First 100 Days. Once in office, FDR set to work immediately. His “New Deal,” it turned out, involved regulation and reform of the banking system, massive government spending to “prime the pump” by restarting the economy and putting people back to work, and the creation of a social services network to support those who had fallen on hard times. Between 8 March and 16 June, in what later became known as the “First Hundred Days,” Congress followed Roosevelt’s lead by passing an incredible fifteen separate bills which, together, formed the basis of the New Deal. This is a fairly accessible short book on the first hundred days of Roosevelt's presidency and New Deal policy. The author, Anthony J. Badger, is a celebrated authority on the New Deal era. Badger serves as an excellent guide of the chaotic first 100 days of Roosevelt's presidency. As a mere guide to major policies and events of the early (“first”) New Deal, Badger’s book is adequate. The power brokers of the first 100 days were not the Roosevelt Brain Trust policy makers, nor the Business elite writing their own codes in NIRA policy. Rather the principle agents were U.S. Congresspersons attempting to please and appease their disgruntled constituents and other Americans suffering economically and socially. Lively, compact, and balanced, FDR: The First Hundred Days captures the New Deal’s first burst of legislation, when the President and Congress united behind creative proposals for recovery from the nation’s worse economic collapse and reform of the system that caused it. — Donald A. Ritchie, author of Electing FDR: The New Deal Campaign of 1932. Few historians have written as intelligently about the New Deal as Tony Badger. FDR: The First Hundred Days offers a fast-paced narrative and balanced analysis of Roosevelt’s efforts to lift the United States out of highly desperate times. I definitely recommend this book to anyone who is interested in Franklin D. Roosevelt, the New Deal, or the infamous Hundred Days. Read more. 6 people found this helpful. See what's new with book lending at the Internet Archive. FDR: the first hundred days. Item Preview. Renewable every hour, pending availability. More info. The problem and the players -- Ten days that opened the banks -- First priorities - Industrial recovery -- The belated priority -- The progressive impulse -- The international option. Access-restricted-item. true. The Hundred Days, Franklin Roosevelt's first fifteen weeks in office, have become the stuff of legend, a mythic yardstick against which every subsequent American president has felt obliged to measure himself. The renowned historian Anthony J. Badger cuts through decades of politicized history to provide a succinct, balanced, and timely reminder that Roosevelt's accomplishment was above all else an exercise in exceptional political craftsmanship. Roosevelt entered the White House in 1933 confronting 25 percent unemployment, bank closings, and a nationwide crisis in confidence. From Ma