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From legendary comedian D.L. Hughley comes a bitingly funny send-up of the Obama years, as “told” by the key political players on both sides of the aisle.

What do the Clintons, Republicans, fellow Democrats, and Obama's own family really think of President Barack Obama? Finally, the truth is revealed in this raucously funny “oral history” parody.

There is no more astute—and hilarious—critic of politics, entertainment, and race in America than D. L. Hughley, famed comedian, radio star, and original member of the “Kings of Comedy.” In the vein of Jon Stewart's America: The Book, Black Man, White House is an acerbic and witty take on Obama's two terms, looking at the president's accomplishments and foibles through the imagined eyes of those who saw history unfold.

Hughley draws upon satirical interviews with the most notorious public figures of our day: Mitt Romney (“What's ‘poverty’? Is that some sort of rap jargon?”); Nancy Pelosi (“I play Fuck/Marry/Kill, and there's a lot more kills than fucks in Congress, believe me.”); Rod Blagojevich (“You can't sell political offices on eBay; I discovered that personally.”); Joe Biden (“I like wrestling.”); and other politicians, media pundits, and buffoons. It is sure to be the most irreverent—and perhaps the most honest—look at American politics today.

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Ka'leneReads says

This is a GreatRead! Like a soap opera for politcals, it's hilarious!

Julie says

In general, this was a pretty funny book -- I laughed out loud several times, particularly at the Clintons' remarks. Of course, Michelle Obama is the voice of reason here, which is fine if you are a fan (I am) but will probably put off more conservative readers.

One joke in particular went, I think, a bridge too far. Making fun of a woman with a traumatic brain injury caused by being shot by some nut job? Yeah, that's freaking hilarious.

Emma says

This book was hilarious at times but also slow at times it for sure wasn't what I expected but yet I couldn't stop reading it. DL brought the politicians "to life"

And told the story of the Obama presidency and all things about it in a way only dl hughley Can.

Ij says

Not funny!!!

Lisa Forsell says

I agree with another reviewer that I expected more humor and that 3.5 stars would be a more appropriate rating. I was impressed by the range of Washington players who showed up and the (satirical) authenticity of their voices. There were a couple of missteps that I believe crossed a line, but they are forgivable in context of a smart, fascinating review of the last eight years.

Pat Frank says

This was a tough one to rate. If I could have given it 3.5 stars, it would be a more accurate rating for me. It has some very funny moments and it was an interesting look back on the Obama years. But, there were the

usual hackneyed Clinton bashing jokes and I was looking forward to a bit more humor. However he and his co-writer do catch the personalities of the political figures mentioned in the book. Perhaps my expectations were too high. I enjoy seeing DL on the Maher show, even if I don't always agree with him (he doesn't believe in evolution). I guess I just expected this book to be funnier.

Kristen Anderson says

D. L. Hughley has been one of my favorite comedians for years, so I knew this book would be great, and it is. It splices real events from President Obama's campaign and presidency with comedic "commentary" from those who were there. The voices chosen for each of the people represented (from Michelle Obama to Hillary Clinton to Mitch McConnell, Harry Reid, and Nancy Pelosi, to name a few) are true to the public persona they represent, and are very funny. The book is satire, but has some truth nuggets as well. It gave me a great escape from the current political landscape, for sure.

W. Holmes says

Refreshing

Good read to reground someone after the past 8 years. This is obviously comedic at points, but seems underlying the jokes was a good grasp on events and history.

Reading in Black & White says

It normally doesn't take me this long to finish a book, but sometimes I gotta actually live life! LOL!! If you are a political junkie and a fan of satire, then this book will definitely keep your attention. Even though I laughed way too hard while reading this book there was a part of me that believed these hypothetical private thoughts and conversations could be real.

The last line (and the only time President Obama is given a "speaking" part) of the book is probably the most realistic as we wind down the current administration: "Fuck this city, fuck the Republicans, and fuck all this shit. I'm going back to Hawaii." Hughley was bold and quite innovative to make this concept of hypothetical conversations into a complete book. It definitely accurately mirrors how some of us felt what was going on behind the scenes during these past eight to nine years.

Dolly says

[that one day we will again have a President who can speak in full and coherent sentences (hide spoiler)]

Black Butterfly says

BLK MAN WHITE HOUSE 6/29 BORROWED/HARDCOVER 3*stars DL HUGLEY
I'VE LOVE DL HUGHLEY FROM THE FIRST TIME I SAW AND HAVE FOLLOWED HIS CAREER. I LOVE AND USAUALLY AGREE WITH WHAT HE SAYS, HIS NON-FILTERED HUMOR IS WILD. I FOUND THIS BOOK TIPICAL DL BUT I REALLY EXPECTED IT TO BE MORE FUNNY, IT WAS'NT. I STILL LOVE HIM BUT THIS BOOK (it had its moments) NOT SO MUCH, SORRY DL. ;]

Aubria says

I loved this book! I thought it was hilarious and often I laughed out loud! This is political satire at its best! A must read for anyone interested in a behind the scenes look at the White House during the Obama years (hypothetically speaking that is!)

Stephanie says

I got this book from goodreads first reads. Despite written in a no-holds-barred comedic way, it really managed to capture the history and feeling of what went on during the Obama administration. Even from my not too into politics layman's perspective it did a fantastic job of distilling what was going on how I remember it. It does not pull its punches and there were some things I couldn't believe it went there but it did. Honestly, much like with politics, I was exhausted from all the crazy shenanigans by the end.

ReGina says

This is for political junkies! If you are not one, I really can't imagine you would like this book. Beginning from his campaign to become an Illinois senator through his presidency, Hughley stacks political characters to describe the events and the reasons behind them. From Michelle Obama to Hillary Clinton to David Axelrod to Joe Biden to Sarah Palin to Alan Keyes to Gabby Giffords to Harry Reid, all of the political players at any point during Obama's tenure show up to share their accounts (including ones you probably forgot about like Henry Louis Gates and the Beer Summit). I cannot imagine reading this; I have to imagine it's much funnier listening to it. It can drone on at times, but the satire and wit stay true through the end.

Pamela says

Received free hard back copy from Goodreads. Satirical oral history of Obama starting from the primaries through his last year in office. Told through the perspective of President Obama's friends, colleagues and rivals. Humor became repetitive and predictable early in the first chapter. Responses of rivals were canned and not overly clever. Blue humor become tiresome.

