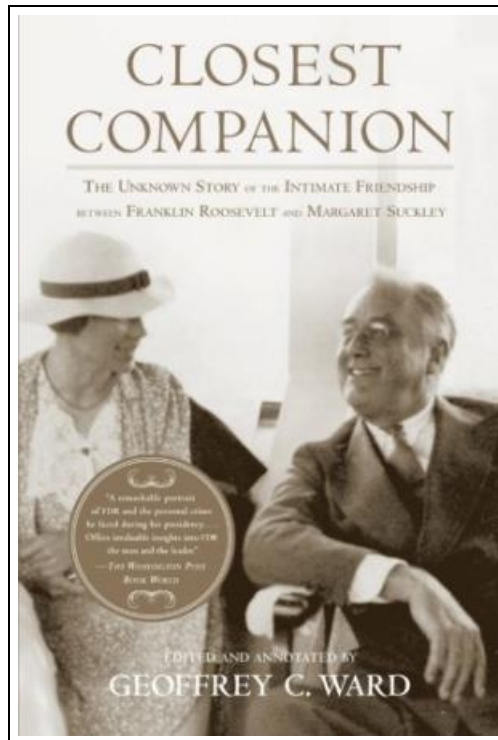


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Simon & Schuster. 1 Paperback(s), 2009. soft. Book Condition: New. Following up his Franklin D. Roosevelt biographies *Before the Trumpet* and *A First Class Temperament*, multiple Emmy Awardwinning documentary series writer and historian Geoffrey Ward here gives us the secret diary of Margaret "Daisy" Suckley, Roosevelt's sixth cousin, who spent more private time with FDR during his years in the White House than any other person. Daisy's diary begins on the president's inauguration day in January 1933 and ends with his death in April 1945, offering unique and intimate details of his relationship with Winston Churchill and other wartime leaders as well as her own love for Roosevelt. Ward has also included 38 letters that FDR wrote to Daisy."Margaret ('Daisy') Suckley, Franklin D. Roosevelt's distant cousin and the archivist at his Hyde Park, N.Y., library, was a frequent companion of the president at the White House. When she died at 99 in 1991, friends found under her bed a suitcase stuffed with thousands of pages of her diaries, and letters to and from FDR, dating from 1933 until his death in 1945. Skillfully distilled and woven together by acclaimed Roosevelt biographer Ward, these writings detail her adoration and love of FDR and his great affection toward her in the course of a relationship that for a time spilled over into giddy flirtation. Included are 38 never-before-seen letters from Roosevelt to Suckley that provide an invaluable portrait of FDR in his off-hours. A measure of the extraordinary trust he placed in Suckley is that he confided to her details of his secret meeting with Churchill off Canada's coast in August 1941 and of the impending D-Day invasion, as well as his frustrations with his job and his plans for the postwar world."Publishers Weekly 444.



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