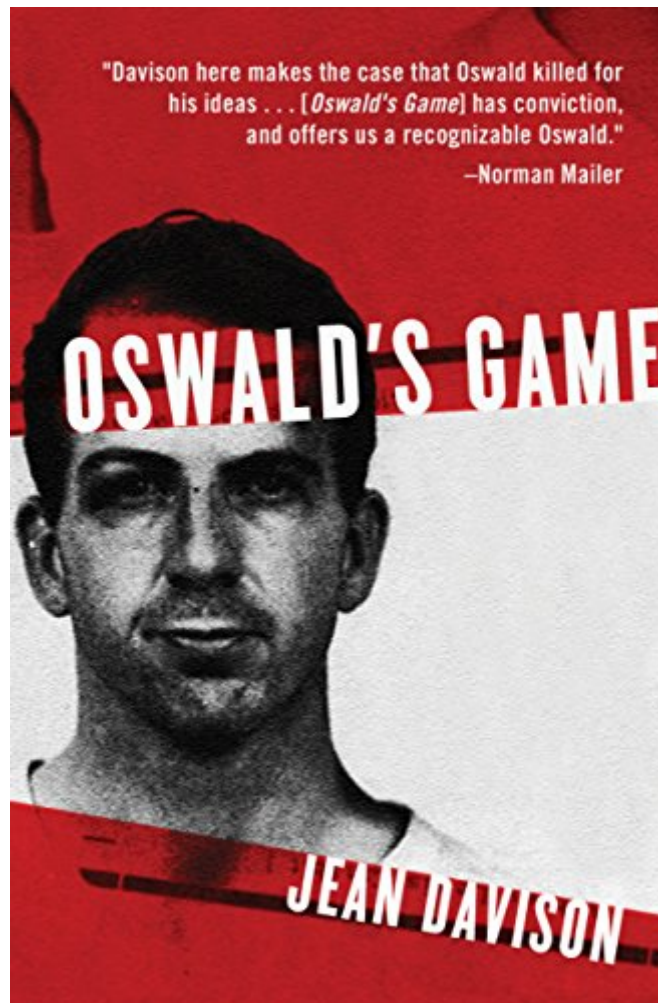




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# Oswald's Game



## Synopsis

While much was written in the wake of Lee Harvey Oswald's assassination of President John F. Kennedy, few journalists stopped to ask who Oswald really was, and what was driving him.

In *Oswald's Game*, Davison slices to the core of the man, revealing Oswald's most formative moments, beginning with his days as a difficult but intelligent child. She traces his erratic service in the Marine Corps, his youthful marriage, and the radical interests that prompted him to defect to the Soviet Union. A rounded and enthralling portrait emerges, illuminating Oswald's intense conflicts and contradictions. Writing against the grain of earlier accounts, Davison sifts through the evidence to compose an utterly persuasive narrative of Oswald's personal and political motivations, based not on conspiracy but on the life of a profoundly troubled man.

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## Customer Reviews

Interesting new take on the assassination of John F. Kennedy

Great book

I have been a student of the assassination of JFK. No doubt Oswald did it but the why is a mystery. This book is full of great information that I had not really run across before. Several of which are in this book, things that lead one to begin to understand what was going on in his mind. Great book, but I would say mostly for people like me. The ones who can answer every question about Nov. 22, 1963.

I've read quite a few Oswald books and all, of course, concluded with the author's theory about why he did what he did. Finally I've found one with a hypothesis that is based on plain old common sense. I was surprised at how much I actually enjoyed this book. The basic facts were the same (naturally) but the light of reason shown on them was a breath of fresh air. Highly recommended.

Oswald was a man of many parts, IMO he was a patsey. He was a communist, socialist, gun-nut, radical, spy and Marine all at the same time. "Lee and Me" by Judith V. Baker presents a totally different side of Oswald as her lover. Almost all conspiracy books/reports/interviews claim Oswald in FBI, CIA. We may never know why he did or didn't shoot JFK. Davison gave me some pieces that I hadn't known about a man who was a puzzle to himself and history. A good read,

A good primer on what Oswald did and what his motives were. Always learn something new with almost every assassination book.

The murder of President Kennedy is a discussion that will never end, barring the discovery of evidence agreeable to all. I do not believe that evidence exists. While anything is possible very little is probable because most of the arguments MUST be wrong; there is no way the mish mash of statements can be reconciled with one another. I have never favored the idea of some grand conspiracy because human beings are simply not that smart--a glance at any newspaper will sadly confirm that bit of cynicism--to me at least. More probable is the essential absurdity of life where a loser and generally lousy human being can pull off a crime of this magnitude because people look for the complicated, the ingenious, and the satanic grand theory; this is what renders a human being's death meaningful. Anything less leaves the observer cold and unsatisfied--surely there must be something greater? John F. Kennedy's death was meaningless as it was heart-breaking. One thing this book makes clear and difficult to accept is that Lee Harvey Oswald achieved his goals; he wanted to change history, garner fame or infamy, and become immortal. And while he was many

things, he was no patsy; he knew what he wanted and would let no one cheat him of success. His 'victory', if you choose to call it that, became a calamitous disaster for the rest of us

Davison presents a very plausible explanation for Oswald's behavior. She cuts through the conspiracy theories that offered solace to those who found it impossible to believe that someone as small as Oswald could have taken down the head of the mightiest country in the world. And she does so without histrionics, but with calm valid research and good thought.

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