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Waxman, Laura Hamilton. *Franklin D. Roosevelt*. Illustrated by Tim Parlin. Lerner, 2005. ISBN 0822515458. \$25.26. 48 pp.

Reviewer: Gillian Streeter

Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Biography; Informational Books;

Subject: Presidents--United States--Biography--Juvenile literature; Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Juvenile literature;

Waxman's biography of Franklin D. Roosevelt is a well-illustrated account of the life of the 32nd president of the United States. The book covers his life from birth and his childhood meeting of then-president Grover Cleveland (who made a wish that Roosevelt would never be president) to his marriage, his election as governor of New York, and his eventual presidency. Although most of the information about Roosevelt is positive, Waxman notes that Roosevelt was not popular with all Americans. The biography is both accurate when compared with encyclopedic resources and readable enough to keep the attention of its intended audience. The book contains a chronology, an index, a bibliography, suggested websites and books for further reading, and information on the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C. An informative and interesting look at a well-known historical figure.