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What events led a veteran Secret Service agent at the top of his profession, with no political experience, to resign his position and run for office, nearly pulling off the unlikeliest of upsets as a Republican in a deep-blue state? More importantly, what insight on issues from national and personal security to big politics can be gleaned from his successes as a Secret Service agent and failures in politics? As a former member of the elite Presidential Protection Division who served three Presidents, bestselling author Dan Bongino is uniquely qualified to provide a view from behind the curtain to warn readers about the political system that is failing them, and the security future that won't protect them.

The majority of Americans only come into contact with security when they fly or enter their workplace. They are rarely able to become acquainted with the politicians they know from robo-calls and TV ads. Bongino has experienced the inner-workings of the national security apparatus and the failed political theater that we all feel but rarely understand. Using a mix of current events, an insider's analysis, and tales from his time protecting the president, he shows where clear and foreseeable leadership failures from our current administration led to grave consequences. From a broken political process to a president who consistently misreads the American people, he shows us where America has gone wrong and how we can fight back.

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Sue Critz says

I found this book somewhat more revealing of an inside look at the Secret Service. Although not a true exposé of the Secret Service, it does a good job of describing the sorts of threats the Secret Service is charged with meeting, as well as the difficulties in meeting those threats, ending with offering proposed solutions. A good read.

Matthew A. Smith says

This book is very much like his podcast, EXCELLENT! I would highly recommend this book and his podcast!

Edie Reynolds says

Excellent book explaining what the Secret Service does. Dan Bongino writes about his time with the service. He also writes about the good and the bad and how it can be improved. I also listen to Dan Bongino's Podcasts which are a good source for current events especially with what is happening at this time.

Jim Brown says

If you are into politics, this book is for you! Dan Bongino is a former Secret Service Agent who has made two bids to run for national office. His book, The Fight, is not only an inside look at life in and around the White House and security details for the President and other VIPs, he discusses in detail the obstacles thrown in his path by the "Establishment" politics as well as media bias that kept his message from getting the public attention it deserved and should have gotten in a media world that otherwise should be fair and impartial but isn't. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. It gave me an insight to Washington and local politics that I have only known from the edges. More importantly, there are leadership lessons embedded in the book that anyone in business can learn from. It is a very enlightening and enjoyable book to read. Who should read it? Anyone interested in politics, interested in possibly running for a political office, anyone interested in improving their leadership styles and effectiveness and anyone who votes! That covers just about everyone.

Chris Hart says

Coincidentally, I read this book and the author's first book at the same time. The first one ("Life Inside the Bubble") is more of a memoir while this one is his policy prescriptions for our nation. The other book is

MUCH more readable. Whether this is due to his closer ties to the subject matter, having a better ghost writer, or having a better editor (or all three), I don't know. The meandering, clause-laden sentences in this book made me feel like I was wading through mud to get to the points Bongino was trying to make.

Mary Lou says

As a Secret Service agent in the Clinton, Bush, and Obama administrations, Bongino has been a fly on the White House wall. As a 2x candidate for Congress (House and Senate), he's intimately familiar with party politics. As a contributor on major news networks, he's seen the media in action. Bongino knows how the sausage is made, and he's trying to pull back the curtain on the slaughterhouse.

There are some insightful observations in "The Fight" and anecdotes as well as statistics to back them up. Bongino is a smart guy, but he's not always great writer and his books would benefit from a better editor. Put in the hands of someone who could tighten up his writing, his books could be great rather than just good. But "The Fight" is good and brings up some really important issues.

David says

Good book!

Don says

question authority, not on my watch, abuse of power by irs gsa fbi cia hhs and more with bad atmosphere, media role to report though media conformance instead and no credibility, the left and Obama prefer sacrifice of others and throw anyone under the bus, facts be damned like Clinton debt from 4.4 to 5.8T, get big to save country.

Leslie Wiewel says

I always enjoy Dan's perspective and analysis of situations. He has a gifted ability to see through the garbage.

Richard says

Based on the writing alone, the book probably deserves 3 stars. But because of the importance of the subject matter and the succinct way Bongino expresses key points, I give it 4 stars.

Dan Bongino is a class act, a rarity among those who run for Congress. In a short, interesting, easy-to-read book, Bongino lays out point after major point about where we are as a country. And we're not in a good place. What is so frustrating is that it is all fixable if only people would quit buying into the "us" versus

"them" mentality. Grassroots Republicans are in open revolt against their "establishment" right now. Grassroots Democrats are getting there as well. It is time for the politicos to quit playing games. I'm afraid our time is getting short if we continue on the same path.

Laurie Brown says

I got thru one chapter and gave up. Boring.

Russty says

Another vision of how to "drain the swamp" with a few SSPD "war stories" thrown in to give the book at least a little excitement...

Donna Tallent says

This book got great reviews but I struggled..

It opened with a chapter about Dan losing his political campaign which I think set the mentality of "I'm mad so I'm going to write a book about what's wrong with the Secret Service to show my hatred". A Republican picking apart the Democrat president was also very prominent throughout the book. If you're going to tell the readers that these problems have been happening for decades, then don't point the blame on the White House under one President.

On a positive note, it was a bit interesting learning about the Secret Service. Some things I had always assumed and some things took me by surprise.

Ricardo Suave says

I really enjoyed this book, Dan does a fascinating job really breaking down why and how government fails its citizenry. He speaks about the bureaucracy that caused the issues with the fast and the furious scandal, Benghazi, even to the white house fence jumper (Joseph Caputo). etc. It's one thing to hear about these failing on the news by a bought and paid for media, but to understand it through an insiders perspective is invaluable. This book goes is above being a gossip insider piece. It's about to show what the failings are in government, why there are failures, and why things aren't getting any better. His overall solution is to "get big". I couldn't agree more, until we the people can decide what our worth is don't expect things to get better.

John Ballin says

I was hoping to get more of the inner working of the Secret Service but this seemed mainly to be a book to

introduce Dan to voters so he can run for something.
