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**Don't despair. Don't retreat. Fight back.**

The stunning election of Donald J. Trump rocked an already divided America and left scores of citizens, including the nearly sixty-five million voters who supported Hillary Clinton, feeling bereft and powerless. Now, Gene Stone, author of *The Bush Survival Bible*, offers invaluable guidance and concrete solutions they can use to make a difference in this serious call-to-arms—showing them how to move from anger and despair to activism as the Trump presidency is in full swing and he signs one executive order after another.

Before we can successfully engage, we need to be clear about the battles ahead. Stone outlines political and social concepts—including such issues as Civil Rights, Women's Rights, the Environment, Obamacare, International relations, and LGBTQ Rights—providing a brief history of each, a refresher on Obama's policies, and an analysis of what Trump's administration might do. Stone then provides an invaluable guide for fighting back—referring to organizations, people, sites, and countless other resources that support positive and possible goals.

While marches and social media are important forms of protest, concrete actions achieve real change. Positive and reinforcing, *The Trump Survival Guide* presents the essential information we need to effectively make our voices heard and our power felt.

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### **Kelly Hager says**

It would be easy to dismiss this as whining and handwringing. That's not accurate, however. Instead, this book breaks down several issues (including the environment, reproductive rights, LGBT rights and the environment), gives a brief background and shares what President Obama did for said issue. Then it explains what President-elect Trump could do, THEN gives ways to fight back and gives a few books to read for further education.

This is such a valuable resource. I know a lot of people (including myself) who have felt helpless since the election. It's been really good to see that we do still have options and that while the next few years may still be awful, we can certainly mitigate that if we stay involved.

Highly recommended.

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### **Stephany says**

This is a short book, but it's packed with information. If you're like me and just got interested in politics due to the disastrous 2016 presidential election, I'd implore you to give this a read because Gene Stone does a fantastic job at breaking down the history of various political issues - from women's rights to entitlement programs to national security to immigration - in an accessible way. Each chapter focuses on a specific issue where he gives the history, what Obama did in regards to the issue, and what Trump might do (and, in some cases, his predictions have already come true, which is demoralizing). Each chapter also has suggestions for what we can do in order to fight against Trump's agenda, as well as books to read for further information.

A really fantastic book for those actively involved (or want to be actively involved, but don't know where to start) in the resistance.

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### **Candice says**

The book surprised me. It's not a hateful screed against Trump. The author brings up several topics, among them the environment, immigration, and women's issues. He gives a history of each topic and then explains what President Obama did and then what Trump might do. I like that he said might do and not will do. He gives a list of books (most of them very current) on each topic and also a list of organizations you can join or support. It's worth a look.

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### **Cheryl says**

A great summary of the mess we are in, how we got here, and things to look for. Best of all, suggestions for what to do to make a difference and to counter the atmosphere of hate and stupidity threatening to take over

the country.

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## ?Misericordia? ~ The Serendipity Aegis ~ ?????? ✨\*♥♥ says

Abismal quality of the book. Join this, do that, go there... Why on earth would anyone need such a guide no matter what their political preferences are? What, the US population got banned from Google now?

This book is such a sad testament to how the US turned out to be not ready to experience democracy. The same one the US has been popularizing around the world.

Why should the average population even need for the tandem of Bush - Clinton - Bush - Obama to be followed by a yet another Clinton? And such hysterical reactions to legitimate elections held in the home country of the US... It's a disgrace, really. Politics shouldn't be about dirty tricks. It should be about who wins the vote according to the rules of the country holding it.

The vote itself shouldn't be about women or minorities getting elected. You shouldn't be willing to vote for a woman just because she's a woman... Women and men meet in bedroom, not during the elections where they all are citizens. It should be about who you want to elect, who you admire, who can get things done, who can produce results.

The democracy is about anyone, just about anyone being able to follow their dreams and achieve what they want, including being elected to be a president. Not just the inside clique of professional politicians with inordinate amounts of 'guanxi' and total lack of common sense. Grrr! It's sad to see the once-mighty US diminished to this...

And while I do realize that journalists need to make money including selling their efforts to the highest bidders, still it makes me sad to see that the same people who did not write any books on how the Yugoslavian citizens should survive the air raids of 1999 write books now on how to 'survive' a patently legitimate elected president of their own country, and a rather business-oriented one at that. A proved businessman, not a war-monger (old boys Bill/George/Barack), not a paranoiak (see Hilary/Barack). This mass hysteria makes no sense.

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## Christopher says

The election of Donald Trump (Donald Trump?!?!?) as the 45th President of the United States shocked many people and left them wondering what they can do to protect the gains made under President Obama's tenure. This book fills that need by looking at the history of critical political issues facing the country right now, what Pres. Obama did on those issues, what Pres. Trump could do on those issues, and what further actions/readings Obama supporters can do to protect them. In spite of the thumbnail sketch Mr. Stone gives all of these issues, this book is surprisingly deep and fair. Indeed, this may be *the* one place stop for every peaceful Trump Resistance Fighter out there. Not only does it assess Pres. Obama's legacy on the issues well, it uses Pres. Trump's own words and actions to determine what directions he could take on these issues when in office. Also, Mr. Stone's suggestions on what organizations to support, what actions citizens can take, and what books people can read are vital. However, this book was clearly rushed to publication and its grammatical mistakes and outdated information on Pres. Trump's Cabinet picks bear those marks. I know there was a critical need for this book, but could the author and editor have given it one more look before sending it to the printing house? And I am skeptical of the author's concluding remarks on how impeachment

may not be the best move as that will only elevate Vice-President Mike Pence to the Presidency. Pres. Trump is in clear violation of the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution and we should not take impeachment off the table just because we don't like the next guy in the line of succession. Still, this is a critical need for anyone who wants to take back their politics from Pres. Trump and his cronies.

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### **Madison says**

Don't shy away from this book because it appears gimmicky - it's a great resource for anyone that is overwhelmed by the current administration and doesn't know how to help. Each chapter is dedicated to a specific issue (national security, women's issues, education, etc) and details America's history with it, the Obama administration's accomplishments within that sphere, the Trump administration's plans, and then information about how to get involved! I would definitely recommend as a good way to formulate your personal involvement.

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### **Miss Ryoko says**

Took me a while to get this book read because I lost interest in it very early on.

I was hoping this book would be a bit funny and entertaining, but it turned out to be pretty educational. The author spoke on a number of topics, giving a brief history of these topics, what Obama did, and what Trump could possibly do, and then gave information on how to help in each of these areas of concern. The bummer is that pretty much every section had the same answers for how to help - and it was basically "volunteer and donate" - so I was annoyed by reading that response over and over again.

This book was informative and helpful - I enjoyed that the author gave a list of books to read up on each topic at the end of each chapter. But unfortunately, the book fell flat for me. I didn't care to read it and when I did, it was because I forced myself to do so.

However, I will give credit where it is due - it was an easy read with basic info. It's a good book to read if you're like me and don't follow politics much and feel overwhelmed by trying to follow politics. I just, personally, got bored with the book.

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### **Pam says**

It is such a good idea to have the background of the issue, what President Obama did on the issue, and then the action that Trump might take. It really helped make things clear. I was listening to the book on Audible and I ordered it as a Kindle book to SEE the information on what to do.

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### **Miriam Downey says**

Read my full review here: My five-year-old granddaughter said to me the other day, "I watched Donald Trump on television when my mommy wasn't looking." Like she was watching porn or something!. This is an extremely sad state of affairs when a five-year-old isn't in awe of the president-elect or respectful of the

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office.

In The Trump Survival Guide, Gene Stone gives liberals and progressives a call to action for the next four years. He begins with an historical guide to the actions of ineffective presidents of the past, and offers concrete solutions to help those of us in despair to find ways in which we can actively be watchdogs to hold Trump and his administration accountable for the decisions that will be made in the next four years.

Stone looks at important policies of the country through several lenses—the history of the policy, what President Obama did regarding the policy, what President Trump might do, and what the average citizen can do to support, and in some cases save, the policies that are important to them. He discusses civil rights, the economy, education, women's rights, immigration, the environment and several others. The chapters that interested me the most personally were the chapters on education, immigration, and women's rights. I particularly liked all the contact information that individuals can use to become active advocates for the policies that are most important to them.

As for me, I am going to continue to be actively involved in immigration reform and women's rights. My little five-year-old granddaughter and her mother are going with me to the rally in Lansing, Michigan on the day after the election. My daughter, step-daughter and teenage granddaughters will be in Washington. We cannot remain silent.

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### **Kerry Ogenoff says**

I enjoyed the format of this book:overview/history of a particular issue, what Obama did, what Trump is expected to do and what we can do to be involved and stay educated about these issues.

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### **jv poore says**

This was an impulse buy at my beloved indie, Fountain Bookstore. The title amused me & I thought the book would be funny. It was not. It was interesting & informative & I'm glad to have it.

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### **Will Byrnes says**

#### **Don't get mad. Get Organized!**

With the arrival of Donald J. Trump in the oval office, the nation is faced with a large set of challenges. You may be tempted to throw up your hands and retreat from any sort of engagement. After all, what can one person, without billions of dollars and/or an army, actually do against the organized force of billionaires united in the looting of American financial and natural resources, and acting in concert in waging a one-sided class war on those of us who are not of their inner circle? Gene Stone has some answers.

It was certainly the case that grass roots activity, however much it was of the astro-turf variety, and funded by right-wing money men, was effective in making life for President Obama a living hell for almost all of his two terms. The lessons that were learned by the right came, ironically, from a left-wing organizer named Saul Alinsky. It is time for Democrats, liberals, progressives, moderates, anyone with a conscience to learn

those lessons as well, and begin the long journey of political resistance that is our only hope of saving the nation from ruin.

**Gene Stone** – from his Twitter page

Gene Stone offers a very accessible guide to how anyone might go about participating in this. The book covers twelve broad areas of concern; Civil Rights, The Economy, Education, Energy, Entitlement Programs, The Environment, Immigration, LGBTQ Issues, National Security, Obamacare, Political Issues, and Women's Issues.

The layout is consistent from chapter to chapter. Each of the twelve topic chapters follows a format:

The Background

What Did Barack Obama Do?

What Might Donald Trump Do?

What Can you Do? – There are often subsections to this one. Things like

----Organizations you can donate to

----Organizations you can volunteer in

----Sign Petitions

----Make use of Social Media to communicate your concerns

Books to Read

The concluding chapter tosses in a potpourri of other subject areas.

As a definitive volume on how to oppose the incoming madness, this is far from complete. However, as an introductory pocket guide to how to get started, an easy intro to anyone looking to do *something* to oppose the reactionary programs that will be afflicting us all in the years ahead, this is an invaluable book. Short, very easy to read, specific enough on what the issues are, what options one might have for action, where one can look to apply those actions, and it offers extra sources of information for those eager to learn more about each subject area.

And some warnings stand out. For example,

**Despite all the advances made in the LGBTQ community, many of them can be rolled back—quickly, easily, and effectively.**

There are also some nice extra bits in here that made it an enjoyable as well as a useful read.

**In 1812 Massachusetts governor Elbridge Gerry signed a bill that took redrawing he state's district lines to such extremes that one district looked like a salamander. The term "gerrymander" was born and has been used ever since to describe this practice.**

Maybe you knew that. I had no idea

I found the intro sections reasonable, although I did note a few items that merited a bit of correction. The author refers to “The Affordable Care Act, instantly and forever known as ObamaCare to foes and allies alike. “ Actually that was not the case. The right labeled the ACA as “Obamacare” as an insult, the same way they insist on calling the Democratic Party the “Democrat Party.” It was only after some time that Democrats decided to embrace the name. Stone also implies that the Democrats broke new ground by using budget reconciliation to get Obamacare passed, not mentioning that President Bush the second had done the same thing to pass his ruinous tax cuts. Minor gripes to what is, overall, a pretty useful book.

*The Trump Survival Guide* is no one's idea of a comprehensive manual for the battles ahead. But it is most

definitely an excellent intro, particularly for the vast majority of people who have never engaged in any sort of political activism before. The more people who are involved in fighting back, the likelier it is that crucial victories can be won. If you are at all concerned about what the Trumpinistas have planned, and are thinking about how you might be able to help in the movement to resist, checking this book out would be a great first step.

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=====EXTRA STUFF

Links to the author's personal, Twitter and FB pages

I strongly suggest you also check out a document that was put together by former Congressional staffers, Indivisible. It can be downloaded for free at the linked site.

If you are interested in calling your elected officials, a new site, The 65, named for the 65 million who voted against Trump, can help, offering scripts covering a range of policy issues.

January 27, 2017 - The forecast is rough weather ahead for the administration as it tries to keep the store of science in the public files away from the public. Here a very welcome tale of resistance, from the Washington Post - National Weather Service has an 'alt' Twitter, and it already has over 71,000 followers - by Angela Fritz

February 13, 2017 - The Power of Disruption - by NYT columnist Charles Blow

The June 2017 *National Geographic* cover story has particular relevance to the treatment of actual truth in today's political environment. It is illuminating, if not exactly uplifting. - Why We Lie: The Science Behind Our Deceptive Ways - By Yudhijit Bhattacharjee

June 25, 2017 - New York Magazine - Social Darwinism Is What Truly Guides Trump - by Jonathan Chait

June 28, 2017 - National Geographic - The Map That Popularized the Word 'Gerrymander' - by Greg Miller

July 1, 2017 - an outstanding article about the power of honest communication - from the Washington Post - 'Love Thy Neighbor?' - by Stephanie McCrummen

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## Liz says

::I received an egalley of this book from Edelweiss and Dey Street Books in exchange for an honest review::

This was fantastic! I will admit I don't stay on top of politics as much as I should. This is a great refresher on what's going on in a variety of political topics. It covers the background of each topic, what Obama has accomplished in each topic (or not), what Trump might possibly do based on what he's said about each topic and what he's done so far, and what you can do to help prevent him from destroying everything, as well as 'further reading' lists at the end of each chapter. The author did a great job of explaining each topic clearly and I really enjoyed reading the background for each topic. It's a super quick read so I would recommend it

to everyone including Trump supporters.

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## **Carol says**

Surprisingly large amount of historical reference and context. I've got a lot more work and reading to do thanks to this book. ?

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