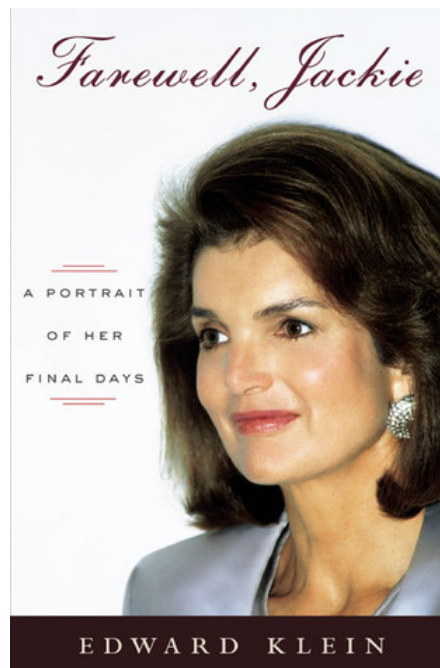




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When she fell ill with cancer, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis faced death as she faced life—with all the bravery and grace of a woman who had long inspired the nation.

In *Farewell, Jackie*, bestselling author Edward Klein—who knew Jackie for more than a dozen years—explores the eventful last six months of her exceptional life. From the moment she was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma, Jackie embraced a renewed spiritual life, and embarked on her final journey in the company of her children, grandchildren, and Maurice Tempelsman, the man who brought her joy and companionship.

“No other person in modern times has been so thoroughly scrutinized,” writes Klein. “And yet, the climactic moment of Jackie’s life—in which she orchestrated her own death as masterfully as she orchestrated the funeral of her assassinated husband—remains shrouded in mystery. This book lifts that veil.” Klein has unearthed revelatory material about her illness—why it took so long to diagnose, the treatments she endured, and the ones she refused. He also celebrates Jackie’s life—her accomplishments, and her hopes for John and Caroline. *Farewell, Jackie* is a regal tribute and an inspiring account of the last days of a woman whose legacy endures in post-Camelot America.

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### Lise says

Nothing new here. The author tries to promote his cred by stating in the foreword that he actually HAD DINNER once with JBKO. I think that meant that he was at a dinner and she was also at the dinner .... reads like an extended Vanity Fair profile ... minus the pics.

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### Sherry says

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Interesting fast, read covering Jackie's life from her hunting fall to her death of an aggressive form of anaplastic non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. But Jackie was all about privacy, and control, and she orchestrated her own treatment and the way in which she wanted to go out of this world, privately and at home. Her closest friends said their goodbyes and then just her fchildren, Caroline and John, Maurice Tempelman, and Bunny Mellon were at her side in her final hours on May 19, 1994.

Raised a proper, if not ultra-wealthy debutante of divorced Catholic parents, she married Jack Kennedy, bore him Caroline, John, Jr. And premeature Patrick who died at two days old, suffered a stillbirth and a miscarriage, and years of Jack's philandering. She married Ari Onasis to escape into a cocoon of protection and wealth. After his death she moved back to New York and worked as an editor at Doubleday. SHe maintained her privacy, worked hard and enjoyed a twelve year friendship with kind, wealthy, married, diamond merchant, Maurice Tempelman who quietly moved in with her. That surprised me! She is buried next to JFK and their two dead infant children at Arlington National Cemetery.

She worried about JFK, Jr.s aimlessness and distractability, deplored his excursions into journalism and his dating actress Hannah Darryl. She made him promise not to take flying lessons and become a pilot, which he did despite his promise to her. His marriage to CT socialite Carolyn Bessette and their deaths due his piloting errors in a foggy flight to Nantucket might not have happened had Jackie lived. Her children had been safe from the "Kennedy Curse" under her care.

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### Suzette says

Rather a gossipy book, but I haven't read that sort of thing for years. I always was fascinated by Jackie, and so when a "Time" magazine from 1994 with her on the cover surfaced in my house recently, I read it and then got interested in reading more. Enough gossip now!

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### Teresa says

I have already read quite a few books about this intriguing woman so this just added to what I already knew. If this is the only book you have ever read about her I think you would be disappointed in the amount of information it provides.

## Donna Barnes says

This was a quick read about a subject matter I knew very little about ---- the final days of Jackie Kennedy. The book does what it promises and takes her from the horse accident in November 1993 which gave the doctors reasons to check out her health and diagnose her with non-Hodgkins disease, until her death May 19. It does give a few details on her private funeral service, as well. No big surprises here, except a couple of comments on some trysts she had while she was in the white house, and a very nice story about a picture Bob McNamara had given to her of JFK and her giving it back to him because it was so lifelike that she couldn't bear to see the kids kissing it when it was on the floor ready to be hung. Wonderful story there that I hadn't heard. There were some revelations on John Jr and how much he was under the thumb of his mom, and once she went, he felt "free" --- so the book suggests, he might still be living if she were living. This will be the last of the Kennedy books I read for a while, but it was great to revisit the subject, and I plan to do it again some time in the future.

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## Rachel Swords says

I was little when Jackie died, so I only remember a small amount of the media frenzy that was outside her apartment. Jackie Kennedy is one of my heroes, so along with the fact I didn't know much about her death, of course I read this book. And while it was insightful to what kind of woman she was in her later years, I felt dirty reading it. Jackie Kennedy managed to remain private whilst in the public eye, so for the book to say how she felt, and what she was thinking, just seemed wrong. But there will always be books like this, and people will always be hypocritical like me and read them, so what do I know?

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## Cynthia Kane says

oh I will gobble up anything re: JBKO - and this was obviously written by a close friend - not a great book or particularly well-written, but a fast read and great to go to sleep by -

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## Tama Fontes says

I enjoyed this book.

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## Mark Gaulding says

I sobbed my way through this book. For me, part of the world died when Jackie O left us (same as Princess Diana). A friend, knowing my perspective, insisted I read this book. Klein is a great writer and the dignity of Jackie's final days is moving.

## Erin says

Based on the Foreward and the Notes, it appears that Klein attempted to capitalize on the tenth anniversary of Jackie's death by publishing this book which appears to be a slim compilation of excerpts from his own and other's previously published works. I hadn't read most of those, so it was new to me, but anyone who reads a lot about JBKO (I like that) won't find anything new here.

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## Shannon says

This was a good book but I am not sure how accurate it is in the details..seems like he just compiled info from other sources. I think he is trying to oversell whatever relationship he had with her.

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## Nancy says

Read this in a day - like the Diana obsession, we love to know about the "real Jackie." This gave the chronology of her last 6 months, from the time she was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma to her death, plus a lot of background material that anyone who had not followed her life closely would not have known. A good read.

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## Patrice says

ed Klein has a way of writing that just draws me in. but this book is not really a out her last days. he could have covered that in about ten pages. instead he stretched this into a book by cutting and pasting from other books. but i found the subjects fascinating and finished the book in two days.

i did catch a mistake. he says Jackie worked at Doubleday until her death. as i remember it she was at viking. a small mistake but it makes me wonder how many others are in the book.

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## Heather says

Alot of info on not alot of pages in this heartfelt book. Very basic and to the point. This book really does help go inside the life of a woman who will always be one of the most strongest women in the world. Going to check out another book about her written many years ago so, more to come!

This book I would recommend to anyone who is curious about the woman who every woman wanted to be like - clothes, fashion, taste and elegance.

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## Soozblooz says

I actually almost bumped into Ms. Onassis as she ran from Doubleday to a waiting yellow cab. I mention this because that's about as much interaction as Mr. Klein seems to have had with her, even though he says they knew each other twelve years. Odd. He never says he telephoned her, never says they met. He didn't go to her funeral, nor did he stand outside the church.

A profusion of end notes make it abundantly clear (too late) that this is an intellectually lazy book that cribs almost all of its material and quotes from other books concerning Jackie or the Kennedy family. Another irritation is that the author pads the book with incidents that say "30 years ago" and are written in the present tense.

This is tabloid fodder masquerading as a book.

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