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How Nixon Begins His Life Story

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Part of former President Richard Nixon's autobiography has become public — one sentence of it, that is

Nixon begins his book, to be published in May, with, "I was born in the house my father built," according to the February 27 issue of New York magazine.

It was New York magazine that disclosed material from a book by former Nixon aide H. R. Haldeman several weeks ago, before the book was released.

The magazine compared what it said was the first sentence of the Nixon book with the openings of the autobiographies of former Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and Harry Truman.

The Eisenhower book begins: "Starting off for West Point in June 1911, I traveled light;" Truman's: "During the first weeks of Franklin D. Roosevelt's fourth administration, I saw what the long years in the presidency had done to him."

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