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Future American President: 50 States, 100 Families, Infinite Dreams



Synopsis

Future American President is a visual journey of the American dream seen through the eyes of our least cynical and most helpful citizens, our children. Conceived and brought to life by renowned photographer Matthew Jordan Smith, it is a reminder that every child has the right to aspire to greatness and ultimately achieve it. Matthew's pictures celebrate the best of the American spirit while inspiring children to dream big and never give up. With some incredible help from Boys and Girls Clubs of America, families in every state were photographed by Matthew Jordan Smith and asked what they would do if they were President. Sometimes funny, always thought-provoking, their answers point to a future national attitude of hope, compassion, and understanding in an otherwise jaded world. With a foreword from Disney star Zendaya Coleman and a personal note from President Jimmy Carter, Future American President encourages and inspires today's youth to always live their lives knowing that their highest aspirations are possible and that every great American leader and innovator was once also a future president.

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Customer Reviews

This is an amazing book! The pictures are brilliant and the content superb! Matthew Jordan Smith did an amazing job photographing these children, capturing their personalities and allowing their voices to be heard across America! Buy this book and showcase it on your coffee table. You won't be disappointed.

World renowned professional photographer Matthew Jordan Smith is a big, strong man; so, it seems fitting that his dream would be the extra-large variety, too. Big dreams result in big accomplishments. His big goal was to photograph children in all 50 states and visually record their images and document the children's big dreams - in their own words. The premise being, that anyone who believes in herself or himself enough can be the "Future American President." Photos of 100 families, in some instances entire clans, even expectant parents awaiting their first born, are laid out in this full-color, hard cover book. The concept appears simple. However, as is often the case, the most basic ideas can be, at their core, the most innovative and can be more complex to implement than when first sketched out. As the forward states, through unforeseen setbacks and personal sacrifice, utilizing contemporary fundraising techniques and even advice from strangers and a former President, Mr. Smith accomplished his big dream. The result is a chronicle of potential greatness. Artistically and philosophically, it inspires and confirms the unlimited, no, the BIG potential of upcoming generations. It is displayed most prominently in my home among a collection of photographic volumes and visual masterpieces. It's an engaging prompt for visitors, especially kids or kids at heart, to dream BIG and achieve greatness.

When I told my brother (who is a photographer) that our grandson had been photographed by Matthew Jordan Smith he said, "THE Matthew Jordan Smith?". I had no idea what a creative photographer Mr. Smith is simply because he was so very humble and kind when we met him. If you take a look at his Bio you will be impressed by his many photographic achievements, the many important and famous people he has photographed, but more than that you will see his heart for children and the different projects he is involved in for them. Because Mr. Smith asked that one question "what would you do if you were president?" it really started the wheels turning for my grandson...and he continues to think about that. I urge you to get this book, read it with your kids and watch to see that "spark" for the future in their eyes. Our children are our future and this book will inspire them to think about their part in our country's future.

The photography in this book by Matthew Jordan Smith is amazing. Our daughter was fortunate enough to be in this book representing the great state of West Virginia and we couldn't be more proud of her. It is also very encouraging to see all of the young people wanting to live out their hopes and dreams of their future! Heath & Melissa Crowley

I purchased the book for my 4 year old grandson Kyier. He wanted to take it to school for the

personal choice reading segment. several of the kids wanted to share in our reading time. The response was awesome, the kids were asking questions and noticing the details of each pictures. An exceptional picture book for school age children.

This is an amazing book. Coming from a parent of one of the groups of children, Matthew Jordan Smith was amazing and professional. His vision was clear and it is so obvious on this book. The photography. The stories. The emotion. Even if my children weren't in this book, I would read it over and over. So beautiful. So poetic. Thank you MJS

I received my copy of Future American President and the words that come to mind after looking at every page of the book and reading the notes from the children in their own words are: masterful, brilliant, beautiful, powerful! The layout of the book was well thought out and every state was represented. The message of the book was well received by my children, who saw themselves through the eyes of other children in the book. The over arching message that Matthew Jordan Smith brings to bear through his work is a message that every child needs to hear, they too can be future American presidents. It almost goes without saying that the photography is simply superb. Each picture captured the essence of what the children had to say to the rest of the world. I look forward to giving this book as a gift to children to inspire them to dream big.

Such a beautiful dream turned into magnificent images! Matthew Jordan Smith shows the world what children would do to change America if they were President! These children were shown in locations across all 50 states! Job well done and I truly enjoy each and every picture and reading these children's dreams if elected President!

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