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Jim Goad : The Redneck Manifesto before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Redneck Manifesto:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Everyone that is not part of "the 1%" should read this. By Jay Perhaps the single best book I've ever read and I mean in all categories and genres. Goad articulately expounds on the fundamental problem in this county being classism, not racism and racism is encouraged by the upper class to keep the

lower classes from ever achieving any real power. That's a thesis I've had for a long time myself, and actually covered in https://www..com/Reflections-Freedom-Manifesto-People-Beings-ebook/dp/B00IPGL1V8/ref=asap_bc?ie=UTF8. Goad covered this subject almost 20 years before me. I had no idea. The man's mind is phenomenal. He's been called "The greatest writer of his generation" for very good reason. I wholeheartedly recommend this book for ANYONE no matter their race for an understanding of a little understood and very important truth.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Sure explains a lot!!!By RegisVery rambunctious, but a good read so far. The truth is out there and the author, doesn't sugar coat it.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wow!! What an eye-opener! A clearly well-researched ...By Conservative with liberal leaningsWow!! What an eye-opener! A clearly well-researched book..

"A primal scream in defense of white working-class wage serfs....viciously funny...a politically unclassifiable polemic sure to humor, or offend, or enrage...in equal measure". -- BooklistRednecks...hillbillies...crackers...trailer trash. Whatever they're called, America's poor whites have become easy targets for ridicule and hostility in this country.A much needed reassessment of the classic caricature, The Redneck Manifesto traces the history of the white underclass and exposes the real sources of its frustrations, anger, and follies. From a provocative reevaluation of "hatemongers, gun nuts, and paranoid, tax-resisting extremists" to an explanation of why Elvis, Bigfoot, and space aliens are objects of veneration, Goad elucidates redneck politics, religion, and values in his own uniquely unusual way."A furious, profane, smart, and hilariously smart-aleck defense of working-class white culture....Something important, necessary, and long overdue has been said". -- Rod Dreher, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

From BooklistAngry white male or astute social critic? Whichever, Goad (he's not using a pseudonym, is he?) bellows a primal scream in defense of white working-class wage serfs. There is not a meek, mealy-mouthed word in this tract, so readers had better strap themselves in if they recoil from cussing, epithets for every blankety-blank group under the sun, or chapter titles such as "Several Compelling Arguments for the Enslavement of All White Liberals." This tract is so hyperbolic, so vitriolic, so viciously funny, so unrestrained, that its sheer outlandishness might indicate that Goad is just venting a sustained satire. But his harangue is in earnest, a high-decibel diatribe agin' big gummint, high taxes, big business, and the media reiteration of (white) racism as the metaexplainer of what's wrong with America. Moreover, Goad's book will not go quietly, as it is a politically unclassifiable polemic sure to humor, or offend, or enrage library patrons, in equal measure. Gilbert TaylorFrom Kirkus sAn often reactionary diatribe on reverse discrimination by the editor of the 'zine Answer Me!, redeemed in large part by its author's phenomenal sense of humor. Goad disavows both the political right and left, but he's most likely to be tagged as a conservative. He's most lucid when characterizing the centuries-old race struggle in our country as a smokescreen for what should really be a class struggle. The poor have been enslaved, persecuted, and exploited by the upper class regardless of skin color, Goad maintains. That words like "redneck" and "white trash" are deemed acceptable while the "N-word" is not is proof that as Americans, by and large, we have been duped by rich folks into playing the race card. The author is at his best when using humor to elucidate a point, as when he argues that both black slaves and some disenfranchised whites were cheated and lied to by society in the same manner. Ex-slaves were offered 40 acres and a mule (which they never saw); whites in 18th-century America who had been bonded servants (in effect, white slaves) were promised "two suits, an ax, and two hoes." The hoes, "we are to presume, were gardening tools instead of prostitutes, unless 'weeding' and 'grubbing' were sexual euphemisms in colonial America." Goad's astute command of history and his sharp wit make for a volatile combination, and one that could be misread. A truly bigoted reader may take Goad's remarks about Lincoln not really intending to free the slaves, or about there being other Holocausts besides the Jewish one, out of context and use them to buttress their racism or anti-Semitism--views that Goad clearly does not sympathize with. But, of course, ideas that have value are also often dangerous. While Goad's defense (and overview) of redneck culture past and present is sure to infuriate the liberal reader, he is also likely to make that same reader laugh ruefully, and often. -- Copyright ©1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. Rod Dreher Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel A furious, profane, smart and hilariously smart-aleck defense of working-class white culture.Crib Magazine In another life, this book was a U-Haul packed to the gills with manure and TNT, left idling near a major government building, or a Smokecraft beef jerky-sponsored monster truck revved and ready to roll over the stuccoed suburban palace where Jeff Foxworthy sleeps.PDXS A funny, engagingly written polemic....Goad should be congratulated and thanked for cutting through the numerous taboos that prevent an honest discussion of race in this country.Ethan G. Machado Our Town Dares to rewrite American history, take on government greed and lambaste white liberals....Goad's eight-cylinder prose intentionally rattles the reader, driving home a message that challenges the conventional wisdom of many a Honda Accord owner.