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Using sources deep inside both campaigns and on the campaign trail through primary and battleground states, *Washington Post* correspondent Dan Balz traces the highs and lows of the Obama presidency as well as the ruthless Republican primary, as both laid the groundwork for one of the most crucial, contentious elections of our time.

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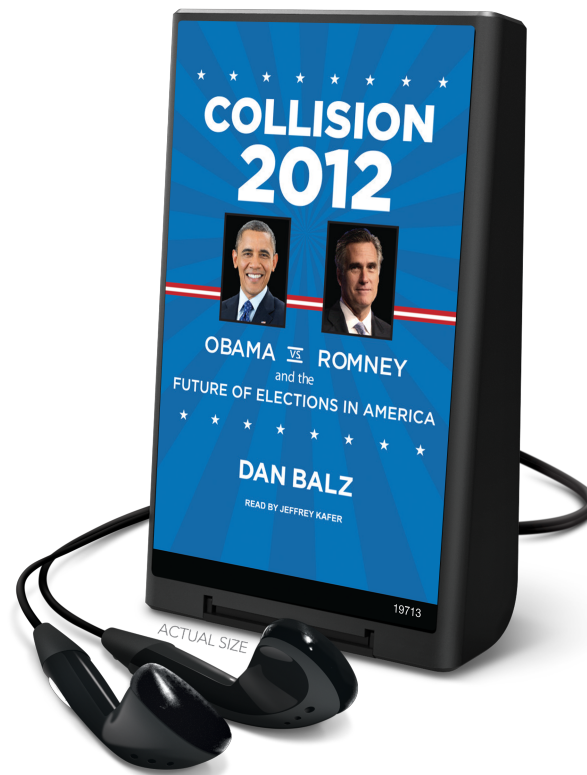
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