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Description

The author talks about the secret intelligence scandals of the Bush administration. This title features a president who created a sphere of deniability, in which his top aides were briefed on matters of the utmost sensitivity - but the president was carefully kept in ignorance.

Insightful reviews

Roger Cottrell: My previous critique didn't do this important book justice. Risen opens the lid on the CIA's failure to identify the threat posed by al Qaeda, ahead of 9/11 and the consequent efforts of strategically placed Neo Cons to fabricate evidence for an illegal war in Iraq as well as how they exploited the war on terror to which this gave rise. Along the way, Risen shows how the war in Afghanistan was lost and that with Iran is being manufactured. A very important book by an acclaimed journalist who knows his stuff.

Nikki: Well-written, but limited. It only tells you slices of the mood and facts that led to the Iraq war and the policy for the subsequent "war for peace" that continues today. It focuses on the slices that turned out to erroneous (like that no WMD were ever found in Iraq) or are undermining ethical democracy today (such as prisoner-torture). The endearing part is that he tries to hard to be anti-Bush, but can't help but add some concessions now and again. He managed to phrase at least one sentences per paragraph outlandishly, "In order to understand how Bush striped Americans of their civil liberties, one must understand . . . ," even if the paragraph, like this one, was about the physical structure of communication networks. But for all his heavy-handedness, he can't help but add tiny, dull sentences now again about Clinton failures or about the material benefits of some (not all!) of the Homeland Security Department's policies. I wish he would have added more argument in favor of Bush because I'd like to see his response to them. Instead, he buried his head in the sand and seems to just hope his readers won't know there are other arguments out there. But for all that, the points he makes are worthy of consideration.

William: Risen's writing has the feel of a really good newspaper article...the type that makes you think you're learning about something unknown but essential for everybody to know. Risen's use of firsthand interviews with CIA case officers and the like makes the reader feel important and finally, "in-the-loop." Now what to do with such information or even how to ever tell it to another like Risen...well, that is the best argument for just reading the book yourself.

Jim: this is often one other startling account of the way the neo-conservatives of the G. W. Bush management got here to dominate the overseas and army guidelines of the U.S., accordingly to the detriment of the significant Intelligence Agency. VEEP Cheney, safeguard Secretary Rumsfield and others used their very own political agendas as a blueprint for switch within the powers of the presidency. the writer covers themes as diverse because the illegal remedy and torture of prisoners stuck in either Afghanistan and Iraq, the futile hunt for non-existent guns of mass destruction in Iraq and the simultaneous derailing of the powers of Secretary of country Colin Powel, the lack of Afghanistan because it became a narco-state correct sooner than the eyes of the united states military, and the failure to carry Saudi Arabia answerable for its refusal

to aid within the fight opposed to Al Qaeda within the years top as much as 9/11. The publication is definitely written and captivating. As soon as again, like such a lot of different books written in regards to the Bush administration, it issues out the deep flaws within the Administration's pondering and indicates why Bush will pass down in background as one of many worst, if now not THE worst, presidents of our country.

The American Conservative: 'James Risen's nation of warfare has opened a Pandora's field for the Bush management that no volume of howling, scowling, or bogus terrorist-attack warnings might be in a position to close. Risen's revelations on pervasive nationwide safety business enterprise warrantless spying on americans shred the ultimate pretenses to legality of the Bush administration. Now the talk is just whether, as Bush and his supporters claim, the president is successfully above the legislation and the structure in the course of a time of (perpetual) war.' Read the whole review, "Watching the Detectives," on our website: <http://www.theamericanconservative.co...>

Keith: This non-fiction e-book concerning the CIA and the Bush management was once present affairs while it got here out in 2006. Risen's identify used to be greatly mentioned while he broke the tale at the NSA's warrantless surveillance of communications. The e-book relies totally on nameless resources which makes it very unlikely to determine the causes of the members leaking the information, a lot of it classified. What percentage have been disgruntled employees, what number have been fired, or what number left the CIA out of frustration? Nevertheless, this ebook has a few impressive tales and also you get the sensation that most, if now not all of them, ring true.

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