



**CELADON BOOKS TO PUBLISH *GROWING UP BIDEN*, A MEMOIR BY
VALERIE BIDEN OWENS, SISTER OF JOSEPH BIDEN, JR.**

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Celadon Books, a division of Macmillan Publishers, announced today the acquisition of a memoir by Valerie Biden Owens, Joseph Biden’s sister, longtime political strategist, and one of the first female campaign managers in US history. The memoir will detail Owens' life, from growing up as the only daughter in the Biden family to her trailblazing, decades-long professional relationship with her brother.

Jamie Raab, President, and Deb Futter, Publisher and Senior Vice President, acquired the book; Deb Futter to edit. Matt Latimer and Keith Urbahn of Javelin negotiated the deal. Of the acquisition, Owens says: “Our family’s story is a very American one—full of joy but also shadowed by tragedy. What we Bidens learned long ago is a timeless lesson: that family matters, possibility can emerge from pain, and the ties that bind us together are stronger than anything that might pull us apart. So this will be a story of one family—but our story, I hope, will resonate and inspire.” Of the acquisition, Deb Futter adds: “It is an honor to add Valerie Biden Owens to the Celadon list; her story will not only give us insight into the Biden family, but will take us behind-the-scenes and show us how this extraordinary woman ran major political campaigns and played an indispensable role in her brother's ascent.”

Owens has been a fundamental presence in her brother's personal life and closest confidante. Their political careers have been intertwined from his first bid for county councilman to his recent election. The book, which will cover this entire period, is scheduled for release on April 12, 2022.

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