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Who really won the Presidential Election? What's the true purpose of the Chinese moon mission? Who's building big in Madagascar? Who's on a mission to disrupt? America won't be the same again. In fact...

Will it even be America?

A third-party candidate to be US President. An exclusive hedge fund with consistent returns. Naval conflict in the South China Sea. An underground battle over secrets. Unrest in Hong Kong. A destitute woman with nothing to give but the key to unlimited power.

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This book is a political thriller, set in the near future. It has a dark, satirical edge.

It's about what happens when people give up on their familiar political leaders and put their faith in a third-party candidate for President.

He's incredibly successful and stupendously rich.

But do the voters really know what they'd be getting?

Who could stop him?

The homeless woman who joins his campaign? The slacker-girl who gets mixed up with the Robin Hood Party? The Australian whistle-blower guy, who's on the run?

And what if China has surpassed America already?

## **The Plutocrat (US Edition) Details**

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### Ray Simmons says

Plutocrat: A member of a plutocracy. Plutocracy: A country that is ruled by the richest people or a group of very rich people who have a lot of power. The Plutocrat is a very articulate novel by Rory Harden. The Plutocrat takes place in the near future and while that future doesn't look so good, it is certainly interesting to read about. Rory Harden has a knack for writing about the social implications of the political and economic reality. I found The Plutocrat highly informative and entertaining with its slightly depressing vision of what America, Australia, and the rest of the world will look like in the near future. The future described in The Plutocrat is very believable and Rory Harden made me think that it is very probable if not inevitable.

The plot of The Plutocrat is taken right from today's headlines then expanded on in the way only a good writer can. The characters are very realistic, even the desperate ones like Sandy and Ricky. I liked The Plutocrat mostly because it is so well written but also because it gave me hope that an average person without massive amounts of money can still influence the future. We live in a time when America is changing at a phenomenal pace. It will change no matter what we do but novels like The Plutocrat might help some of us, at least try to make informed, intelligent decisions. Domestic politics, international politics, good writing, and great characters make The Plutocrat a novel you won't want to miss.

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### Graham says

I received this book as part of a goodreads giveaway.

The book is a satirical look on American politics, focusing on the periods around elections. The story is based in the near future just after a financial crash. A large homeless population has risen in parks, the majority of people were lead to believe to live beyond there means as a way to get forward in life or have become ill and unable to pay healthcare. The people want change and even though the alternative is worse then the current parties, they happily wish for the old hatred in the foreigners and belief that gods will.

A good story with lots of twists and turns.

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### Kate says

"I received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads"

First of all I read the hardback version of this book and one of the things that instantly put me off was how small the writing was; and being someone who is long sighted, even after short periods of reading I was getting a headache so I had to keep putting the book down quite often which lost the enjoyment of reading it for me. It's described as a political thriller however to me it didn't read like one, it seemed to be more of a trip through a political drama/scandal. Don't get me wrong it had all sorts going on in the actual plot with the Robin Hood Party sticking up for the little guy's and the poor just like the fictional character himself, the down on her luck homeless Sandi who strikes it lucky when she believes God has given her the mission to

help Willard Prince in his campaign to become president and then there's the Terri who is secretly rooting for the Robin Hood Party even though she's end up in a job with the New American Century Fund NACF) so then starts rooting around and sneaking inside data/secrets about the NACF to the Robin Hood party allowing them to unearth what they are really up to. The chapters based on Sandy and Terri I could easily understand, follow and actually rather enjoyed; however the chapters about Ricky rather confused me as I just couldn't understand how he really fitted in as he was one minute in Australia then Madagascar and then London (I know he was on the run but it still confused me). The overall story was actually an enjoyable one, just could have done with being a bit more thrilling and scandalous; the backbone for this Harden had already set up, it was just a shame that it wasn't followed through, leaving the read as average. All in all the text size here was the main issue for me, so I'd recommend that the author increases the size of the text and just have a thicker hardback book if it is ever sent to be reprinted in the future, as I feel that this would be very much appreciated and enjoyed by future readers.

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### **Peter says**

I received this book for free though the Goodreads Giveaway program.

The Plutocrat bills itself as a political thriller and satire. It mixes a presidential candidate modelled on Donald Trump and Bernie Madoff called Willard Prince, a Julian Assange-type "anti-hero", a slacker girl whose sympathies lie with an Occupy Wall Street type organization called "Robin Hood", and a delusional homeless woman who becomes an idiot savant PR guru who works for the presidential candidate.

The plot focuses on the potential impact on the presidential campaign of Prince of the Chinese military/industrial complex, the financial machinations of Prince and the possible release of secrets a la Wikileaks of information damaging to Prince, the Chinese, and US big business.

Although the convoluted plot is easily followed, little suspense is generated. The characters are largely stereotypes or underdeveloped. As a result, the interest is in the interaction of all the moving pieces without our really caring who or what prevails. The underlying political sermon in the novel alerting us to the evils of big business and the coopting of the political process by the wealthy is obvious but isn't too heavy-handed. Overall, a potentially promising premise is competently developed but the book never rises above average.

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### **Michaela says**

I got this book for free from Goodreads First Reads.

In my opinion it is not a thriller, but more of a political drama as there is only little suspense. It was not easy to get into the book, but once I figured out how the main characters are related I started to like it.

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### **Steve Orton says**

I received this book free via a Goodreads giveaway.

All in all, an interesting and insightful read.

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**Emily says**

Unquestionably the finest book I've ever read by a college roommate's husband.

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**Alaina says**

Could not get into this book

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