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From the mega-bestselling author of *The O'Reilly Factor* and *The No Spin Zone*, a no-holds-barred exposé of the people and institutions who are letting Americans down - and what we should do about it.

Bill O'Reilly is mad as hell - and he's not going to let you take it anymore. In his most powerful and personal book yet, this media powerhouse and unstoppable truth-teller takes on those individuals and institutions in American life who are failing in their duties - big-time. In his inimitable style, mixing wit, pugnacity, and plain common sense, O'Reilly kicks butt and takes (and also names) names - from crooked corporate weasels to venal politicians to lazy and/or politically correct bureaucrats to sexually predatory priests and the Church hierarchy that protects them to a media establishment rife with political bias and economically hooked on violence and smut. At the same time that he calls the famous and powerful to account, he dares to get personal, questioning just how much our closest friends, families, and lovers *do* look out for us, and delivering a powerful message about personal responsibility and self-reliance in an uncertain world. He forces us to ask just how much genuine altruism is left in a society that thrives on self-indulgence and ruthless competition.

Who's Looking Out for You? is a book that boldly confronts our worst fears and biggest problems in a post-9/11, post-corporate-meltdown world. Its sage, candid advice on regaining control and trust in these troubled times will resonate with the millions of readers and viewers who have come to believe in Bill O'Reilly as the man who speaks for *them*.

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Arminius says

Bill O'Reilly's "Who's Looking Out For You" is not a bad book. In the beginning of the book he lists what he calls "The Ten Commandants of Parenting." They include the following recommendations: a parent should spend time with their child, provide discipline, educate them, screen their friends, and remove TV's and computers from their child's room et al.

He goes on to inform, or re informs in some cases, you that most institutions and the government does not look out for you. He analyzes America's justice system. He said that it looks out for itself. If you enter the justice system as a defendant it is akin to paying dues to become part of a club. The system does not care about you, it cares about itself. He talks about lawyers who defend people when they know the person's guilty.

One place that he believes is looking out for you is the church. The church teaches lessons and morality that protects us by helping us make good decisions. He uses the examples of how one of his best friends became a drug addict. He didn't because his church taught him that drugs were wrong and bad.

He reveals his trials and tribulations at his various reporting jobs before he became a prime-time news magnate. Out of this he gives some good advice: be independent and tolerant, forgive yourself for mistakes, read and think over and over again, take care of your body, separate yourself from "toxic" people and cultivate friendships with good people.

D says

I borrowed this 2003 book from a friend, after reading O'Reilly's Killing Lincoln and Killing Kennedy books. This book was interesting, but dated. I am not super conservative, but still found myself agreeing with much of what O'Reilly said in this book, including why it was important for the U.S. to remove Sadam Hussein from power in Iraq. I've always rather liked O'Reilly's show on Fox News, although it is in the only show on that network I can watch for more than about five minutes. All in all, a fairly interesting book, and it helped me realize that I am more politically conservative than I thought I was.

Kevin Kirkhoff says

As I've said before, I always enjoy reading O'Reilly's books. Some things he says I say, "Boy, you got that right". Other things I have to shake my head and say, "Bill, you really don't get it". Same with this book.

The purpose of this book is to determine who really has your best interests at heart. According to Bill, not too many people. Although I don't think he specifically says it, he gives me the impression that a lot of people have an entitlement attitude and truly feel that lots of people are out to take care of them. Among the people and entities that don't care one bit about you are: politicians, the court system, corporate America (specifically those that want to sell you stuff), celebrities, and the church.

I understand his arguments, but where he misses the boat is that he expects corporations, politicians, and celebrities to be moral, ethical, and social beacons from which we (and our children) learn. Not so, Bill. That

should be taught at home and at school. I do expect it from the courts and churches. He's right about that.

In each chapter he gives examples of what's right and wrong about that particular topic. As I said, he does make you think. He made my case for why I disagree with him much stronger, but he gave me some good examples of things I agree with him on. Good book.

Jamie says

I bought this book for my husband who is a conservative republican and generally enjoys talk radio, etc. We tried to read this book and I thought it was terrible. We read 3 of the 10 chapters and couldn't bother to finish the rest. It was that bad. Maybe it just wasn't what I was expecting, but it was incredibly boring.

sarg says

On one of my roamings through a local junk shop I came across a copy of Bill O'Reilly's book. Too late in the year to start a long fiction book so took it home and did a quick two hour read of its 212 pages. Discovered some interesting thoughts about who most people believe are working in the public and more specifically ones interest. More specifically government, judicial, and the news publications. He makes a good argument that they in the most part not truly interested in our interest. Ok read gave it 4 stars.

Stephannie says

In an effort to hear what "the other side" had to say, I took the book from the library shelf. O'Reilly has an interesting vantage point -- who really has your interests in mind -- in this one. I appreciated that it was not all political, and particularly enjoyed his perspective on one's parental roles & obligations in looking out for their children.

This book was not as abrasive as I had anticipated. It was fascinating to learn that he believes he's looking out for public interest in his work. Even as a left-wing liberal, I can acknowledge that O'Reilly has some good points to be made.

Jim says

I really tried to keep an open mind while reading this and, truthfully, there are some points upon which I agree. But O'Reilly is such a narcissistic, sanctimonious jackass that it's hard for me to care.

Kristen says

My step-dad Art, loved Bill O'Reilly. I picked up this book at his house one day and boy did I learn alot! American politics at its worst. I was raised in a Republican household so I heard some stuff, not that I paid much attention. I was too busy with my social life to care about boring old politics. Well when I grew up and

got my real first job and actually started paying attention, I did not like what I saw. How did we get to where we are today? Our founding fathers would be very upset to see the misconstrued way certain groups are f-ing up the Constitution. We are the greatest country on this planet. We value human-life like no other country. We are the most generous country on this planet and we fight for our freedoms and the freedoms of other countries. Unlike most on tv would like you believe we as a nation care about humanity, this planet, the future. I love Bill's honesty and he is not afraid to uncover the lies that are fed to us on a daily basis.

Jan Sydnam says

Very informative and well written. For anyone that wonders "what's going on" in this country...this is a must read. O'Reilly is straight and to the point.

Mark Savignano says

Let me wreck this book for you. Page 1 - title page, Page 2 - the white blank page, Page 3 - Chapter one "Who's looking out for you", First paragraph - "Nobody!"

Save yourself the money!

Evan says

In this book, I liked how it was upfront that it was opinionated, it allowed for me to read it and not question what was fact and what was opinion because they were clearly stated. It was also interesting to see the political views of Bill O'Reilly and the subjects that he was concerned about.

Something that I didn't like was how there wasn't a flow to the book because it wasn't a story. One chapter would be about one thing and the next a separate subject.

Summary:

Children that are not raised in the right conditions are more prone to be criminal, and think differently about themselves. There is a new "me" generation that isn't self-dependent than they should be, and want the government to provide for them. America is a lot different than it used to be. Parents need to be careful with what they expose their children to. Racism in the United States isn't nearly as common as the media portrays it to be and is used as nothing but a political tool, and is why nothing is done about it. The United States is a great place to live and not many other places can say the same.

Leslie D. Soule says

This book has been on the backburner of my "to-read" list for quite some time, but it should have been right up at the top. In this book, Bill O'Reilly asks the all-important question that we all must pose to groups and individuals alike - "Who's Looking Out For Me?" And the answer, at least in part, is Bill O'Reilly, since he

wrote this very helpful book to assist you in finding the answers and knowing what to look for in toxic people who are best avoided. This was a quick read, but a great one, and although I don't agree 100% with some of O'Reilly's views, he has presented them respectably.

Shane Woolf says

Short, sweet, and clean. You don't even have to drink the special Kool-Aid to enjoy it or to gain some perspective. I recommend this book for anyone. Although, "Trust-fund babies and corporate weasels are not allowed to read this book."

O'Reilly's thoughts on parenthood and parental responsibility are refreshing. Unfortunately, most of the folks that need to hear what he says will never read this book. He also has great insight into how and why the government isn't looking out for us.

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasure. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's great civilizations has been two hundred years. These nations have progressed through the following sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to great courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependency, from dependency back to bondage. — Attributed to Alexander Fraser Tytler"

Easy read. Not a major time suck.

Jenny says

Didn't know much about Bill O'Reilly having lived in Australia for most of his controversial career. I have to say that I liked a lot of what he said in the book. It was logical and I appreciate someone who gets outraged by people who do step on the common man. I don't find it cocky as some have put in their reviews. He jokes about his level of cockyness on his show but he also says "you don't have to believe me, you make your own judgment" which I appreciate because I don't know any other author of a non-fiction book that would say that. I would like to see his show though to see how the man comes across on the screen as he commented on how he is on his shows. But the book itself is not offensive and very informative. Would recommend it to anyone and everybody.

Truthcansuck Goring says

Jesus... let me synapse this book for you, shall I?

Bill looks out for the 'little guy.' How is not clear. He repeats it enough that you absorb it and accept it

through osmosis if you are not paying attention, so pay attention.

Bill is nonpartisan. Bill thinks politicians are generally not honest. George Bush may (may) have fibbed on aspects of minutia dealing with inconsequential matters. Bill Clinton almost assuredly rapes puppies. Little, cute puppies. And then e-mails the photos to random nuns and children.

Whom he then rapes. Bill manages to be nonpartisan kinda like that.

Bill is a douchebag. That's not a quote from the book, just my opinion after reading it.
