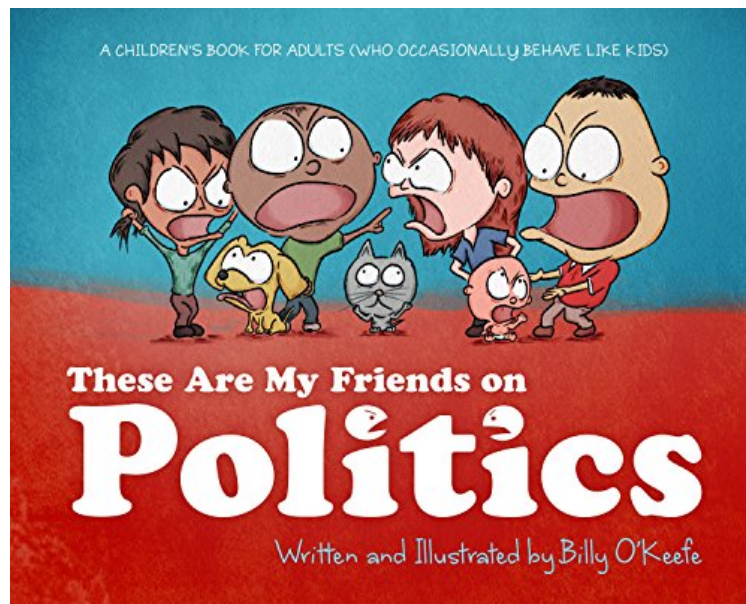


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Billy O'Keefe : **These are my Friends on Politics: A Children's Book For Adults Who Occasionally Behave Like Kids** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised **These are my Friends on Politics: A Children's Book For Adults Who Occasionally Behave Like Kids**:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Look around you. By BOK Observe the sheer amount of arguments, Facebook rants, hot takes, ironic hashtags and screaming cable personalities assaulting your eyes and ears every day of this election year. If you need a breather and a laugh, this is here to give you both. If you need a holiday gift that will provide some perspective to the more politically insufferable friends in your life without making it blatantly obvious you're doing that, this also is it, because they'll enjoy it too. This might be the one politically-related book you can give to your political argument arch nemesis and enjoy reading together. It's that kind of book. Remember, a few weeks after the election ends, the War on Christmas resumes. Seize on whatever happy respite you can. Thanks for reading. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. In summary: Brilliant. By Ashley Brent This book could not have come into existence at a better time. It's a brilliant concept with brilliant writing and brilliant illustration. That's three brilliants, in case you're counting, and I'm not just saying that because the author is a pretty good friend of mine. Not that I am unbiased. As humans, we are not exactly rational when it comes to the things that we love and believe in and this, especially, is a weird year to believe in things. Billy O'Keefe has put together a legitimately brilliant (that's four) not-even-satire of American political insanity. This book is a pretty solid reminder that there are still people in the world who are capable of reason, even if the author of this book is the only person I know who actually fits that description. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Levity and honesty in the darkest of times. By The Warbler It's possible to summarize 2016 with a single meme. You know the one, with Professor Farnsworth saying

that he doesn't want to live on this planet anymore. It works on so many levels. Let's talk about it some time over coffee. We've faced the deaths of cultural icons, widespread ideological violence, the overwhelming reality of our changing climate, and the disintegration of any semblance of civility in global politics. We have had to contend with the growing polarization of dialogue from every side of every argument. Today, we watch, holding our breath during a historic election: we will either elect the first woman, who represents a holding to the status quo, or the first rotten overripe tangerine who also happens to be a rampant misogynist, racist, and serial molester. To me, it seems like a really easy choice. But this has been the most contentious election season in my life, and quite possibly in the lives of my parents and grandparents. Which brings me to *These Are My Friends on Politics*, by Billy O'Keefe, published last week by Inkshares. It's a delightful little book presented as a children's book for "adults who act like children." How appropriate. O'Keefe makes the bold statement that everyone knows to be true, but often ignores, especially during contentious political seasons: we become absolutely awful to each other, largely because of heavily polarized representation of the state of things, but when we aren't talking politics, we are all reasonably nice people with the same overall desires. Controversial indeed. Billy's drawings suit the tone of the writing well—they grow increasingly chaotic, violent, and absurd. They depict what I feel myself becoming as I argue about politics: a monster. I have had a difficult time with this election season, as I'm sure many of us have. I'm tired, angry, sad, confused, hopeful, and disheartened. Vitriol feels like it's at an all-time high. That's why it was a pleasure to read Billy's book; it was a moment of levity in a time that is fraught with stress. When I read his book, I smiled at the absurdity of it all. It was therapeutic.

It happens, every day, often without warning. Normal grown adults -- completely capable ones who do things like go to work, pay bills and help their children do homework -- stumble, often accidentally, into a discussion about politics. At least, it starts as a discussion. More often than anyone cares to admit, it descends into an argument, a blowout and eventually a volleyball match of personal attacks and insults these ostensibly fully together adults didn't even know they had in them. Vibrantly illustrated and sharply but warmly written, *These Are My Friends on Politics* hilariously lampoons this transformation, chronicling how an election year turns the reasonable adults we aspire to be into nothing better than vicious, bickering children.

"Billy O'Keefe's hilarious book shows us that politics makes all our friends crazy. Especially our friends who don't vote the way we want them to. Now I'm mad thinking about those friends." ?Jen Mann, New York Times best-selling author of *People I Want to Punch in the Throat* "I'm right and you're WRONG AND I AM THE RIGHTEST I'VE EVER BEEN. Billy knows that feeling and got me calmed down. FOR NOW." ?G. Derek Adams, author of *Asteroid Made of Dragons* "O'Keefe's romp chronicles the worst of us in the best possible light. Every page is a conversation in the corner of a D.C. cocktail party?only honest." ?Gary Yordon, host of CBS TV's *The Usual Suspects* From the Inside Flap A children's book for adults who occasionally behave like kids. It happens every day, often without warning: seemingly mature adults--completely capable ones who do things like work in offices, pay their bills on time, and help their children with their homework--engage in a discussion about politics. At least, it begins as a discussion. More often than anyone cares to admit, it descends into a sparring match of personal attacks and insults. Maybe it starts on social media, but too often it can land at your dinner table, your local bar, or your place of work: those seemingly mature adults descend into walking temper tantrums of madness. *These Are My Friends on Politics* hilariously lampoons this transformation, chronicling how an election year turns the reasonable adults we aspire to be into nothing better than vicious, bickering children.