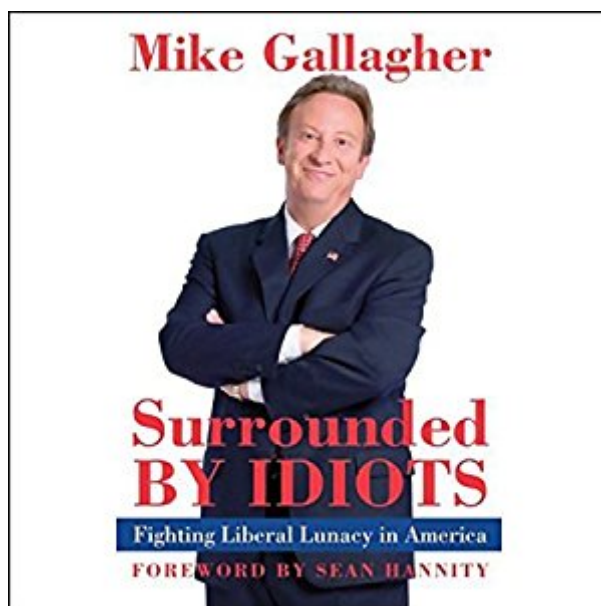


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Surrounded By Idiots: Fighting Liberal Lunacy In America



Synopsis

In *Surrounded by Idiots*, Mike Gallagher, one of the top radio talk show hosts in America, takes us to the front lines of the unprecedented cultural and political war confronting all decent Americans. The 2004 election was a watershed moment in our nation's history, and while it was shocking to the left to see so many red states on the electoral map, to conservatives it was just an affirmation of what they'd known all along -- conservatives are the mainstream and liberals are the fringe. It is not the time to rest or take things for granted, Mike Gallagher argues. Not at all. "Maintaining America's role as the greatest nation in the world means we must stay the course," he writes, adding, "Liberal idiocy surrounds us all. It threatens to destroy the values and lifestyles that millions of us cherish." The left has targeted every value and standard, principle and idea, concept of God, family, honor, duty, country, and decency that we hold dear. As the nation battles for its very soul in this post-9/11 world, we have Mike Gallagher to help fight against the agenda-driven liberal lunatics. The liberal loons are everywhere and Gallagher takes them all on: disgraced President Bill Clinton, and -- perish the thought! -- possible future president and carpetbagger Hillary Clinton; the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), an organization that values the lives of bugs over humans; and the anti-Bush propagandist filmmaker, Michael Moore. Then there's Gallagher's confrontation with the unpredictable, angry, and bitter bestselling author, liberal pundit, and comedian Al Franken -- the story of his anti-Dixie Chicks concert in protest of their un-American comments -- and race-baiters like Al Sharpton and big-mouth out-of-touch Hollywood elitists like Tim Robbins, Susan Sarandon, and Whoopi Goldberg. *Surrounded by Idiots* is an important -- not to mention entertaining -- look at where America is today and the possibility that the future of America will only get brighter. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Unlike reviewers who bash any opinion but their own, this review attempts to focus on the style and content of the book, not Mr. Gallagher's politics. I read this book when Gallagher's show was added to the WIND-Chicago-lineup. He, Hugh Hewitt and Michael Medved were also coming to Chicago for a discussion of Obama's first 100 days in office. Since Gallagher was new to me, I'd hoped to learn something deeper than his radio show persona. While I thoroughly enjoy Gallagher's program, the book left me wanting. It reads like a transcript of his show. So much so, I could almost hear him reciting it. There was no real insight into the basis for his conservatism, no deep revelations from his life. More or less an extension of his show. I wanted every day Mike. I already know--and like--radio Mike. Mike wrote this before his wife contracted, and succumbed to cancer, making some of the anecdotal information unwittingly bittersweet. Otherwise, the book is rather dull, lacking inspiration or substantive insight. Perhaps this is why there hasn't been another book. The upside: Mike Gallagher is a dedicated patriot with a heart for America as big as the continent. Skip the book and tune in your radio. You won't be disappointed there.

Mike Gallagher is one of the lesser known of the national conservative talk radio hosts. He clearly plays a second fiddle to the likes of Rush, Sean, Gordon, and Laura. I picked up this book to learn more about him. His story is compelling but his analysis and reporting is in line with the second tier hosts. Gallagher lost both his parents at an early age but found his true calling at an even earlier age when he walked into a local radio station as a high schooler and was hired to fill in that night for a sick host. Mike paid his radio dues, travelling the country to pursue jobs at larger stations, holding unique events like an all-night Al Sharpton vigil, and falling in love with a woman who already had four kids. This book was written before Mike's bride was diagnosed with cancer and lost a short battle. The love between the Gallaghers is wrapped in every word Mike has for his better half, who ironically was his political opposite, a New Deal lefty. Like his hero Hannity who wrote a short and difficult to follow foreword to this book, Mike is a self made man and a true believer that the only role of government is to remove obstacles from the path of the entrepreneur. Gallagher has done a lot of good work raising money for wounded warriors, disabled veterans, and probably most importantly, their sometimes forgotten families. Like his predecessor Pat Robertson, Gallagher has an opinion on nearly every subject. In this book he even tells us how to lose weight based on his own

experience. I did not get the insightful political commentary I was expecting here, most likely you are better off checking in with O'Reilly and Morris for that. The book is well written (now a bit dated) by an extraordinary man but it is not in the realm of Conscience of a Conservative.

Did you know that when this book is on the shelf in the library, Ann Coulter is on one side and Newt Gingrich is on the other? Yup, surrounded by idiots. Hey, he said it!

Mike Gallagher is a liar. I was on hold for a topic and I was told that they already had enough callers with my opposing point of view. Three minutes later Gallagher says nobody called in to oppose him on the topic!! This liar believes he can get away with that stuff, and he often does. There are postings on the internet of Gallagher also committing blatant lies. Gallagher is a man who believes he is more intellectual than he actually is though. There are 12 year olds who are deeper thinkers than Gallagher. Absolute drivel.

I find it amazing that people are now using the book review section of to post their political opinions. Even if they haven't read the book. "I skimmed this book in a bookstore just today." All this reviewer did was skim the book and now they can form an honest opinion? Wow, I need this person to help me save time with term papers. No need to read all of the research material, I can just "skim it." And this quote from a "reviewer", "I have not seen ONE book by a liberal or Democrat that shows the sheer vitriol and hatred that many of the conservative books do." Obviously this reader has never heard of Al Franken, Clint Willis, or Molly Ivins. But I digress. This was a good first attempt at a book. A lot of what I read I was familiar with because I listen to the show. Some things were new and interesting. There were even times when I felt Mike was just expressing his views and telling us a few stories in a casual conversational tone. Not unlike some conservative authors who leave me angry when I read their books. Mike, get a little more in depth next time. I look forward to the next book. God Bless America.

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