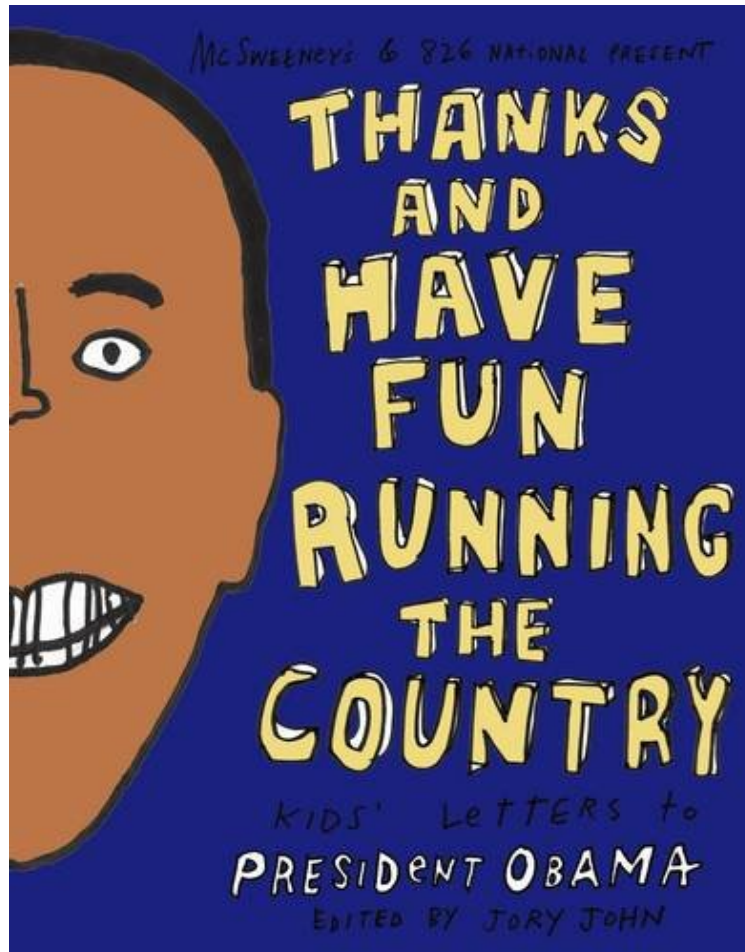


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**From McSweeney's : Thanks and Have Fun Running the Country: Kids' Letters to President Obama** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Thanks and Have Fun Running the Country: Kids' Letters to President Obama:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining, heart-warming, educational...By H. SapiensI purchased this book so my children could connect with how other children were feeling about our president and as a conversation starter on important issues - which it does well. Well, it's hilarious. Read this in the commercials during Jon Stewart. Some of the children are completely serious - and very insightful. Other letters are concise and what you would expect. However, there are some real gems - "buy donuts, eat donuts" - that make this a book to leave out with on the coffee table. And, yes, it is amazing to see how many children were touched by this election.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. So touchingBy Kate B.In times as complicated as ours, it's refreshing to see things from a

child's perspective. This book is a collection of letters written shortly after the 2008 election, addressed to the new president. In their letters, children as young as five offer their new leader advice, ask him questions, and beg for his help. At times heartbreaking and at times hilarious, this book is a simple reminder of the themes that make us Americans and the children on whom we must focus our attention and aid. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Sharing letters to President Obama By Helen Rike My son and I really like this book. It has got us to talk about politics in a kid friendly way, and has given me insight on kids point of views. Some of the letters are funny, some are a bit sad but they spark conversation with your children and that's good. He is bringing it to his classroom to share with the other kids. I think it would be great to get kids thinking about our government, and the role of president.

A few days after the election of Barack Obama, kids around the country were asked to provide advice and guidance to their new president. In this collection, there's loads advice for the president, often hilarious, sometimes heartfelt, and occasionally downright practical. Students from all over the country reach out to the 44th president, speaking to the issues closest to their hearts, relating their life stories, and asking for help. Topics include the economy, education, war, global warming, race relations in America and immigration. The book also includes letters about snow cones, puppies, microwavable burritos, dinosaur projects, multiplication and the ghost of Abraham Lincoln, reportedly haunting a White House bedroom. Proceeds benefit 826 National, a network of nonprofit writing and tutoring centers around the country.

Thanks and Have Fun Running the Country includes such advice as: "If I were president, I would help all nations, even Hawaii." Chad Timsing, age 9, Los Angeles "I really hope you put America back together. No pressure though." Sheenie Shannon Yip, age 13, Seattle "1. Fly to the White House in a helicopter. 2. Walk in. 3. Wipe feet. 4. Walk to the Oval Office. 5. Sit down in a chair. 6. Put hand sanitizer on hands. 7. Enjoy moment. 8. Get up. 9. Get in car. 10. Go to the dog pound." Chandler Browne, age 12, Chicago And, while it wasn't advice, exactly, we thought this was worth sharing: "You are just like a big me." Avante Price, age 7, Seattle "A hilarious and touching collection of letters compiled at 826 Valencia in San Francisco and the writing center's half dozen chapters across the country." — San Francisco Chronicle "(Thanks and Have Fun Running the Country)... offers a moving snapshot of children's lives in the waning days of 2008." — USA Today "A collection of childhood wisdom that just might make a difference in the difficult times ahead." — MSNBC/ NBC Chicago "Preternaturally sagacious youngsters from 826 National's various tutoring centers across the country chimed in to the national dialogue with their advice, concerns and hopes for their new president." — LA Times "With John as editor, Thanks and Have Fun Running the Country: A Collection of Kids' Letters to President Obama has become a much-talked about project that, at its core, is really a child's perspective on the notions of hope, ideals and challenges facing the 44th president of the United States." — Tahoe Daily Tribune