

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910811704603321
Autore	Dallek Robert
Titolo	Lyndon B. Johnson : portrait of a president // Robert Dallek
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Oxford, England ; ; New York, : Oxford University Press, 2004
ISBN	1-280-50296-7 0-19-518410-6 0-19-972859-3
Edizione	[1st ed.]
Descrizione fisica	x, 396 p
Altri autori (Persone)	DallekRobert
Disciplina	973.923/092 B
Soggetti	Presidents - United States United States Politics and government 1963-1969
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	This work is a one volume abridgment of Dallek's 2-volume biography of Lyndon B. Johnson v. 1. Lone star rising (1991); v. 2, Flawed giant (1998).
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references (p. [379]-381) and index.
Nota di contenuto	Intro -- Contents -- Preface -- 1 The Making of a Politician -- 2 The Congressman -- 3 The Senator -- 4 The Vice President -- 5 From JFK to LBJ -- 6 "Landslide Lyndon -- 7 King of the Hill -- 8 Foreign Policy Dilemmas -- 9 Retreat from the Great Society -- 10 "Lyndon Johnson's War" -- 11 A Sea of Troubles -- 12 Stalemate -- 13 Last Hurrahs -- 14 Unfinished Business -- 15 After the Fall -- Suggestions for Further Reading -- Index -- A -- B -- C -- D -- E -- F -- G -- H -- I -- J -- K -- L -- M -- N -- O -- P -- Q -- R -- S -- T -- U -- V -- W -- Y.
Sommario/riassunto	Robert Dallek's brilliant two-volume biography of Lyndon Johnson has received an avalanche of praise. Michael Beschloss, in The Los Angeles Times, said that it "succeeds brilliantly." The New York Times called it "rock solid" and The Washington Post hailed it as "invaluable." And Sidney Blumenthal in The Boston Globe wrote that it was "dense with astonishing incidents.". Now Dallek has condensed his two-volume masterpiece into what is surely the finest one-volume biography of Johnson available. Based on years of research in over 450 manuscript collections and oral histories, as well as numerous personal interviews, this biography follows Johnson, the "human dynamo," from the Texas

hill country to the White House. We see LBJ, in the House and the Senate, whirl his way through sixteen- and eighteen-hour days, talking, urging, demanding, reaching for influence and power, in an uncommonly successful congressional career. Then, in the White House, we see Johnson as the visionary leader who worked his will on Congress like no president before or since, enacting a range of crucial legislation, from Medicare and environmental protection to the most significant advances in civil rights for black Americans ever achieved. And we see the depth of Johnson's private anguish as he became increasingly ensnared in Vietnam. In these pages Johnson emerges as a man of towering intensity and anguished insecurity, of grandiose ambition and grave self-doubt, a man who was brilliant, crude, intimidating, compassionate, overbearing, driven: "A tornado in pants." Gracefully written and delicately balanced, this singular biography reveals both the greatness and the tangled complexities of one of the most extravagant characters ever to step onto the presidential stage.

---