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New books mark 30th anniversary of JFK assassination

NEW YORK (AP) — Just about everyone whose memory reaches back 30 years can recall exactly where he was and what he was doing on Nov. 22, 1963 — the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

This year, book publishers are commemorating the 30th anniversary of the event by offering a number of JFK-related titles.

Readers can compare their experiences of that fateful day with those of hundreds of others compiled by Abigail "Dear Abby" van Buren in the paperback "Where Were You When President Kennedy Was Shot?" (Andrews and McMeel).

In a 1992 column, "Abby" asked readers to share their recollections of the moment they learned of the president's death. Hundreds of the more than 300,000 replies, sent from all over the world, were selected by van Buren for inclusion in this compact volume.

JFK's murder occurred in Dallas, and that city's *Morning News* has compiled "The Day JFK Died" (Andrews and McMeel), a softcover album of text and 100-plus photos that chronicles the events of Nov. 22-25. The book also includes biographies of Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin, and of Oswald's murderer, Jack Ruby, along with essays describing the political climate of Dallas at the time and how the tragedy has affected that city.

During the past three decades, a small library of books have appeared

advancing all sorts of theories disputing the official Warren Commission findings. But a lot of attention has been given to a recent JFK book that doesn't put forward a new theory, but rather supports an old familiar one.

In "Case Closed" (Random House), author Gerald Posner provides evidence agreeing with the Warren Report that Kennedy was killed by Oswald, acting alone. Posner debunks many of the familiar assassination theories.

For many, though, the case is hardly closed. Among the latest books to support a conspiracy theory is "Killing the Truth" (Carroll & Graf) by Harrison Edward Livingstone. Carroll & Graf also offers paperback versions of two 1992 hardcovers: "High Treason 2: The Great Cover-up" and "The Man Who Knew Too Much," by Dick Russell.

Other assassination related books include Gaeton Fonzi's "The Last Investigation" (Thunder's Mouth

Press); "Deep Politics and the Death of JFK," by Peter Dale Scott (University of California); and "The Grassy Knoll," by William Harrington (Forge).

Readers who would rather commemorate the JFK anniversary by reviewing the events of his life rather than those of his death might choose: "JFK Remembered" (Random House) by Jacques Lowe, Kennedy's personal photographer.

"President Kennedy: Profile of Power" (Simon & Schuster) by Richard Reeves, a day-by-day account of JFK's nearly three years in the White House.

"Let Us Begin Anew: An Oral History of the Kennedy Presidency" (HarperCollins) by Gerald S. and Deborah H. Strober, featuring interviews with more than 100 people.

"JFK: Reckless Youth" (Random House) by Nigel Hamilton, the paperback version of last year's bestseller.