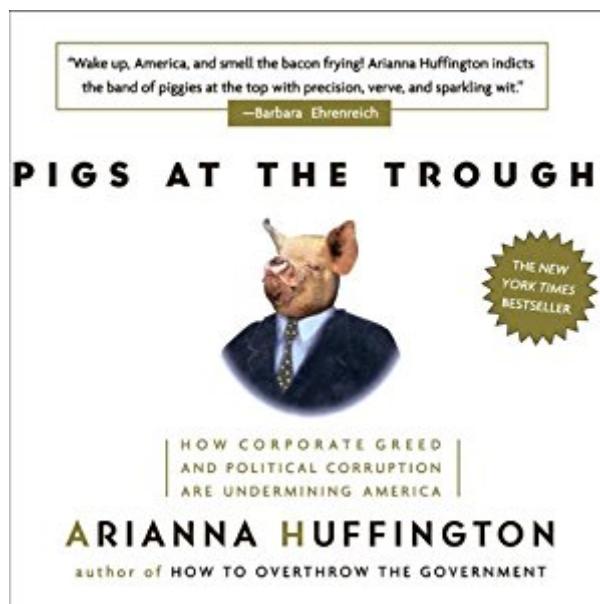


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Pigs At The Trough: How Corporate Greed And Political Corruption Are Undermining America



Synopsis

Provocative political commentator Arianna Huffington yanks back the curtain on the unholy alliance of CEOs, politicians, lobbyists, and Wall Street bankers who have shown a brutal disregard for those in the office cubicles and on the factory floors. As she puts it: "The economic game is not supposed to be rigged like some shady ring toss on a carnival midway." Yet it has been, allowing corporate crooks to bilk the public out of trillions of dollars, magically making our pensions and 401(k)s disappear and walking away with astronomical payouts and lavish perks-for-life. Making the case that our public watchdogs have become little more than obedient lapdogs, Arianna Huffington turns the spotlight on the tough reforms we must demand from Washington that go beyond the Corporate Responsibility Act. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

This was a good reference on the greediness of corporate America and how the political scene benefited from since the past 7 years. The author explained the situations very well with some humor at the end of the chapters with some quizzes and relevant jokes. I would recommend this book to others since it helps open the eye of the reader on the behind the scenes of corporation and government actions. The author is a liberal with some great ideas on how to prevent further corporate disasters, for greedy "Fat Cat". Her ideas I thought were a little too "idealistic" since corporate America and the government have been working together for the past several generations. Although with the Internet and technology the public can help with some of the authors ideas. The thought I left with was the fact that as the public we need to demand more from our

government and be afraid of the corporations. Have fun reading.

If you want to know where the money trail takes you in Politics, read this book! Both political parties are "outed". You will know which Senator or Representative got how much money from which corporation. I have bought copies and passed them on to family and friends, strongly encouraging them to see which of our elected officials, were influenced by whom. At the end of the book Arianna provides a list of sites you can contact if you wish to become involved to make a change. I Absolutely can not give enough kudos to Ms. Huffington for having written such a detail expose on Congress, and corporate deception, a must read.

Arianna Huffington's "Pigs at the Trough" is a scathing indictment of the corporate, accounting and investment "pigs" who have gotten fat at the public's expense. The author makes clear that this feeding frenzy has been made possible by their sold-out lackeys in Washington who seem more than willing to pass any laws that the pigs might ask for. While Huffington's profiles of the corporate CEOs who have been the biggest beneficiaries of this rigged game are at turns hilarious and disgusting, her analysis of what this all means for ordinary workers and citizens are sobering. After reading how the pigs perpetrated many of their scams, the reforms suggested by Huffington appear to be logical. You might think that the business community would want to implement like changes in the wake of the stock market implosion in order to restore investor confidence, but it appears not to be the case. Huffington shows how politicians from both parties are skilled at creating legislative loopholes while simultaneously giving lip service to the need for "corporate responsibility". All this suggests that the inability of our nation's institutions to police themselves could lead to even worse abuses in the future. Fortunately, Huffington includes a list of worthy activist organizations in the appendix. Since our elected officials are clearly not willing to clean the sty, it is up to the people to make sure that their voices are heard. To that end, "Pigs at the Trough" will inform, entertain and inspire you to do what needs to be done. Highly recommended!

well written and interesting

Huffington's book collects a laundry list of corporate-executive outrages conveniently in one location... but that's all it does. Most of the compensation and under-the-table dealings are presented clearly and backed up with solid evidence, but it's all in the form of anecdotes. The information is packaged in 2- to 3-page mini-essays (one per corporate pig), and each paragraph follows the

same pattern: a couple sentences of exposition and always a sarcastic bon mot to wrap it up. Basically, Huffington's writing is just a transcription of spoken interview-style comments: short, pithy, and capped with a memorable sound bite. This works well on radio and TV, but it makes written prose seem choppy and unfocused. This does not detract from the validity of her accounts, mind you; there's no doubt that CEOs are basically running the economy for their own benefit at the expense of the rest of us. The favors they do themselves and each other are fully documented here and should galvanize the working class to action. Unfortunately, Huffington makes little effort to weave any kind of coherent theme or overarching pattern into these anecdotes. They stand alone as specific complaints, and the final section on "what action is needed" reflects this lack of deeper analysis. The call to action seems limp, consisting of little more than a generic "get involved" message and a list of grassroots-action groups you can join. These are worthy causes, beyond doubt—but Huffington doesn't really have anything new to say about economic abuses that are (by now) common knowledge.

Love it...

Right on!

Although published in 2003 the information in "Pigs" is still relative in exposing current corporate practices, i.e. the control of the US government by big business. Corporate fascism is no joke and rare is the elected official who has not succumbed to the lure of monied lobbyists. The topic is serious but the book is an easy read and meant for sharing.

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