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From bestselling author and host of HBO's *Real Time*, Bill Maher's new book of political riffs serves up a savagely funny set of rules for preserving sanity in an insane world A follow-up to the *New York Times* bestselling *The New Rules*, *The New New Rules* delivers a series of hilarious, intelligent rants on everything from same-sex marriage to healthcare, from Republican agendas to celebrity meltdowns, with all the razor-sharp insight that has made Bill Maher one of the most influential comedic voices shaping the political debate today. With another presidential campaign on the horizon and a stellar set of real- life characters to have fun with-"New Rule: If Charlie Sheen's home life means he can't have a TV show, then I say Newt Gingrich can't be president"-this enlightening and important book may be the best thing you pretend to read all year.

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Cathy says

It case it isn't really obvious, if you don't like politically incorrect humor then you should not read this book. The book is a combination of short "new rules," jokes, some new and some that have appeared on *Real Time*, and the longer essays (a page and a half or so) that Bill uses to close the show at the end of the New Rules segment each week. I always thought the longer segments were the best part of the show, and seeing them here reinforces that. The short New Rules are sometimes laugh-out-loud funny, often offensive, frequently frivolous, sometimes clever. But the long essays are almost always ironically thoughtful, sarcastically insightful and just smart. He has them in chronological order, so reading the book felt like a little history lesson, a reminder of some of what went on over the past few years. if you're a fan of Bill's or of *Real Time* then you're sure to like this book. If you like off-color humor, give it a try for the short jokes. And if you like thoughtful political analysis, give it a try for the essays.

These Violent Delights (Robin) says

I've always been a big fan of Bill Maher's HBO show: Real Time with Bill Maher and so reading this was inevitable for me. This book contains some of Bill's New Rules that didn't make it onto his show and others were some of his favorites. There were some extended New Rules in each section, and those tended to be my favorites.

Even though Bill Maher is a liberal, he isn't above admitting liberal faults. & so even though I don't consider myself a liberal, I understand and for the most part agree with Bill's points. It also helps that he doesn't deliver false news just to appease his viewers, he isn't afraid/ against telling the truth. Getting the truth on media sites/ channels is a very difficult thing now a days because all they care about is their ratings.

Back on to the New Rules in this book and Bill's New Rules in general. Bill's humor can sometimes be hard to swallow for certain groups of people and I can understand that. I understand that each New Rule on his show/in his book start with something that is true but is wrong and he makes a 'New Rule' for them. If that makes any sense.

Anyway, I love Bill because of his straightforwardness and willingness to admit when he was wrong and he expects the same to be returned to him.

Paul Dinger says

I love the show Real Time with Bill Maher. I have watched the show since it started. However, I have found that in the last few years a certian angry cynicism has crept in. This cynicism is best exemplified by the title, "How Everyone but me has their head up their ass". The trap of sarcasm is that while it is funny to poke your noses at everyone, it isn't when you never shine that light on yourself. The first New Rules had a leavening of self awareness to it, this book doesn't. It is simply a tirade of how stupid the world is and how stupid he isn't. It just get old and fast. That and the choppy New Rules while funny onscreen just falls flat on the page, especially when a lot of it does cry out for more commentary. Yet when he does, it becomes more and more

hopeless meandering of who stupid everyone is. You know Voltaire thought the world was stupid and yet his *Candide* is one of the most readable books there is. So, New Rule: Those who think they are smarter and better than everyone else should be ready to prove it, to just say it over and over again makes one wonder how much you really believe it.

Traci says

You have to say one thing for Bill Maher: the man speaks his mind and makes no apologies for doing so.

If you're not familiar with the sometimes-caustic, liberal host of HBO's *Real Time*, then you most likely picked up this book by mistake. I used to watch Maher when his show was still on "regular" television, before he spoke up about something, got everyone's panties in a twist, and had to go back to HBO. Yes, that should tell you something right there: he used to be on cable, moved to late-night TV, then went back to cable. Maher's guests were always an interesting bunch. I can remember one show that included Marilyn Manson, Florence Henderson, and two other guests. I don't remember who the other two were, but I do remember that one of them was a religious nut-job, and I say that in the nicest way possible. It was quite a sight to see Manson sitting there calmly trying to debate said nut-job and Mrs. Brady had to be the one to tell this lady to please be quiet and let the young man have a chance to speak. Surreal!

Anyway, Maher covers most of the same ground he did in his previous book and on his show. In fact, he admits in the foreword that the longer, more "philosophical" pieces are basically straight from the show, although not all made it to air. The short musings are funnier, in my humble opinion, and they are definitely short. This is the sort of book that you can pick up and digest little nuggets, akin to the evil McDonald's Chicken Nuggets that Maher likes to make you feel bad about eating.

Prime example (and one near & dear to my heart, as I am now a rebel at the ripe old age of almost 44!) Tat Patrol: Now that everyone has a tattoo, it will now be considered rebellious to not have a tattoo. Seriously. I think the Jonas Brothers have tattoos now. I'm sure Mitt Romney is all inked up. Betty White has one across her back that says "F**k the Police" - that I know for sure.

Now, as funny as I found a lot of Maher's musings, I have to admit that I was a bit disappointed with him at times, too. He's turned into the "super-left" guy, just as Dennis Miller has turned into the "super-right", and I find that sad. Yes, the Republicans have screwed up things in this country - but so have the Democrats. Yes, there should be higher taxes to help get us out of the national debt, and definitely yes, corporations that manage to pay absolutely no taxes each and every year need to be stopped. But the Democrats went mad with power when they were in the majority, and rather than trying to help the country a little, they "helped" us a lot - and a lot of us really didn't deserve such help. I am all for lending a helping hand, but I grew a bit tired of watching the Democrats give us all handouts. I do agree with Maher when he asks what has happened to us as a country; he feels that we've become too accustomed to sitting around and waiting for the government to "save us". Well, guess what folks? Congress is nothing more right now than a huge daycare full of 2-year-olds that need a nap and refuse to agree on anything. It's going to be up to us, the citizens, to pull ourselves out of this mess - and that won't happen if we're squalling right along with the Big Boys.

All in all, a fun read. But I do wish we'd see a little more "middle" humor from our comedians, because I truly believe that's where most Americans stand - in the middle.

Tim says

If you're a fan of Bill Maher, you'll enjoy new, new rules anecdotes. 9 of 10 stars

Bita says

I love this guy. He is so funny.

Janice Hurley says

love the book.

Daniel says

I thought Bill Maher was funny. I liked POLITICALLY INCORRECT and RELIGULOUS. So I downloaded this audiobook from my library. I listened to about 30 minutes of it and died of boredom.

Bill Maher's circa-2004 jokes (Lindsay Lohan is a drunk coke-head, Britney Spears is a slutty trampy hookery whore, Andy Dick is a disgusting spaz, George W. Bush is a man-child, etc) are just are so predictable and unfunny that you kinda feel sorry for the guy. The rest just come across as an old man shaking his cane and ranting about the kids these days. Texting while driving. BlueTooththing while walking. XBOXing while...something, I don't even remember. Yeah, some of the jokes are collected from his REAL TIME monologues over the years so sure, you'd expect a few to be a bit dated. I get that. But most of them are new, meaning his joke about the meat in a Taco Bell burrito is actually the remains of their mascot was written specifically for this book, published in 2011. The chihuahua! Get it? Dog meat in a burrito! hahahahahaha....come on, you guys remember the chihuahua right? From the TV commercials? He'd speak in a Mexican accent and it was cute and sorta racist at the same time? It was only like 14 years ago! Guys? Guys...??? *crickets*.

UUUUUUUUGH. It's like Bill Maher stole the Tonight Show from Conan O'Brien.

Becky says

I decided to make mini fruit skewers for the office potluck tomorrow, so, being the multi-tasker that I am, I decided to listen to an audiobook while I shoved sharp sticks through unsuspecting and defenseless fruit pieces. It was kind of an apt activity, listening to this particular audiobook, because there was pretty much nobody that Bill skipped taking a jab at.

Yeah, yeah... It's bedtime. Whatever, Grammar Cat.

Anyway, Bill Maher is a funny, irreverent fucking guy. I don't agree with everything that he says, but I do appreciate the humor, regardless and I enjoyed this book.

That is all.

Rebecca says

Some of the rules will make you think. Others will make your blood boil. The vast majority of them will make you laugh.

Warning: do not read too many passages at once or you'll risk wetting your pants.

Highly recommended for left leaning liberals.

Carol says

If you love New Rules segment on Real Time with Bill Maher, you will love this book. The audio book is narrated by Bill Maher which is quite hilarious! Some new rules left me laughing so hard my sides hurt.

Kerrie says

It's Bill Maher, so expect lots of crass jokes about porn, masturbation, marriage, and of course the incisive comments about religion and politics. I haven't listened to the Real Time podcast for nearly a year now due to my iPod dying (and not buying another one) so this was a welcome fix. These "new rules" extend back to 2005, some were not used for the show, but many were familiar. The revisits of some of his longer commentaries at the end of the episode had me nodding my head all over again. I don't agree with him on a few things (for being a skeptic, he's unskeptical on a couple topics) but for the most part what he has to say is on the mark and funny.

Searching for porn statistics: "...statistics on porn are hard to come by mainly because when you do a Google search for them you end up looking at porn, and suddenly, it's 3 hours later and the dog is starving."

On the hypocrisy of Evangelicals: "New rule: if you're a Christian who supports killing your enemies and torture, you have to come up with a new name for yourself....And not to put too fine a point on it, but nonviolence was kind of Jesus' trademark. Kind of his big thing. To not follow that part of it is like joining Greenpeace and hating whales. There's interpreting, and then there's just ignoring.

It's just ignoring if you're for torture - as are more evangelical Christians than any other religion. You're supposed to look at that figure of Christ on the cross and think, 'How could a man suffer like that and forgive?' Not, '**Romans are pussies, he still has his eyes!**'"

Velma says

I'm not sure Maher likes women much, and he's a bit fixated on his junk, but this chinese-food of humor (you know: yummy, but you're hungry again an hour after ingesting) is entertaining as all get-out, and I'd totally be Tweeting these piths if I didn't think I'd receive a cease-and-desist from Maher's stable of attorneys.

Like it's predecessor, *The New Rules*, this one is structured as a set of Maher's humorous observations about modern life. This smart, acidic, and hilariously off-color collection of pieces is a quick and entertaining read. I particularly enjoyed the longer, more political editorial essays sprinkled throughout. I think Maher writes from an if-I-don't-laugh-I'll-slit-my-wrists perspective, and it really comes out in these scathing indictments. Also: Best. Forward. EVER.

Be careful where you read this book, though: if you don't like laughing aloud in public, or you are in the closet about using your brain, be sure to read it in the safety and comfort of your own home.

And although I think he'd tell me to fuck off for saying so: Maher for President in 2016!

John says

I really enjoyed this very funny book.

Amanda says

A collection of "New Rules" (brief and sarcastic commentaries on the idiocy of pop culture and the oxygen thieves who drive it) and essays from his closing segment on HBO's *Real Time with Bill Maher*, *The New New Rules* has some obscenely hysterical and politically incorrect moments, as well as enough Sarah Palin slams to keep me smiling for a week. I give Maher credit for doing exactly what a lot of politicians should be doing right now: sticking to his convictions and calling things as he sees them with no allegiances to anything other than what he sees as the truth. He mocks Republican stupidity and Democratic impotency and takes politicians who are in the pocket of corporations to task. Sure, he's kind of an unapologetic asshole while doing it, but at least he's intelligent, funny, and (more often than not) right.

So why didn't I give the book higher than a 3 star? I love Bill Maher's *Real Time* and faithfully tune in each week. I realized after the fact that I probably would have enjoyed the book more if I had purchased the audiobook version. His delivery adds to the sly sarcasm as Maher knows how to bring the snark. Fortunately, I've seen enough of the show that I could "hear" Maher reading this as I read along. And that brings me to the other problem. I'm such a devotee of the show that I had actually seen a lot of this material before, and the pre-2011 stuff seemed pretty stale in terms of relevancy. It's also not the kind of book to read in one sitting (although it would be very easy to do). I had to dip in and out of it while reading other books, but found that it made for a nice "palate cleanser" between book selections. This is well worth a read for those who enjoy this brand of offensive humor, don't watch the show too often, or are diehard Maher fans.

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