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"A **richly detailed study that is as perceptive as it is engaging.**" *?Kirkus Reviews*

"An **in-depth portrait** that gives teens a real feel for the woman behind the politics." *?Booklist*

"For young people who are just beginning to be interested in politics, or any of us who want a better understanding of Hillary Clinton, **this book is an excellent place to start.**" *?Bob Schieffer, CBS News*

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#### About the Author

**Karen Blumenthal** is a critically acclaimed, award-winning children's non-fiction writer and a long-time journalist. She is the author of two YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults finalists: *Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different* and *Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition*; *Six Days in October: The Stock Market Crash of 1929*, which was a Sibert Honor Book; and *Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX*, which won a Jane Addams Children's Book Award. She lives in Dallas, Texas.

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