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The Black Book

Adlai Stevenson, Adlai Stevenson II, and Adlai Stevenson III

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The Black Book is a primary source offering a glimpse into the minute inner workings of American politics over three generations. It began as a binder filled with anecdotes and maxims that county prosecutor, congressman, Assistant Postmaster General, and later U.S. Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson (1835-1914). He was known to jot down his thoughts on anything at hand, even menus, place cards, and napkins. The Black Book continues with writings by Governor Adlai E. Stevenson II (1900-1965) and Senator Adlai E. Stevenson (1930-) - the Senator also provides commentary. The result is a treasure trove of insight into the American political machine, flavored with genuine personal convictions - the reader may agree or disagree with the expressed views, but cannot deny their authenticity, refreshing in today's era of political sound bites and endless power mongering. Highly recommended. "My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be unpopular. - Adlai II".

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