



Hissing Cousins: The Untold Story of Eleanor Roosevelt and Alice Roosevelt Longworth (Hardback)

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Nan A. Talese, United States, 2015. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 231 x 163 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. A lively and provocative double biography of first cousins Eleanor Roosevelt and Alice Roosevelt Longworth, two extraordinary women whose tangled lives provide a sweeping look at the twentieth century. When Theodore Roosevelt became president in 1901, his beautiful and flamboyant daughter was transformed into Princess Alice, arguably the century's first global celebrity. Thirty-two years later, her first cousin Eleanor moved into the White House as First Lady. Born eight months and twenty blocks apart from each other in New York City, Eleanor and Alice spent a large part of their childhoods together and were far more alike than most historians acknowledge. But their politics and temperaments couldn't have been more distinct. Do-gooder Eleanor was committed to social justice but hated the limelight; acid-tongued Alice, who became the wife of philandering Republican congressman Nicholas Longworth, was an opponent of big government who gained notoriety for her cutting remarks (she famously quipped that our President Coolidge looked like he was weaned on a pickle). While Eleanor revolutionized the role of First Lady with her outspoken passion for human rights,...



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