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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I very much appreciate C-SPAN's "American Presidents" series -- and I thought you would be interested in the new book which was published last March about FDR, the 'Stamp-Collecting President' (see the attached clipping).

Although the subject is far too narrow to be presented for an hour on "Booknotes," I'm hoping that you will have an interview with author Brian C. Baur when you do the programs on Franklin Roosevelt and his presidency.

I was born in 1932, the year FDR was elected to the presidency and, growing up in Ohio, I knew only him as the President of the U.S. However, I didn't know until after his death that he was crippled with polio. Even a popular film released in 1946 about the Australian, Sister Kenny, who worked with polio victims, never once mentioned that President Roosevelt also had the disease. Similarly, I only found out recently that he was an avid philatelist. I hope that you will bring out this aspect of his personal life when you cover him for the C-SPAN "American Presidents" programs.

Very sincerely,

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New book tells story of stamp-collecting president

Linn's Stamp News has just released *Franklin D. Roosevelt: the Stamp-Collecting President* by Brian C. Baur. This book follows on the success of Baur's previous FDR book, *Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Stamps of the United States 1933-45*.

Baur's new book offers an intimate portrait of FDR and his many stamp and cover collections.

FDR was introduced to stamp collecting at an early age by his well-traveled mother and uncle. When he entered the White House in 1933, he owned approximately 20,000 stamps mounted in 30 albums.

During his presidency, he faithfully continued to add to his collections of stamps and covers, thousands of which were sent to him at the White House from around the world.

Stamp collecting was an important source of comfort to the president, who was confined to a wheelchair most of the time. FDR had been stricken with poliomyelitis as a young man, which left his legs paralyzed.

As president, FDR was a dynamic force behind the designs and production of U.S. stamps. He was instrumental in having the stamp illustrations law amended to relax the restrictions on reproducing images of stamps.

While Baur's first book, *Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Stamps of the United States 1933-45*, focused on the stamps issued during FDR's presidency, the new book deals with the president's collecting habits and his personal stamp collections.

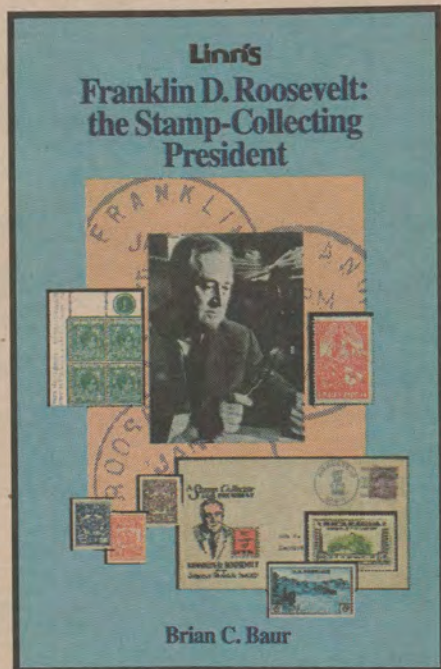
Following FDR's death, his heirs decided to share his philatelic legacy with other collectors. Baur's book chronicles the massive auction of FDR's collections and illustrates many items that were dispersed to stamp collectors around the world.

The 168-page book contains 138 black-and-white photos. It is available in two editions from selected dealers or from the publisher, Linn's

Stamp News, Box 29, Sidney, OH 45365.

A limited-printing hardcover version is available for \$30, and a softcover version is offered for \$14.95, plus \$3 postage and handling.

For collectors who have not yet purchased Baur's first FDR book, the two softcover books are offered at a special set price of \$25 plus \$4 postage and handling. ■



Franklin D. Roosevelt: the Stamp-Collecting President is a new book by Brian C. Baur.

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A single missing color from this pane of 20 Wreaths stamps creates 10 color-missing errors.

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The vast holdings of a retired Army officer who called to the West Point area to view these holdings.

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