

**The Du Ponts Portrait Of A Dynasty
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Hidden in one of the smallest states of the Union, living in
feudal splendor, is a singular family – proud, aloof,
prolific –, which today controls a greater slice of American
wealth than has ever before fallen into private hands. They
are the Du Ponts of Delaware. The Du Ponts, who have long
dominated Delaware, have only recently emerged into the
larger arena of national affairs. In 1932, several prominent
members of the clan, ardent wets, supported Franklin D.
Roosevelt. This they consider their biggest blunder and are
now vigorously fighting the New Deal through the American
Liberty League. The present volume is the first full length
portrait of this extraordinary family. “THIS is a lively
excursion into the private annals of the mighty Du Pont
family which has lived in splendour for five generations on
its feudal barony in Delaware—industriously making gunpowder
and profits. The inside story is revealed with wit and

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enthusiasm."A leading authority on early American paintings describes 80 of the most significant paintings collected by Henry Francis du Pont, including oils & watercolors by major artists, portraits of great historical importance, & stirring pictures of marine & military subjects. The story of Henry du Pont and the museum of Americana he envisioned. The author depicts her daily family life and presents a portrait of 19th century American society. Award-winning journalist Gerard Colby takes readers behind the scenes of one of America's most powerful and enduring corporations; now with a new introduction by the author Their name is everywhere. America's wealthiest industrial family by far and a vast financial power, the Du Ponts, from their mansions in northern Delaware's "Chateau Country," have long been leaders in the relentless drive to turn the United States into a plutocracy. The Du Pont story in this country began in 1800. Éleuthère Irénée du Pont, official keeper of the gunpowder of corrupt King Louis XVI, fled from revolutionary France to America. Two years later he founded the gunpowder company that called itself "America's armorer"—and that President Wilson's secretary of war called a "species of outlaws" for war profiteering. Du Pont Dynasty introduces many colorful characters, including "General" Henry du Pont, who profited from the Civil War to build the Gunpowder Trust, one of the first corporate monopolies; Alfred I. du Pont, betrayed by his cousins and pushed out of the organization, landing in social exile as the powerful "Count of Florida"; the three brothers who expanded Du Pont's control to General Motors, fought autoworkers' right to unionize, and then launched a family tradition of waging campaigns to destroy FDR's New Deal regulatory reforms; Governor Pete du Pont, who ran for president and backed Newt Gingrich's 1994 Republican Revolution; and Irving S. Shapiro, the architect of Du Pont's ongoing campaign to undermine effective environmental regulation. From plans to force President Roosevelt from office, to munitions sales to warlords and the rising Nazis, to Freon's damage to the planet's life-protecting ozone layer, to the manufacture of deadly gases and the covered-up poisoning of Du Pont workers, to the reputation the company earned for being the worst polluter of America's air and water, the Du Pont reign has been dappled with scandal for centuries. Culled from years of painstaking research and interviews, this fully documented book unfolds like a novel. Laying bare the bitter feuds, power plays, smokescreens, and careless

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unaccountability that erupted in murder, Colby pulls back the curtain on a dynasty whose formidable influence continues to this day. Suppressed in myriad ways and the subject of the author's landmark federal lawsuit, Du Pont Dynasty is an essential history of the United States. Presents the history, geography, government, economy, and people of Delaware, as well as general facts about the state. "On January 26, 1996, Dave Schultz, Olympic gold medal winner and wrestling champion, was shot in the back by du Pont heir John E. du Pont at the family's famed Foxcatcher Farm estate in Pennsylvania. Following the murder, du Pont barricaded himself in his home for two days before he was finally captured. How did the so-called best friend of amateur wrestling come to commit such a horrifying, senseless murder? For the first time ever, Dave's brother, Mark--another Olympic gold medal-winning wrestler under du Pont's patronage--tells the full story. Fascinating, powerful, and deeply personal, Foxcatcher is a riveting account as told by the only person close enough to know the mind of the murderer." -- Page [4] cover. Though they were not, as Charlotte claimed, refugees from the French Revolution, Augustus Waldemar and Charlotte Victoire Mentelle undoubtedly felt like exiles in their adopted hometown of Lexington, Kentucky -- a settlement that was still a frontier town when they arrived in 1798. Through the years, the cultured Parisian couple often reinvented themselves out of necessity, but their most famous venture was Mentelle's for Young Ladies, an intellectually rigorous school that attracted students from around the region and greatly influenced its most well-known pupil, Mary Todd Lincoln. Drawing on newly translated materials and previously overlooked primary sources, Randolph Paul Runyon explores the life and times of the important but understudied pair in this intriguing dual biography. He illustrates how the Mentelles' origins and education gave them access to the higher strata of Bluegrass society even as their views on religion, politics, and culture kept them from feeling at home in America. They were intimates of statesman Henry Clay, and one of their daughters married into the Clay family, but like other immigrant families in the region, they struggled to survive. Throughout, Runyon reveals the Mentelles as eloquent chroniclers of crucial moments in Ohio and Kentucky history, from the turn of the nineteenth century to the eve of the Civil War. They rankled at the baleful influence of conservative religion on the

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local college, the influence of whiskey on the local population, and the scandal of slavery in the land of liberty. This study sheds new light on the lives of a remarkable pair who not only bore witness to key events in early American history, but also had a singular impact on the lives of their friends, their students, and their community. Few families have influenced America like the Roosevelts—two presidents from different parties, including our longest-serving chief executive, and the “First Lady of the World.” Born into aristocratic society, Theodore, Franklin and Eleanor (née) Roosevelt shared a commitment to progress and the common good over class. Their lives have been the focus of numerous books but their legacy and the extended family they left behind warrant a closer look. This book chronicles “the Roosevelts” and “those other Roosevelts”—a family of individuals always striving to measure up but united by an illustrious past. The Winterthur Garden is the story of Henry Francis du Pont's lifelong love affair with his home, as well as a biography of one of America's great public gardens. Author Denise Magnani, curator of landscape at Winterthur, offers an engagingly intimate portrait of the man and his environment, documenting the evolution of a single garden and detailing its relationship to the interior of the house, from which it can be viewed. The masterpiece that du Pont created in Wilmington, Delaware, is now open for the public to enjoy, but for years it functioned as a private horticultural laboratory where du Pont — primarily known as a visionary collector of works of the American decorative arts — experimented as much with the landscape as with individual plant species gathered from the far corners of the globe. While, today, the garden may appear to be an informal, almost unplanned assemblage of plant varieties and colors, blooming in coincidental, if exquisite, sequence, in truth, nearly every square inch and every happy juxtaposition of color were meticulously planned by its loving owner. The text, which also features additional essays contributed by specialists from numerous disciplines, is breathtakingly illustrated by lush photographs of the garden taken by landscape photographer Carol Betsch. This newly issued paperback edition of the book features a completely new foreword by Winterthur's current director, Leslie Greene Bowman. The antiquarian booksellers, life-long friends, and companions recall their literary adventures, collecting triumphs, and eventful lives. The riveting true story of

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Olympic wrestling gold medal-winning brothers Mark Schultz and Dave Schultz and their fatal relationship with the eccentric John du Pont, heir to the du Pont dynasty On January 26, 1996, Dave Schultz, Olympic gold medal winner and wrestling golden boy, was shot three times by du Pont family heir John E. du Pont at the famed Foxcatcher Farms estate in Pennsylvania. Following the murder there was a tense standoff when du Pont barricaded himself in his home for two days before he was finally captured. Foxcatcher is gold medal winner Mark Schultz's memoir, revealing what made him and his brother champion and what brought them to Foxcatcher Farms. It's a vivid portrait of the complex relationship he and his brother had with du Pont, a man whose catastrophic break from reality led to tragedy. No one knows the inside story of what went on behind the scenes at Foxcatcher Farms—and inside John du Pont's head—better than Mark Schultz. The incredible true story of these championship-winning brothers and the wealthiest convicted murderer of all time will be making headlines this fall, and Mark's memoir will reveal the true inside story. "For Erin Brockovich fans, a David vs. Goliath tale with a twist" (The New York Times Book Review)—the incredible true story of the lawyer who spent two decades building a case against DuPont for its use of the hazardous chemical PFOA, uncovering the worst case of environmental contamination in history—affecting virtually every person on the planet—and the conspiracy that kept it a secret for sixty years. The story that inspired Dark Waters, the major motion picture from Focus Features starring Mark Ruffalo and Anne Hathaway, directed by Todd Haynes. 1998: Rob Bilott is a young lawyer specializing in helping big corporations stay on the right side of environmental laws and regulations. Then he gets a phone call from a West Virginia farmer named Earl Tennant, who is convinced the creek on his property is being poisoned by runoff from a neighboring DuPont landfill, causing his cattle and the surrounding wildlife to die in hideous ways. Earl hasn't even been able to get a water sample tested by any state or federal regulatory agency or find a local lawyer willing to take the case. As soon as they hear the name DuPont—the area's largest employer—they shut him down. Once Rob sees the thick, foamy water that bubbles into the creek, the gruesome effects it seems to have on livestock, and the disturbing frequency of cancer and other health problems in the area, he's persuaded to fight against the type of corporation his firm routinely represents. After

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intense legal wrangling, Rob ultimately gains access to hundreds of thousands of pages of DuPont documents, some of them fifty years old, that reveal the company has been holding onto decades of studies proving the harmful effects of a chemical called PFOA, used in making Teflon. PFOA is often called a "forever chemical," because once in the environment, it does not break down or degrade for millions of years, contaminating the planet forever. The case of one farmer soon spawns a class action suit on behalf of seventy thousand residents—and the shocking realization that virtually every person on the planet has been exposed to PFOA and carries the chemical in his or her blood. What emerges is a riveting legal drama "in the grand tradition of Jonathan Harr's *A Civil Action*" (Booklist, starred review) about malice and manipulation, the failings of environmental regulation; and one lawyer's twenty-year struggle to expose the truth about this previously unknown—and still unregulated—chemical that we all have inside us. One of America's greatest houses, the unequaled home of Gilded Age philanthropist Alfred I. duPont, has been newly restored to national acclaim. Nemours Mansion and Gardens is the 222-acre estate and onetime home of Alfred I. duPont—photographer, manufacturer, musician, politician, banker, inventor, suffragist, newspaper owner, businessman, and philanthropist. Designed and built in the Louis XIV style in 1909 by Carrere and Hastings, it is one of the largest and most opulent houses in America, to be compared only with the likes of the Biltmore Estate, the White House, The Breakers, and Hearst Castle. With seventy rooms spread out over 46,000 square feet, it is capacious, yet an intimacy of detail and graciousness of proportion give the visitor a feeling of serenity and a special sense of place that is unique to Nemours. Newly and painstakingly renovated, the house—now a museum that can be toured—glows with the finish of its original splendor, captured at long last in a volume that sumptuously reflects the magnificence of a masterpiece." In association with the Lemelson Center, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C. "Originally from France, the du Pont family settled in the Brandywine River Valley. Chateau Country is an intimate portrait of the houses built by this Delaware dynasty. Their first dwelling was a modest six-room house just steps from the gunpowder mills that made the du Ponts wealthy. One hundred years later, their largest house had 176 rooms and thirty-six servants on 2,300 acres of land. Since company founder E.I. du Pont built Eleutherian Mills

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in 1802, almost one hundred houses have been built nearby and occupied by his descendants. Many spectacular estate houses have been razed, but thirty-three du Pont family properties that still exist are explored and accompanied by anecdotes. Some, including Eleutherian Mills, Longwood, Gibraltar, Nemours, and Winterthur, are open to the public; others remain hidden behind stone walls. Chateau Country takes readers inside these houses and describes a way of life that has all but disappeared. Portrait of the Du Pont family.

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