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Have you had enough of George W. Bush and the Republican right? Are you sick and tired of the tax-cutting, environment-desecrating, secret-keeping, influence-peddling, war-mongering, free speech-hating hypocrites who occupy America's halls of power? If so, you have company -- James Carville. Like James Carville, America has been bruised and battered by the Republicans who are running our country and running it into the ground. The Bush administration has squandered a five-trillion-dollar surplus and created a five-trillion-dollar projected deficit. Their tax cut for the rich was supposed to create jobs -- but instead America has lost more than three million of them. This administration was supposed to bring honor and dignity to the White House but instead brought lies, leaks, secrecy, and fear. They promised to make the country stronger and safer but instead they've left us overstretched, isolated, and insecure.

And Carville has had enough.

In "Had Enough?" the legendary political adviser comes out of his corner swinging, taking on the Bush White House and the Republican leaders in Congress on every front -- from the economy to education to foreign affairs. But he doesn't just attack; he lays out constructive "had enough" solutions for healing the damage done by the Republicans and helping disheartened Democrats get back on their feet. In addition, he offers "Ten Rules for Progressives to Live By" and a new War Room mantra for a new era.

"Had Enough?" is a rousing handbook for taking back the country, for fighting back the right wing, and for returning the power to the people.

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Lynne says

Review written in 2004:

This is a book for progressives, no bones about it. Carville takes many of the problems in the US today, presents the current (Bush) solution, and then presents a different, progressive solution. Some are really out of reach. But it does give a healthy progressive some ideas for fighting back :)

Roger Singh says

Kind of stupid and boring, was really hard to finish.

Will Byrnes says

A call to arms, with many examples of what Democrats can do to regain momentum, and honor.

Christopher says

Though again I like how it is always the other party who is at fault. It is never the fault of the Democrats when a Democrat is writing nor is it the Republicans fault when a Republican writes the book. Though the story is old and about Bush 2's Presidency I find it funny he finds no fault in how his own party acted during the Clinton years (Chinagate, Whitewater, Filegate, and the list goes on). Yet he points out those in the opposing parties scandals and faults. Look I am no Bush fan but to preach holier than thou about your party is just stupid and treating the American people like morons. When they come to accept that Democrats are just as heavily paid by companies as Republicans, and act no different then their Republican counterparts then just maybe we will see bipartisan action. Now that is why I gave the book three stars. Mr. Carville did have some good ideas and I would like to see stats on his Social Security idea. I did like his campaign finance reform plan though I though it was good and could work. I agree with some of his Environmental plan. The book was well written and though I am Conservative I do agree with Democrats on certain things. The recipes were a bonus and very good to make and eat.

Jolene Clark says

I had a chance to hear Mary and James speak through the Star Tribune lecture series that takes place each spring in Minneapolis. Very cool!

Haylee says

I love the "ragin' cajun". I enjoyed this book, but I'm really into politics, but if you're not, you'll be bored.

Em says

Carville is simply brilliant and a complete straight shooter! Of the three books I've just read on our political landscape, this is by far the best one. The reason is it not only shreds the empty policies of Dubya's administration but offers tough no nonsense ideas for putting things right that Dubya had made very wrong. This book will be my touchstone for the 2004 election season. I'm going to read it again right away so that I can mark passages of pertinent info. Moore & Franken are entertaining, but Carville is more entertaining and also a visionary. I would really like to give a dozen copies to friends, my Dad would love it, my brothers, Elaine, but the person I really want to give a copy is my Uncle T who was a union man his entire working life, but now votes Republican. It's hard to believe my tough as nails uncle is so fearful he has bought into that crap. I know my uncle had a racist bent when he was young, but I thought he'd grown out of it since. I have completely lost respect for my uncle; it's been transferred to Carville.

Steve Mast says

Thought this might be a bit dated, but its good to remember how bad Bush was. More importantly, James lays out some important points to Democrats as to how to better get out our message of ideas and accomplishment.

Valerie says

Loved this book. James Carville calls 'em like he sees 'em.

Drew says

After Kerry's loss, I still needed something to console myself with. This book was it.

Personally, I've always been tired of democrats being portrayed as wimps, and worst yet, actually acting like wimps! Let's hear it for butt-kicking democrats!

Lize says

Read in 2004.

Quotes:

"Stop apologizing for everything. You are a member of the party that beat the Depression, won two world wars, cut elderly poverty by two-thirds, and is responsible for the greatest periods of economic growth since World War II."

"Quit conceding the other side has a point. There is such a thing as a stupid question. Sometimes a mind is like a mouth; you've just got to shut it."

Amber says

I love James Carville, have I mentioned that?

Jim says

Enjoyed it. Michael Moore must have read a galley proof of this one. :)

Tyler says

"Had Enough" by James Carville is a scathing critique of the Bush administration. As a Republican, I did not agree with all of his position, but I found myself agreeing with some of the positions. Continuing, I agree that we need to get money out of politics with campaign finance reform. However, even though I did not agree with Bush, Carville must also look at Clinton's failures. Overall, a good read, with many good ideas.
