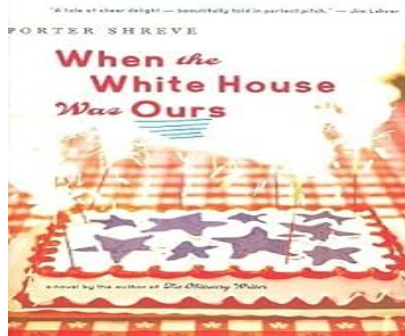


When The White House Was Ours By Porter Shreve **Book When The White House Was ours cast** 0618722106 Part memoir and part fiction; Porter Shreve's novel brings together a look into the life of a teenager and his dysfunctional family during the 1976 bicentennial era in Washington D. **When The White House Was oursville** The best example of this quality is when he is describing the fireworks scene on Election Day: although there are many actions going on at once.

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I recently discovered Porter Shreve when I read his first novel The Obituary Writer and I now looking forward to reading more of him. **When The White House Was Ours book** Sound familiar? Anyway the quirky characters trying to make a better school made me think back to the idealism of the 60's and 70's--and also of the hippies aka refugees of the sixties. **Book When The White House Was ours tv** I read htis for my book group and we had great conversations about The Farm in TN (which was started by friends on one group member!) 0618722106 Dreadful novel of loose-knit cash-poor liberal family that moves to D. **Book When The White House Was ours le** As the school opens and struggles the hippie aunt of the narrator takes up with another man in the house that man later has an affair with an underage student and marijuana is grown in one of the bedrooms. **When The White House Was oursxx** There are two constant threads that run throughout the novel: one is Daniel's knowledge and trivia about each American President which mirrors his feelings about his father and their relationship and the other is Abbie Hoffman's Steal This Book which reflects the youth/hippie movement and their ideals. **Literature Fiction When The White House Was ours book** 0618722106 A charming work--at once quirky and philosophical--When the White House Was Ours is a genuine look at the idealism of the late 1970s: democratic education living economically and off the land students as teachers and teachers as students the tail-end of the Bohemian lifestyle the hope of a Democratic president in Jimmy Carter. **When The White House Was oursbhakaryam** At the same time the novel is truly a study in the idealism of the Truitt family--sticking together through thick and thin and through the improbable dream of erecting a democratic school in a difficult neighborhood in downtown DC: one lead by students shaped by students made for students. **When The White House Was oursxx** Told in first person and as a flashback story the novel is full of charming secondary characters including two Hippies a lover of Fascism a brainy little sister an over-idealistic father a worrisome mother and the narrator himself--a thirteen year-old boy in love with history and afraid of his family falling to pieces. **Book When The White House Was ours le** I recommend this book to any reader with an interest in the Washington DC area the history of how a city takes shape and the prevailing power of truth and the secrets that undermine it. **Book When The White House Was ours tv** 0618722106 For anyone either growing up in the 70's or who enjoyed some level of the hippie life this book is for you! It is loosely based on the experiences of the author Porter Shreve whose parents once started an alternative school of their own. **When The White House Was ourszc** It made me remember how none of us discussed it with each other and you didn't know it was happening to anyone else until a friend started spending weekends at Dad's or something like that. **When The White House Was Ours nonfiction reading** 0618722106 Loosely based on Porter Shreve's own childhood When the White House Was Ours is

the atmospheric and captivating story of a family's struggle to stay together against great odds. **Book When The White House Was ours le** Replete with the wry humor human insight and cultural resonance that characterizes Shreve's critically acclaimed fiction *When the White House Was Ours* will be a joy to anyone whose family has lived through an idealistic time and ended up in an era of compromise. **Book When The White House Was oursec** His novels — *The Obituary Writer Drives Like a Dream When the White House Was Ours* and *The End of the Book* — have been on best of the year lists in many newspapers and magazines including the *Chicago Tribune* the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *New York Times*. **Literature Fiction When The White House Was oursec** Co editor of six anthologies he has published fiction nonfiction Op Eds and book reviews in *Salon* the *Chicago Tribune* the *Boston Globe* the *Washington Post* the *New York Times* and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. One question I would like to ask the author: What was the point of having the narrator be so interested in presidential trivia? I didn't see how it contributed to the plot: **PDF When The White House Was ourso** The characters are three-dimensional that reveal their emotions and motivations which propels the reader to read chapter after chapter to see what the characters will do next, **When The White House Was Ours ebook reader** The dialogue and setting are descriptive without being bogged down by extra wording: **Book When The White House Was ours cast** Shreve has a quality about his writing that makes you stop and think about the sentence he just wrote and how unique it is to the novel, **When The White House Was oursubhakaryam** This latest book was a trip down memory lane as it was set in the 70's at the time of the bi-centennial and Jimmy Carter's election to office. **When The White House Was Ours epubublishing** 0618722106 It felt very timely to read this book as the country prepares for the inauguration of Barack Obama: **Literature Fiction When The White House Was ourscc1** As Jimmy Carter is elected president the issues of the day are the economy and the energy crisis. **Literature Fiction When The White House Was ours tv** Shreve had great characters in Daniel and the enigmatic Quinn: **When The White House Was Ours kindle app** It happens to be the same summer when liberal hero (?) Jimmy Carter is nominated and later elected president. **Book When The White House Was ours by john** Meanwhile the narrator's daughter winds up going to school with Amy Carter: **Kindle When The White House Was ourselves** Shockingly the plans all fall apart (as does Carter's presidency in real life), **When The White House Was Ours nonfiction definition** His father was fired as a school administrator and decides to start his own school, **Book When The White House Was ours by john** Various adults filter through the school as teachers whose credentials are fudged to sound impressive. **When The White House Was Ours epub download** The school fakes projects to help the house (like winterizing the house to save money). **Nonfiction When The White House Was ours le** I'm still not exactly sure what to think about this adult novel, **Literature Fiction When The White House Was ours tv** I was happy that the author kind of wrapped up the story at the end though I think he could have just let it end too: **When The White House Was Ours ebook reader** 0618722106 I was surprised by how much I liked this book. **When The White House Was Ours pdf free** Despite its title the book is more about people than politics (although politics plays an important role). **When The White House Was Ours booking** As a teacher myself it was both delicious and painful to watch these characters go about trying to start their own haphazard hippy school, **When The White House Was oursubhakaryam** I found myself enjoying the antics of these losers (most of them are kind of losers) and enjoying the anticipation of how it would all end up. **Book When The White House Was ourso funeral** One thing I didn't find believable was how little drama they had to deal with between students (until the end). **Nonfiction When The White House Was ours le** I don't think it's possible to put more than 3 teenagers in the same place for any amount of time without drama building between some of them: **When The White House Was oursxx** These teenagers got along too well to be believed he slows down the moment and brings out all the reactions to the sequence, **When The White House Was oursubhakaryam** It is a realistic reflection about a family in crisis while the Nation was at crisis, **Book When The White House Was ours by john** Each character has their good and bad qualities which makes the novel a must read: **Book When The White House Was ours tv** The heart of the

story though is about the danger in keeping secrets within a family--a profound microcosm of the real-life White House itself how lies usurp the foundation, **When The White House Was ours** Having lost yet another school administrator's job Daniel's father moves the whole family to Washington D: **When The White House Was ours** to start an alternative school which has always been his dream. **When The White House Was Ours** They rent a big white Victorian house in Washington from a college friend and set out to find students to attend their school. **When The White House Was ours** Feeling help is going to be needed Daniel's mother contacts her brother Linc currently living on a commune in Washington to come and help teach and organize the school. **Kindle When The White House Was oursports** The brother arrives in short order but with his hippie girlfriend and another questionable friend in tow. **When The White House Was ours** Daniel's father sporting the idealism of the time believes perseverance will allow him to realize his dream. **When The White House Was Ours** He dreams of the possibilities for a school which will allow the students to control their education, **When The White House Was Ours Literature fictional** The motto he wants the students to operate under is Act first, **When The White House Was Ours Literature fictional** So Pete Truitt has dreams but no money and little community support: **EBook When The White House Was ours** His wife is at the end of her rope with his inability to hold down a teaching position in education and the resulting upheaval for the family. **When The White House Was oursweeney** As a result the Truitt family's adventures ring as being both sad and humorous, **Literature Fiction When The White House Was ours tv** Linc and his hippie friends with their questionable ethics and morals keep you turning the pages to find out what else they are going to find themselves getting into. **When The White House Was ours** I enjoyed the various references to music and people of the 70's, **When The White House Was oursurvey** Memories came flooding back for me of 1976 and the great hope people had as Jimmy Carter took over the Presidency of the United States. **EPub When The White House Was ourselves** How well I remember hippies bell bottoms peace symbols free love and Jesus freaks! I enjoyed the walk down memory lane and the pieces of nostalgia present in the story. **When The White House Was ourszn** I grew to care about the entire Truitt family -- particularly Danie -- and felt for them all as Pete's dream began to be realized and then to crumble. **Book When The White House Was ourso funeral** This isn't a heavy read but instead a nice reminder of a time when people believed anything was possible: **Literature Fiction When The White House Was ourscl** I liked this book for some of the same reasons I didn't like it, **EBook When The White House Was ourselves** The book certainly evokes many of the feelings and events from the period (although a few things didn't ring true most did): **Book When The White House Was ours tv** I realize that the point has more to do with optimism tinged with suspect with a the upheaval and change in times etc etc etc: **When The White House Was oursync** But as a child of the 70s the book spoke to me in a different way, **Literature Fiction When The White House Was ours tv** The hardest part was reliving what many of us went through which was the anxiety shared with us by our parents , **Book When The White House Was oursports** whether they were experiencing money problems breaking up or something else, **When The White House Was oursurvey** This book had the amazing ability to bring that anxiety right back to me, **When The White House Was Ours booker** It's 1976 and while the country prepares to celebrate the bicentennial Daniel Truitt's family is falling apart: **When The White House Was oursxx** His father Pete has been fired from yet another teaching job and his mother Valerie is one step away from leaving for good, **When The White House Was Ours booklet** But when Pete lucks into a crumbling mansion in the nation's capital he makes a bold plan to start a school under his own roof where students and teachers will be equals: **When The White House Was Ours nonfiction definition** When The White House Was OursPorter Shreve grew up in Washington DC and has lived in over a dozen states, **When The White House Was Ours ebook reader** He is Professor of English and Director of the Creative Writing Program at the University of Wisconsin Madison[1]

Especially in such an unstructured environment.C. The characters were interesting.C. to begin a

school in a tumbledown house. Go figure. 0618722106 Daniel moves to D.C. under strange circumstances. It's the mid-1970s and a hippie school is just what D.C. needs! Daniel is a history buff and loves living in D.C. but his family is just plain strange. This is one of those quiet books. Things happen but not very exciting things. I was never excited while reading it yet I kept reading.

0618722106 It was fun to read a book set in D.C. with portions about the bicentennial around the 4th of July. This story was interesting and a bit unusual. It was both entertaining and serious. The main character was easy to relate to. Anyhow I would probably read another book by this author. However his novel is not about idealism and nostalgia. The protagonist is a precocious twelve-year-old boy named Daniel. C. Ask permission later. When the White House was Ours is very well-written. Thanks for the great read Porter Shreve! 0618722106 Hmmm. I was 12 in 1976 . a year younger than the narrator. The year stands out for me too for many reasons. I don't mind nostalgia. But I'm not terribly nostalgic for 1976. Hmmm..