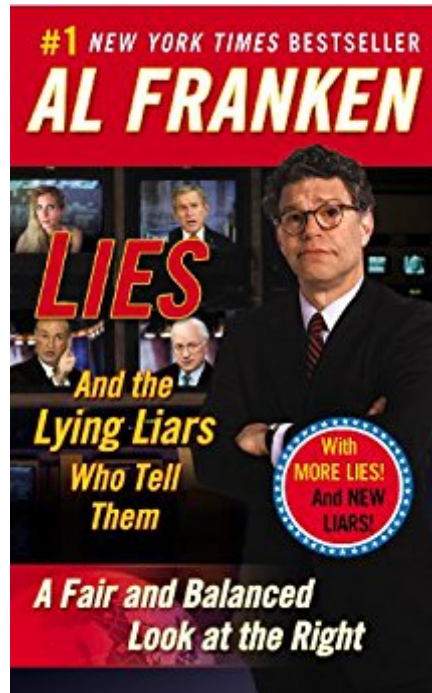




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Lies: And The Lying Liars Who Tell Them



Synopsis

The #1 New York Times bestseller by Senator Al Franken, author of *Giant of the Senate* Al Franken, one of our most savviest satirists (People), has been studying the rhetoric of the Right. He has listened to their cries of "slander," "bias," and even "treason." He has examined the GOP's policies of squandering our surplus, ravaging the environment, and alienating the rest of the world. He's even watched Fox News. A lot. And, in this fair and balanced report, Al bravely and candidly exposes them all for what they are: liars. Lying, lying liars. Al destroys the liberal media bias myth by doing what his targets seem incapable of: getting his facts straight. Using the Right's own words against them, he takes on the pundits, the politicians, and the issues, in the most talked about book of the year. Timely, provocative, unfailingly honest, and always funny, *Lies* sticks it to the most right-wing administration in memory, and to the right-wing media hacks who do its bidding.

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Customer Reviews

Al Franken cracks me up. He is intelligent, witty, and provides a cohesive narrative.

Good, preachy in places and takes the lies back to those who spouted them. A bit childish in places. Franken is an educated and witty liberal, and the Rabid Right are terrified of such people. The anecdotes of his interactions with the main players of that faction (the mention of whose names got my first review pulled so you'll have to buy the book to find out who they are) are hysterical and scary by turns.

Very funny and well researched

Ever have that nightmare where you are scared, try to scream but can't make a sound? everyone around you seems oblivious? You wake with a start feeling panicked and agitated... Since the Selection of George Jr., this similar feeling of frustration and panicked incredulousness continue --- and sometimes it appears as if no one cares. To question, disagree or protest is dismissed as (gasp!) LIBERALISM or being unpatriotic. This book does an excellent job clearly, intelligently (and humorously) illustrating the doublespeak and bullying commentary of lying liars Coulter, O'Reilly, et al. Witty and informative. Laugh out loud funny but it'll piss you off, too and you will find yourself logging on and doing your own Lexus/Nexus research just to confirm what you have read. Wish I got a cut of the sales profits as I have been caught laughing so hard while reading this book on the train, several people have just had to know what I was reading. Read this. Buy it for others. PS: Where can I sign up for the Team? Would gladly "Hannitiz" Mr. Franken's personal coffee cup.

Mr. Franken relates his PERSONAL interactions with the likes of Ann pimping-for-the-right Coulter, Sean I-can-talk-louder-than-you Hannity and of course everyone's favorite blowhard Bill splotchy-face O'Really?. Unlike Coulter's slanderous tome, this one actually talks about personal experiences and not conjecture leading no where. I've read both this book and "Treason" and all I can say is that I was able to get past the first chapter in this book without wondering aloud, "what is your point?!". There is a bit too much profanity in this for my taste. I guess Mr. Frankin wanted to witness to his ire or add shock value. He did not succeed in either case, I don't beleive. Still, with Mr. Franken's "psycho" personality (walking up to people and asking them pointed questions, rather than the softball stuff they get on talking head shows) he does hit some obvious vulnerable spots of the Right - particularly their self imposed "moral authority". Mr. Franken, rightly proves, that they have neither the morals they claim, nor any type of real leadership/authority (as the Iraq bumbling has once again proven). The Right is made up, primarily, of blustering empty suits who do just as

many underhanded things as the Left (if not more) all the while saying all the culturally PC things that their side wants to hear (and believe about them). The list, for instance, of Rightwingers who have cheated on thier spouses is every bit as long as the Left's - yet the Christian Right continues to support AND FORGIVE them, but not their counterparts. This book clearly points out the hypocrisy in that very action - the ability to forgive one on your side but deamonize, ala Coulter and Rush Got-any-Drugs Limbaugh, others who disagree with you. Rush's hypocrisy is not on display here, but with Rush, as with most Republicans, it is only a matter of giving them enough rope/power.

Must read for everyone! I highly recommend. A lot of research is evident to any reader.

I didn't even know Franken had a new book out till I read all the hoopla in the papers about the Fox network suing to prevent him from using,(of all things!),the words "fair and balanced".(Not to overuse these parentheses,but),(the suit had the effect of shooting the book from number 489 to number one on the site.) Yikes !!! Boy did they make a blunder. One that will reverberate through the political right wing and all the way up to the Presidency if there is any justice in this country. Al and his (brilliant)Harvard student aides have crafted a book that is completely and devastatingly,(to conservatives),backed up by documentation as to what lies were told, by whom, and finally unimpeachable sources that show the lies were truly a part of the ("if not vast, then very, very large"), (Al's words), right wing conspiracy. Do yourself and your book-sharing buddies a favor and spread this important book around!!! (Please...)

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