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The United States has survived clueless presidential administrations before. But no matter how enormous the crisis -- the Great Depression, Vietnam, Watergate, Monica Lewinsky's thong -- America's always come out looking like, well, America.

This time, however, something's different. Things aren't just screwed up; they're *f!\$d up beyond all recognition*. Welcome to *F.U.B.A.R.*, a hilarious and scathing satire of the American Right's bad behavior, by the creators of Air America's *Majority Report*.

If you're a liberal who's somehow not panicked over the state of our Union, or if you're a Republican who's just having voter's remorse, or if you think what's happening to the country is just politics as usual, *F.U.B.A.R.* will open your eyes to our current national nightmare. With completely unfair and unbalanced analysis, authors Sam Seder and Stephen Sherrill take readers on a whirlwind tour of what's left of the United States, exposing the truth about the Right's blueprint for total domination -- over your money, your mind, your sex life, and even your place in the afterlife (yes, they have a plan for that, too).

Along the way, they'll answer your most pressing questions, like:

I'm gay. Can I still be a Republican?

Do I need to own my own congressman, or is a time share okay?

Is *New York Times* columnist Thomas L. Friedman's mustache, in fact, the sign of the Beast?

I thought we ran the media. What happened?

Finally, Seder and Sherrill offer a helpful and hopeful vision for a future that remarkably doesn't look like a cross between the Matrix and Mayberry. *F.U.B.A.R.* is the wake-up call America has been waiting to receive -- and it will probably be wiretapped.

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Leo Walsh says

Decent political send-up of what the authors call "The Rapture Right," though since it was written in W. Bush's second term, a bit dated. Problem is, Seder seems approximately correct. Dogmatic fundamentalists -- both Christian and "free-market" -- still have a stranglehold on the GOP. They still seem incapable of compromise. And madden moderates like myself to no end. Since my experience of life is that any colleague who is "dead certain" they are right most often turn out wrong. The people who get it right hem and haw, weigh options and are realistic about the potential flaws in their plans.

The GOP's cock-suredness alienated me a long time ago. Worse, their cock-suredness is often built on denied facts. Global warming (which the evidence shows, inconveniently for Right-Wing dogma, is happening and that human activity is the main driver). WMD (which the evidence shows, inconveniently for Right-Wing dogma, were absent from Iraq when we invaded).

Seder does a nice job highlighting the factual inaccuracies. "FUBAR" reads sort of like classic Daily Show (with Jon Stewart), though is not quite as funny. However, the "Ask Mr. Science" -- with "Mr. Science" being a born-again preacher that describes a rainbow in terms of refraction "caused by" God's promise to Noah -- and "The GOP Guide on How to Be a Gay-Hating Gay" are classic.

As usual in politics, I am in a quandary. I find that humor coming from the Left is much funnier because the Right is so preposterous now. It's easy to debunk their positions using facts. Right-Wing humor (except Dennis Miller and Adam Sandler) is most often terrifying, since it reflects their ideology. Which is often racist, sexist, militaristic and borders on acceptance of Christian theocracy.

I find none of these things funny. That they pass for humor in the GOP makes me pause. But as a moderate, I do want the GOP to sort things out. So I have a viable alternative to voting Democrat or abstaining.

Soapbox aside, I am giving this 3 1/2 stars (impossible in GR). But it's closer to 3.49, so I'll round down to 3. Recommended for people who miss Jon Stewart, and liberal-leaners who like laughing at ignorant Right-Wing media consumers.

Jim Razinha says

Quite funny, in a sarcastic, satirical, snarky way. The mashup of Bush's Katrina debacle and FDR's Pearl Harbor speech was priceless. In the vein of The Daily Show, this often conveys more truth in its humor than any "real" news pieces. Sadly, despite being published eight years ago, things are even worse today in almost every skewered instance with the lone plus being Bush is no longer president. Far worse, because in addition to every one of Seder's and Sherill's call outs, there are now Tea Party nuts, Citizens United and the Kochs buying up Congress, bigger Wrong Wing media influence, more religious interference in representation without taxation. Of course, Fox is still resiliently resisting admitting their wrestling, um "news", is fake.

Joseph Salvatore Vitale says

Amazing

Worth the read

Sam Seder has a funny and quirky personality and it comes through so genuinely in this book. THIS IS A MUST READ FOR ANYONE INVOLVED IN POLITICS TODAY

Majority Report is a great podcast. check it out

Pierre says

Dated (I listened 10 years after publication) but it is still worth ploughing through for the important stuff that hasn't changed. Quality is spotty, with the good spots* getting smaller and further apart.

Strange how the Trump nightmare is providing a perspective in which the rapture-right-wing nightmare seems like a welcome "normal."

* Apparently my three stars mean I "liked it"--what I really mean is the stars apply to the spots.

Gayle Gordon says

This book was hilarious, but also a little frightening! Sometimes you have to laugh so you don't cry. I read so many serious political books that cover the same subjects, it was refreshing to read one that puts the doom and gloom in a humorous perspective.

Angie says

Everyone should read this book. A great insite on this messed up time with comedy and sarcasim

Annette says

Finally, I read it and it was enjoyable. It's very short sections, so it's great to read before bed or when you are busy. It's good political satire. (I listen to Sam Seder on Air America.)

Kelli says

Lots of fun...but not for the faint of heart or easily offended. But, if you are a big liberal like me, you will laugh until your sides split!

Marni says

I loved this book. Besides being dead on true it was hilarious while it pissed you off at the current administration....

Ellis says

This book was great. It had great information and was pretty funny. A few more F-bombs than you'd expect in a political book. Sam Seder sits farther to the left than most of us, but he makes good points. Speaking of far to the left, his chapter on the Gay anti-gay Right was pretty funny and one of my favorites.

Tim says

If you couldn't laugh, you'd cry.[return][return]That adage seems to sum up a segment of liberal authors when it comes to the Bush Administration. *F.U.B.A.R.: America's Right-Wing Nightmare*, written by the co-host and a producer of Air America Radio's "The Majority Report", is the latest entry in the field of books taking on Bush and the conservative movement through satire, sarcasm and humor. While F.U.B.A.R. has its moments, it won't stand with the leaders in the genre, such as Al Franken and Michael Moore.[return][return]Like their compatriots, Sam Seder, the cohost of "The Majority Report," and Stephen Sherrill, one of the show's producers, don't hold back. It even starts on the cover. Part of the first word of the military phrase for which the acronym "F.U.B.A.R." stands is blackened out, "redacted by the U.S. Department of Justice, as per the U.S. Patriot Act." They open the book referring to the current GOP as the "Rapture Right" and "an American Taliban." Those labels mesh with the fact that much of the authors' satirical attack on Bush and the GOP is largely on social issues. They start with "intelligent design" and ease right into the concept of the rapture that inspires the name they give the fringe right they believe has gained control of the Republican Party.[return][return]Balance of review at <http://prairieprogressive.com/?p=728>

Will Byrnes says

This is a snarky look at the horror that is the right wing in power in the USA. I found it annoying to read. While I do not disagree with much that they say, I did not find their attempt to make their critiques amusing at all affective. I even thought of dropping it pre-completion, but it has the benefit of being a reasonably quick read. Not recommended. There is little that is more annoying than failed attempts at humor, particularly when the subject matter is so dire.

Having written the above when only half done, I can say that the second half is considerably more entertaining. Of particular note are chapters that address the Republican fixation on issues of gayness, a wonderful chapter on Adam Nagourney in which the authors list in sequence a selected list of Nagourney article titles that tells a very compelling tale of Adam's bias, and fabulous columns that might have been written by Thomas Friedman. My favorite was one in which Friedman contends that the sacking of Rome was ultimately a good thing for the Romans.

So, while I did not love the book, it has enough content to make it worthwhile

Stacy says

It got off to a choppy start, and then the writing became a little more cohesive and thematic. However, this is probably one of those cases where the authors had more fun writing their humor than the audience did reading it.

Diogenes says

This was much more polemic than humor. Since those who are excoriated would be unlikely to read it, it is a loud and cacophonous preaching to the choir. The points made, however heavy handed, are relevant and well documented.

Patrick says

In the footsteps of Al Franken.
