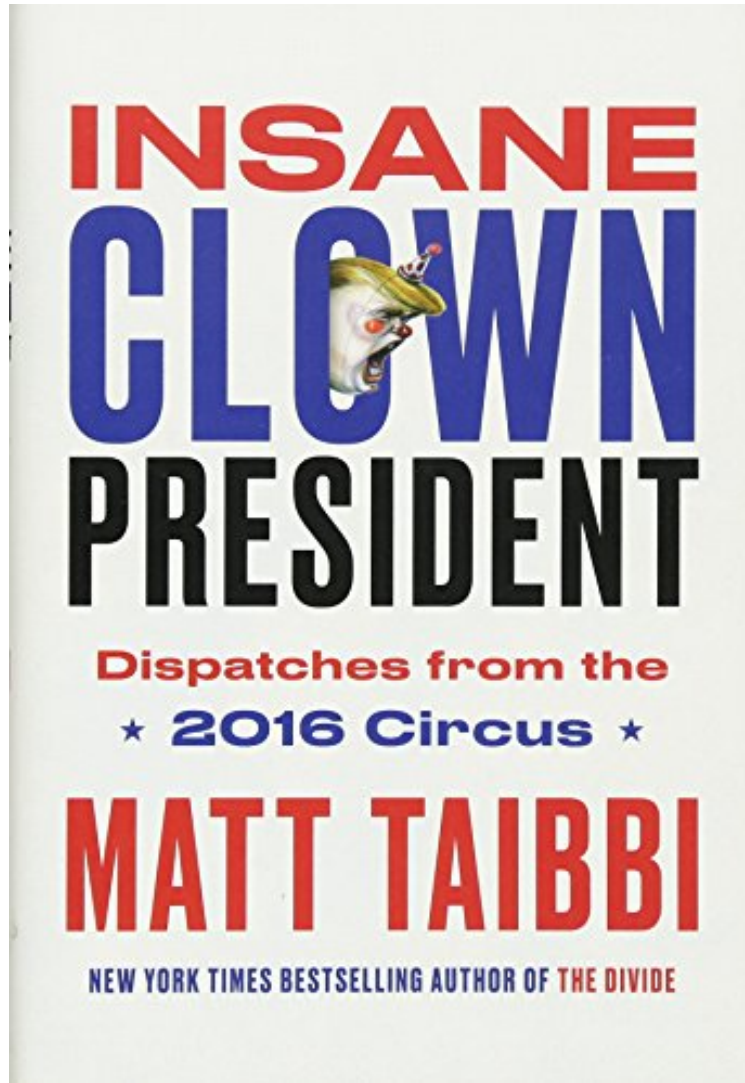


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**Matt Taibbi : Insane Clown President: Dispatches from the 2016 Circus** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Insane Clown President: Dispatches from the 2016 Circus:

236 of 262 people found the following review helpful. Taibbi, hilarious as usual and with his customary bite, looks back on the 2016 election By The Guardian Matt Taibbi is my number one favorite campaigning journalist and political commentator, never afraid to expose chicanery, hypocrisy and sleaze under every rock he kicks over. His writing just gets better and better: most of ICP is not just laugh-out-loud funny, but is so on-the-money it occasionally had me rolling on the floor with laughter and crying Yes! Yes! Hes nailed it! At the center of Taibbi's insightful series of essays on the 2016 election campaign and its aftermath is the larger-than-life figure of Donald Trump (a figure of almost

supernatural shallowness destined to be buried under a mountain of outlandish promises, in the process leading thousands of hoodwinked followers off the cliff of history), but the book is not just about the new POTUS. Taibbi absolutely nails the cast of characters in the GOPs Clown Car the 2016 prospective candidates including Trump - but also under scrutiny are the Bernie Sanders phenomenon, HRCs insipid, uninspiring campaign (an overconfident and incompetent ruling class that was ten miles up its own backside when it should have been listening to the anger percolating in the population), the political beltway bubble and how it works within unwritten boundaries now shattered by Trump, and the US news media to which Taibbi belongs which is becoming more and more indistinguishable from entertainment media and at whose door, above all, Taibbi lays the responsibility for getting Trump elected in November. One caution: if you're a RS reader and follow Taibbi's regular pieces, you may have read many of these essays during 2015-2016 in print or on the RS website. However, there's new stuff here as well. The long introduction and shorter epilogue for example offer a prescient if depressing summing-up of our current political landscape, how we got here and where we might be headed. So despite the fact that much of ICP has already been published as RS articles by Taibbi, the book as a whole tells a story so coherent, so concise and so entertaining, all in Taibbi's inimitable literate and comic style, that it can be unreservedly recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Rare insights By Dave Roberts Matt Taibbi writes in an engaging, journalistic fashion. Writers who work the magazine business know how to hold your interest, and so does Matt. He's also profane, and sometimes the profanity is gratuitous. I sometimes laugh at it, and sometimes need to overlook it because of the merits of his writing. He's extremely bright and insightful, and is unusual in his ability to distill a complex situation into a (sometimes sarcastic) short sentence that describes it perfectly. These insights are why I read every book he writes--he helps me understand complex issues in a shortened but not oversimplified way. This book is a collection of dispatches written during the campaign, so they are written at different times. You have to keep that in mind as you read. If you can get past that, and not be bothered by salty language, this is an entertaining and insightful portrayal about how we came to be governed by an insane orange clown. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Invaluable Book on the Rise of Trump By Jaybee90069 Beautifully written, bracingly smart and incisive analysis of Trump's rise through the 2016 election cycle. These pieces, written while the Trump phenomenon was beginning and developing, add up to a well-reasoned and insightful critique of American politics and its incestuous relationship with corporate and mainstream media.

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** Dispatches from the 2016 election that provide an eerily prescient take on our democracy's uncertain future, by the country's most perceptive and fearless political journalist. In twenty-five pieces from Rolling Stone plus two original essays Matt Taibbi tells the story of Western civilizations very own train wreck, from its tragicomic beginnings to its apocalyptic conclusion. Years before the clown car of candidates was fully loaded, Taibbi grasped the essential themes of the story: the power of spectacle over substance, or even truth; the absence of a shared reality; the nihilistic rebellion of the white working class; the death of the political establishment; and the emergence of a new, explicit form of white nationalism that would destroy what was left of the Kingian dream of a successful pluralistic society. Taibbi captures, with dead-on, real-time analysis, the failures of the right and the left, from the thwarted Bernie Sanders insurgency to the flawed and aimless Hillary Clinton campaign; the rise of the dangerously bright alt-right with its wall-loving identity politics and its rapturous view of the Racial Holy War to come; and the giant fail of a flailing, reactive political media that fed a ravenous news cycle not with reporting on political ideology, but with undigested propaganda served straight from the campaign bubble. At the center of it all stands Donald J. Trump, leading a historic revolt against his own party, bloviating and farting his way through the campaign, saying outrageous things, acting like Hitler one minute and Andrew Dice Clay the next. For Taibbi, the stunning rise of Trump marks the apotheosis of the new postfactual movement. Taibbi frames the reporting with original essays that explore the seismic shift in how we perceive our national institutions, the democratic process, and the future of the country. **Insane Clown President** is not just a postmortem on the collapse and failure of American democracy. It offers the riveting, surreal, unique, and essential experience of seeing the future in hindsight. Praise for Matt Taibbi Matt Taibbi is one of the few journalists in America who speaks truth to power. Senator Bernie Sanders

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