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Ronald Reagan left behind a legacy that America will never forget. Now, in this one-of-a-kind collection of his most intimate thoughts, his favorite quotations by others, and his own most collectible jokes, all culled from a newly disclosed set of personal notecards he kept throughout his life and career, fans and admirers of the forty-third president will find a unique window of insight into the soul of an American icon. Edited by Douglas Brinkley, editor of #1 *New York Times* bestseller *The Reagan Diaries*, this indispensable Reagan retrospective is perfect for fathers, graduates, and anyone looking to find inspiration in the thoughts and musings of a great American leader.

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Sandy says

A neat little peek into a collection of Ronald Reagan's notecards. The only reason I gave it 3 stars is because even though it was good, a lot of the quotes are from other people. I was hoping there would be more notes from Reagan, rather than quotes that he would jot down from other people..... Still a nice collection to get an idea of what Reagan's inspiration was. Also cool how it is separated in different areas of topic. Notes on War, Notes on Religion, Humor, etc.

Jon Angell says

I started reading this in the fall or maybe after Christmas as much as a year and half to almost two years ago. I put it aside for a while... it's best read in short burst, but then I decided to power through and finish the last quarter of the book to make room in my pile of books being read and rotated through. In this book it lists a lot of the references and jokes that he had compiled for his writings and for speeches... It was kind of neat to read through the notes and read notes that you could remember him telling in a speech, interview or other writing... I liked the book.... but unless you are into writing or just liked Ron Reagan the way I do, this book wouldn't be for everyone....

Deborah Martinez says

A book of quotes, notes, jokes, and nuggets of political wisdom that Reagan wrote down on 4X6 note cards and kept in his desk drawer in the Oval Office.

I really enjoyed the book, but it's something you read just a few at a time, so I tended to read a few pages at night before bed, and then again when I woke up in the morning.

A few of the quotes I enjoyed include:

"Even moderation should not be practiced to excess."

"A gentle [man] always says & does the kindest think."

"That dumb blonde in the office may turn out to be a smart burnette."

"Before TV no one knew what a headache looked like."

Maddison says

Whatever one's personal political convictions, there is no denying that Ronald Reagan possessed an incredible wit. In "The Notes," his charm, humor, honesty, and cleverness can be found written large in every thought. This collection makes for an enjoyable read and can be easily revisited in parts or as a whole. It is also a thoughtful tribute to Reagan's life and character, highlighting his wonderful capacity for finding truth and humor even in times of difficulty. Highly recommended.

Bill Kulbicki says

Reagan like most thoughtful people copied thoughts, quotes from books that he read. this edition is divided into sections reflecting the broad policy issues that reagan spoke to and dealt with. as a result, it reflects in broad terms those people whom he read and the insights that he gleamed from them as he developed his vision, his political beliefs. a wonderful insight into a truely great president.

John says

Delightful gem of a book. An insightful look into Reagan's thoughts and ideas and how he organized himself and his speeches. Even though he had speech writers, even they stated that Reagan often took out these 4x6 cards on which he had meticulously noted quotes, thoughts and witticisms, and replaced their statements with his own- and for the better. RFK is said to have stated in 1967 that Reagan was the most prepared and best debater he ever faced. This book will help you see why.

Hiknbean says

Highlights and Points to Ponder about "The Notes:"

This was a good little book filled with quotes Ronald Reagan collected on 4x6 cards. A couple boxes of these notes were found at the Reagan Library. Some are on display at his Presidential Library. Most were hand written a well. Neat collection. Here are a couple of my favorites:

-Thomas Jefferson said: "I place the economy among the first and most important virtues and public debt as the greatest of the dangers to be feared."

-Winston Churchill: "The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings while the inherent virtue of Socialism is the equal sharing of miseries."

-Wilfred A Peterson: "Happiness doesn't come from doing what we like to do but from liking what we have to do."

-"Anyone who thinks he is going to be happy and prosperous by letting government take care of him should take a good look at the American Indian."

-"Prosperity is something created by businessmen for politicians to take credit for."

Marshall Lanning says

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Good Reads Review

I read the book The Notes by Ronald Reagan, its a very good book if your wondering. This book is not a story, its a book of quotes and sayings that different political icons of the world had on certain subjects of government. Certain subjects like: war, politics, economy, social world. Ronald reagan had kept a book of these notes in a private folder that he sometimes used on speeches, and someone came across the folder of notecards and had his collection of notes published into a fantastic book that i loved reading.

This is one of the books that I've read in my life where i couldn't put

It down, it was very interesting to me. If i could rate this book i would give it five out of five stars. I would recommend this book to anyone with political interests, or anyone who liked who ronald Reagan was because this book is about what ronald Reagan liked to hear.

Frank Kelly says

To all those silly critics of Ronald Reagan - the ones who called him "an amimial dunce" among other silly names - this book won't make them happy. Over the years, Regan assembled an impressive collection of sayings, philosophical extracts, poems and speeches which he used to guide him through his years in public office. Historian Douglas Brinkley discovered the collection while researching through the Reagan Library and edited them into this fine book -- a book which I have already found useful professionally. It's superb, funny and quite inspiring. And it makes me miss the Old Man more than ever.

Jake Danishevsky says

Incredible book of letters, quotes, notes and insight into the mind of one of the most influential and one of the most amazing Presidents in our history. Great book to have. I just wanted to have this one, because is a treasure chest of ideas and tidbits from Ronald Reagan's personal collection. Something I like to reference from time to time or just open and read a few pages here and there. Highly recommend it.

John says

Excellent book, enjoyed what President Reagan thought was influential and humorous

Jim Lang says

I have always been fascinated with Ronald Reagan. He's one of our nation's most interesting presidents. This book gives us insight into his habits and beliefs through his habit of jotting down thoughts and quotations, many of which ended up in his speeches and public comments over the years. An interesting read about one of our most compelling leaders.

Tim Chavel says

Ronald Reagan is my favorite President. This book is a collection of President Reagan's collection of quotes that he kept to use in his speeches. There are many great quotes and vary greatly. He has quotes from over one twenty different people. I will leave you with two quotes:

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "The hero is no braver than an ordinary man - but he is brave five minutes longer.

A Ronald Reagan joke:

Cop: "Said to myself when you came around the corner 45 at least." Woman: "Oh this dress always makes me look 5 years older."

If you like Ronald Reagan you will enjoy this book!

Jerry says

Lots of good stuff here on many topics, and much of it immediately relevant: "It is in the natural course of events tha liberty recedes and government grows." --Jefferson

Tom says

A good collection of thoughts that Reagan had accumulated over his life. (A gift from my daughter – what is it about my kids that give such great gift ideas?). Reagan collected short statements / quotations throughout his life. This is a collection of those notes that was recently found.

There are a couple of problems with the book. One is that the editor included a short descriptive list of the people who were the source of the statements. But the list is incomplete! Why have a list that is incomplete? Abraham Lincoln is in the list, but not Abba Elan (the former wasn't necessary and lacking the later is deleting the ones that are valuable. While poor appendix does not degrade from the collection of notes, it fails to add the value it could have added.

The notes were organized and categorized by the editor – not by Reagan. This might help, but if there was some significance to the original order, it was lost to the readers (but presumably still extant at the Library).

Overall, I enjoyed the book. It is not one to sit and read I a day (but that works also) but one to pick up from time to time.
