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When Hillary Clinton spoke of "a vast right-wing conspiracy" determined to bring down the president, many people dismissed the idea. Yet if the first lady's accusation was exaggerated, the facts that have since emerged point toward a covert and often concerted effort by Bill Clinton's enemies--abetted by his own reckless behavior--which led inexorably to impeachment. Clinton's foes launched a cascade of well-financed attacks that undermined American democracy and nearly destroyed the Clinton presidency.

In vivid prose, Joe Conason and Gene Lyons, two award-winning veteran journalists, identify the antagonists, reveal their tactics, trace the millions of dollars that subsidized them, and examine how and why mainstream news organizations aided those who were determined to bring down Bill Clinton, *The Hunting of the President* may very well be the *All the President's Men* of this political regime.

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Everydayreader1 says

The authors of this book have done a superb job of bringing to light what I've long believed Republican politics in the United States to be about, and for that I give them much credit. However, one must have a strong stomach to read it--and I mean that in a literal sense. Reading about vile actions of a political party in an attempt to destroy its opposition has made me feel physically ill. Regrettably, after reading 17% of this book, I am moving on to something that does not arouse such feelings of total disappointment and disbelief in the Republican party.

I do recommend this book to those with a strong stomach who can read this book without feeling physically ill. It will give you an education in GOP politics, and the lengths some are willing to go to destroy their political opponents. This book is truly a journalistic work that deserves to be read. My decision to move on without finishing the book is a reflection on me, and not on this work.

Meg says

“When fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in the flag, carrying a cross.” ---Sinclair Lewis, Nobel Prize winning author of *It Can't Happen Here*, 1935

Conservatives with little critical reasoning skills will immediately try to discredit this book by reciting the old "It's got liberal bias" line...without benefit of thought or consideration as to the findings by two outstanding independent journalists. The book is fascinating, but will leave you so depressed and frustrated...and feeling like another civil war is needed in this country. The very folks who are so afraid of communism and fascism are the same ignorant people who cast their votes to make sure we move ever closer to that end.

Michael Laflamme says

Fascinating, like a train wreck in slow motion. Crime and political thrillers can be tedious reading, because the author has to be ready to defend every point in court. It was already clear from media reports at the time, that there was no real story about the Clintons, only a bag of wind and a ponderous conservative prosecution that never acquired credible evidence of wrongdoing. The book details, in a solid systematic way, the expensive, amateurish, GOP fishing expeditions against the Clinton family, with a detailed analysis of the most bizarre cast of hack conspirators since Shakespeare. If you have patience for detail, this is a wonderful book of history that should make any American sad for the Republic and wary of more partisan persecutions in the future.

Will Byrnes says

This is a very journalistic, detailed look at the players involved in the “vast, right-wing conspiracy” to take down Clinton. In fact the extreme level of detail makes it a bit much to slog through, but it is still worth the effort, even if it remains impossible to keep all the names straight. (In 2004 a documentary of the book was released. It is a narrower view, thank god, and is good enough)

Mark Welkie says

with Gene Lyons

Candace says

Not a fun read -- in fact an extremely disturbing read. The right-wing seems to feel that it is not constrained by any of the principles it publicly espouses. I feel better prepared to follow the political fortunes of Hillary Clinton in the coming year. This is one of those books that everyone should read.

Mike Bascom says

the vast right wing conspiracy!

Jon Smith says

Even though Joe Scarborough doesn't like him, Joe Conason and Gene Lyons set out this ambitious book in 2000, just as the Clinton presidency was ending. It documents the rise of the Arkansas project, a right-wing Republican effort to derail the candidacy of Bill Clinton in 1992. The Whitewater investigation was also aimed at indictments at Hillary Clinton, an attorney working in Little Rock at the time. Many of the characters of this period through 1997 are still around, like Mike Isikoff of Yahoo and George Conway, Anne Coulter, Laura Ingraham and assorted right-wing "journalists." An intriguing book in the raking of American political muck. But a prelude to 2016, for certain.

Richard Jespers says

Excellent if not distasteful book about the truth of 1989-1999: 1) The media who reported selectively about the Clintons 2) Excellent prose, not just another hurry-to-press poly-sci page-turner 3) Great documentation, much of it provided by the enemies themselves: the Tripp tapes, Starr's transcripts, etc. Makes Watergate look like a bungled attempt of naughty children. Republicans will never change. They are Machiavellian to the core, and they will do anything to win. Anything.

Erica says

This book mentions what seems like every single character the Clinton's ever met or had dealings with from the time President Clinton was running for Governor of Arkansas. A bit tedious and hard to follow all the trivial small town characters of Arkansas, but somewhat interesting to read about folks who seem to have nothing better to do with their time than attempts to exact revenge or ruin a political competitor.

Karen-Leigh says

Apolitical all my life, the current US election has me riveted by its amazing nastiness. The public ignorance of their own political system and how it works and is being used is astounding. This book showed even more how dirty US politics has been for a long time. Everyone has an ax to grind. Women wanting money and fame. Men wanting money and revenge. Political rivals hiring spies to dig up dirt and taking a molehill and with twists and embellishments and paid liars turning it into a mountain. Then it takes more investigation and public money to dig through the lies to find the nugget of truth that turns out to be meaningless. People lying under oath and getting away with it unless you are the target of the lies and you lie to protect yourself or your family...you end up the loser. The journalists on radio, television, news magazines, and trash tabloids all printing lies all over the country for ratings. Media corporations making profits out of destroying their own country's image. Huge amounts of tax payer money used to investigate the life of a politician, looking for anything that would pull him down, not for truth but for political gain of one party over another. All this with absolutely no regard for the constitution or for the democracy of the country. All this with absolutely no regard for the honor of the office of the Presidency. Misinformation is still being spread because the truth is lodged in piles of documents never seen by the public and unread by journalists who should be mining them for truth. The lies printed, and since disproved legally, are what is remembered and constantly reiterated. It is nauseating reading no matter what side of the political fence you are standing on...if you have any interest at all in honest government. I read all of Linda Tripp's machinations and illegal taping and lies in this book and looked her up on the internet to find out what ever happened to her, only to read a new interview in January of 2016 filled with more vituperative lies about Clinton. New scurrilous information mixed in with repetition of old lies that have been exposed a long time ago. The media has given this woman, already proved to be a liar and tainted, a voice to add her muck to an already mucky campaign. This book ends with the Lewinsky scandal and here so many years later she is embellishing her story and given a platform to do it. How can it not be suspicious and manipulative? Soul destroying information on how our trusted public officials are corrupted.

Marc says

Conason is a bit too partisan at times. But there is little doubt that neocons were out to get him as payback for Nixon. Clinton gave them so much ammunition to work with too. In many ways Clinton is as responsible for the sullied office of the president as Nixon, but he wasn't impeachable. Dubbya was more so than Clinton.

Keifer Miller says

This book was recommended to me as a way to fill in some of the gaps I had of the politics of my childhood.

Setting aside how I feel about the events within, I came to mildly dislike the book itself.

The tone oscillates from milquetoast journalism to snarkily partisan, and a lot of background information on the figures touched upon in the book is relayed in the narrative. Which would be fine, if the book didn't then proceed to reintroduce that background information for every chapter that they appear in.

The end result is a work that relays interesting events in a repetitious way.

Sharon Harvey says

Again, I did not finish this book. It is incredibly interesting the lengths that the republican party have gone to in their witch hunt. Good lord, 7 investigations into those bloody e mails alone. How much money did that cost the tax payers!?

So this book will be donated. Clearly brains are not required here.
