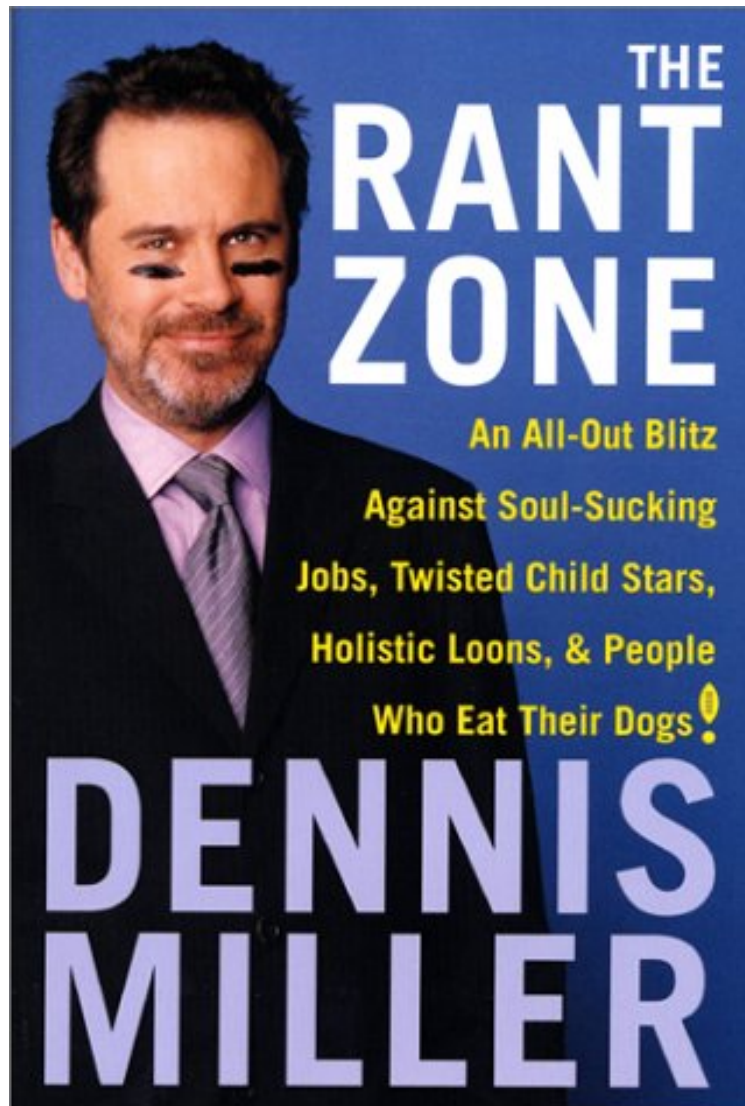


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very FunnyBy CarsonDennis Miller is one of the greats. He deals with everyday issues and topics and is really very insightful. I gave this CD set only four stars because is fairly old so some of the material is past its relevance but still great fun.14 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Put Simply--I LaughedBy Timothy HaughWhat can I say? Dennis Miller makes me laugh. His rambling monologues filled with pretentiousness and profanity make me laugh. He has a sharp, critical eye (which he's not afraid to turn on himself) and I often, though not always, agree with what he has to say. You take comedy with a grain of salt, realizing that it's easy to take shots and less easy to come up with real solutions to the world's problems.I sometimes hesitate to give a book like this a really high rating. Will this book change the world? No. Will it be read a year from now let alone 100 years from now? Probably not. And yet, this book made me laugh out loud more than anything I've read in recent months. It made me laugh more than I remember laughing at Miller's earlier rants. And now, in the aftermath of the tragedies lately, it's just what the doctor ordered. Enjoy it for what it is but enjoy it.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Dennis MillerBy Adam KesslerI don't want to get off on a rant here but this book is great. Dennis Miller has always been one of my favorite comedians of all time I know them all. I've watched comedy since I was 5 years old (I'm 36 now) and he's just a brilliant wordsmith puts his jokes together like no one else. Of course, that's just my opinion, I could be wrong.

In this fourth installment of his acclaimed Rants series, bestselling author, Emmy Award-winning talk-show host, and wisecracking analyst for ABC's Monday Night Football Dennis Miller makes hamburger meat out of society's most sacred cows as only he can, with the kinds of allusions that require high SAT scores -- or at least a smart crib sheet. For instance, in ranting against bureaucrats, Miller notes, "They may bestride the rest of us like some kind of Cubicle Colossus bellowing, 'I am Ozymandias, Clerk of Clerks! Look on my Files, ye Mighty, and despair!' All ye who enter here."Long before he became America's most-beloved, most-trusted, and most-heckled network football analyst, Miller was an expert commentator on another violent full-contact sport: American pop culture. His gridiron work is merely a sideline, a diversion from his life's mission: to flagellate the fat cats and to punish the puny-minded pundits.This time around, Miller takes on child stars with rap sheets, women with bigger muscles than his own, herbs you don't smoke, God, and, yes, football. As always, nothing is out of bounds. And don't feel guilty for laughing -- these rants are actually good for you. (They provide your daily irony supplement.) Hilarious, sometimes angry, always insightful, The Rant Zone is Miller's most provocative book to date. With Dennis Miller calling the signals, the comedy always goes deep.

From Publishers Weekly"I don't care who you know, you never start out at the top, no matter what business you're in. First you're given oil wells, then you're given a baseball team, and then, and only then, are you given the White House." This Miller "rant," similar to the others that run five or six to a page in this new collection, his fourth, encapsulates all of his comic traits: biting, slashing, witty and ecumenically politically savage, targeting right, left and center. This persona honed on HBO's Dennis Miller Live and ABC's Monday Night Football is not a far throw from his kinder Saturday Night Live days, but his aggressive tone and often vicious ridicule make him this country's most notorious satirist, social agitator and malcontent. Whether he is going after George W. Bush or Gary Condit, Miller is rude and abrasive, taking on everyone and everything, from God (whose "name gets thrown around like the drunken dwarf at a biker rally") to the fat Elvis ("after the 50s, even Elvis couldn't do Elvis") although much of his anger is directed at stupidity in government and popular culture. Though funny, the pieces tend to suffer from sameness, and in the end, after he has demolished most everything in sight, readers have no idea of what Miller's politics or thoughts really are. Despite its political topics, Miller's work is really about great stand-up, not serious exploration of current events. Of course, that's just our opinion. We could be wrong. (On sale Oct. 23)Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.From BooklistIn his new collection of, uh, commentaries, many of which have been publicly aired on HBO, Miller scores a few hits and a few misses. His usual suspects--sex, politics, and sports--are his main targets again, but the NFL, perhaps not surprisingly, gets off pretty much unscathed. As usual, Miller begins each piece by saying that he doesn't want to get into a rant. Then he rants. This amusing strategy becomes a little tedious 10 or 15 rants into the book, but then ranting is what Miller does best. Lying flat on the page as they do here, however, their quality of spinning down into a vortex of cynicism doesn't register nearly as well as when he delivers them in stand-up mode. Inflection, timing, and asides are all missing--and missed. Still, Miller remains amusing on such underappreciated aspects of modern life as sports talk radio; in fact, he's moderately entertaining throughout. This volume stacks up nicely with its three predecessors and breaks little new ground, which is probably okay with his fans. One cautionary note: the collection was put together before September 11, and in it, Miller doesn't fawn over W in the now-obligatory manner. Mike TribbyCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved "Wickedly Funny..." (New York Daily News)