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**Barack Obama's surprise defeat in the New Hampshire primaries** did nothing to suppress the value of his 1995 memoir, *Dreams of My Father* – well, for the moment anyway. At the time of going to press [www.AbeBooks.com](http://www.AbeBooks.com) was still advertising a signed first edition for \$2,889. In the past 12 months the website has sold similar copies for \$1,798 and \$1,299. As for his Democrat rival, the most expensive signed edition of Hillary Clinton's *It Takes a Village: And Other Lessons Children Teach Us*, published in 1996, was \$1,326, but such an amount is peanuts when compared with a copy of her husband's *My Life*, signed by both Clintons in 2004, which would set you back a hefty \$3,989.