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Review

A particularly interesting discussion of Kennedy's inaugural address. (P.E. Kane *CHOICE*)

Tofel is a fine writer, a clear and perceptive thinker and a meticulous, dauntless researcher, and he has produced a short book that is long on both substance and insight. (Ray Price)

Tofel's book ably lets the meaning go forth from Kennedy's memorable address... (Robert Weisbrot)

There has never been a better study about shaping the words and the message of an American President...than Tofel's excellent work. (Don Baer, White House Communications Director and Chief Speechwriter for President Bill Clinton 1994-1997)

Sounding the Trumpet should be required reading in schools. Highly recommended! Historian Richard J. Tofel reminds us of a time when JFK thrilled the world with sterling rhetoric. (Douglas Brinkley, Tulane University)

Painstakingly details the evolution of nearly every word in the address... (Edward Wyatt *The New York Times*)

Excellent...new documents and fresh testimony of the origin and impact of one of the glorious speeches of American history. (Arthur Schlesinger Jr.)

Richard J. Tofel doesn't miss much in discussing the context, the writers, and the labor over the wording of this speech. His research is outstanding. (Dennie Hall *Oklahoman*)

Sounding the Trumpet allows us to understand that the JFK inaugural address was both Kennedy's and Mr. Sorensen's. Forty years later, it does not diminish either man to acknowledge that. (Clark Judge *The Wall Street Journal*)

Tofel's probe is resplendent with minutiae...offering a worthy examination of how the Kennedy mystique captured the nation's attention. (*Kirkus Reviews*)

One of those rare books.... Manages to crisply detail the tale of JFK's inaugural speech. (Jim Ryan *Academia*)

Tofel tells the full story.... Drawing on a wide range of sources. (Ellen Fried *Prologue*)

Provides many hitherto-unavailable insights into the making of...the most endearing documents in American history. (Diane C. Donovan *Midwest Book Review*)

A beautifully crafted gem of popular history. (Seth Lipsky *New York Sun*)

Sounding the Trumpet dissects the famous speech in minute detail... [and] conveys the tension in the days leading up to inauguration, as its authors go over it again and again. (Joshua Payne *Riverdale Press*)

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