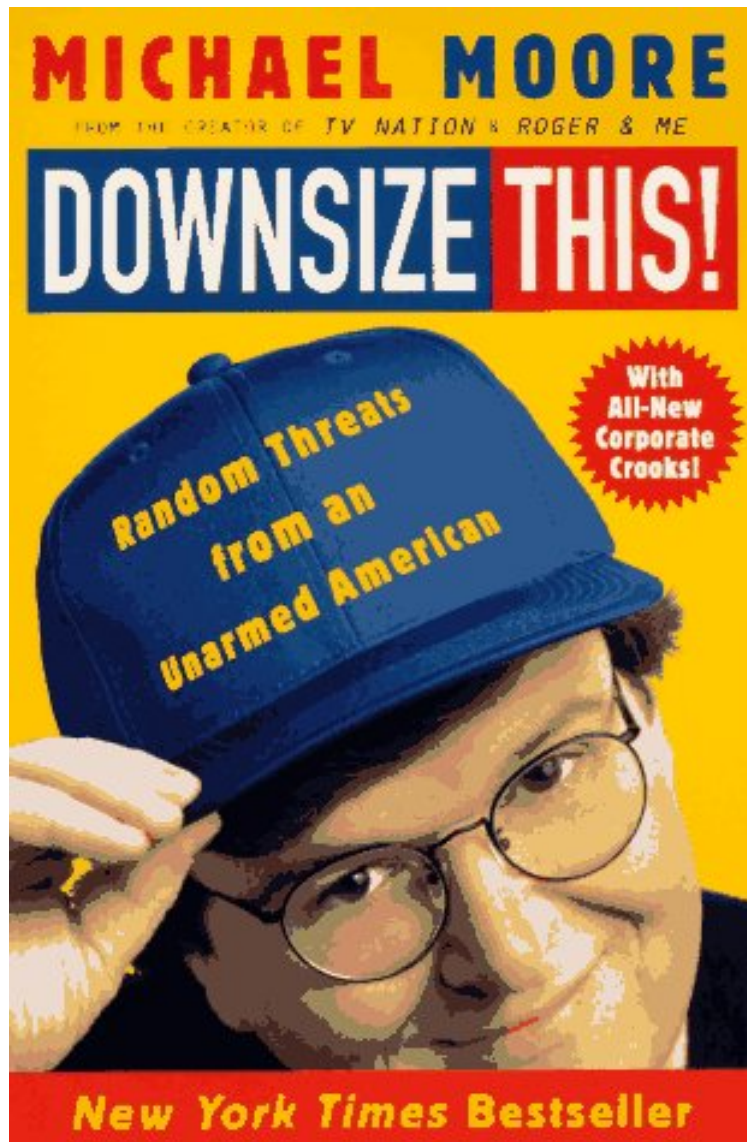


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me are all the unnecessary wars we get into and can get out of, and finally our overcrowded prison system. We've gone from a democratic society to a fascist society. Frankly I don't care if Mexico eventually takes back the whole 1,000,000 square miles of the southwest. My son became a pilot in Alaska and eloped with a foreign girl, packed his belongings and moved to her country. As the saying goes: "Love America or leave it," and that's what he did. It seems that other people I know of went off to Australia and New Zealand. 10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Michael Moore makes sense By JGC Michael Moore discusses corporate downsizing, American politics, social values, and national economic concerns like no other in his book, "Downsize This." Michael Moore should not simply be dismissed as a crazy liberal because what he says makes sense. Moore doesn't mince words in this book (first published in 1996 but still very realistic in 2004), Moore tells Americans how we can take action. Don't just sit there and let the corporate bigwigs fire you only so they can make a big bag of money. What's the fuss all about? Most of conservative America thinks Moore should shut his big mouth and stop writing books like this because he is a rich white man. But Michael Moore doesn't play by their rules. He has a conscience and he knows right from wrong. This book won't help you pay your bills or find you a job if you got recently laid off (like myself) but it will help explain the situation and state what YOU can do. Just because we don't play by their rules doesn't mean that we can't make a difference. Remember that remember that Michael Moore makes sense. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By tscomerit is another tale of greedy corporate America

Americans today are working harder, working longer and yet for most of us, in this time of ruthless downsizing and political cronyism, job security, a decent standard of living and a comfortable retirement are becoming harder and harder to find. In this brilliantly funny and right-on-target diatribe, irreverent everyman Michael Moore gives his own bold views on who's behind the fading of the American dream. Whether issuing Corporate Crook trading cards, organizing a Rodney King Commemorative Riot, sending a donation to Pat Buchanan from the John Wayne Gacy fan club (which was accepted) or trying to commit former right-wing congressman Bob Dornan to a mental hospital, the in-your-face host of TV Nation and director/star of Roger Me combines an expansive wit with biting social commentary to make you think and laugh at the same time. In hardcover, *Downsize This!* stormed the bestseller lists of the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, San Francisco Chronicle and others. Given Michael Moore's enormous -- and growing -- constituency, this trade paperback edition brings his unique perspective on the nation to an even greater audience.

.com Who says the left wing doesn't have a sense of humor? Maybe it doesn't, but documentarian Michael Moore sure does--Exhibit A was *Roger Me*; B was the ill-fated *TV Nation*; and C is 1997's print skirmish *Downsize This!* Moore's politics are rabidly liberal, populist, and anti-big business--about what you'd expect from the former editor of *Mother Jones*. While this restricts his audience to Americans on the left side of the aisle, for them *Downsize This!* will be a chance to point and laugh hysterically (if ruefully) at the clique of rich white guys who run everything. Moore is at his best as a prankster, whether it's trying to see if Pat Buchanan will take a campaign donation from the John Wayne Gacy Fan Club (yes) or whether he can have Bob Dornan committed to an insane asylum based on his bizarre behavior (no, but it was close). Moore is one of our sharpest satirists, and *Downsize This!* makes one wish he would write a "Sorry State of the Union" every year. But only if it doesn't cut into his moviemaking--that's too big a price to pay. -- Michael Gerber From *Publishers Weekly* Moore, whose documentary film *Roger Me* and television series *TV Nation* have a strong cult following, takes on corporations, politicians and Americana in general in a mordant satire that will leave both conservatives and liberals reeling with embarrassment. Moore tears into corporations and labor unions alike. Citing "economic terrorism," he goes after the "Big Welfare Mamas"--the CEOs--detailing their cozy tax deals with federal and local government, which have added to the deficit. He attacks the unions in "Why Are Union Leaders So F#!@ing Stupid," citing how they have collaborated with corporations (while taking huge salaries) to slash jobs from their own memberships. No one is immune; Moore scrutinizes the President, Bob Dole, NAFTA, Cuban refugees and Pat Buchanan. A scathing, funny book packed with facts, it will appeal to those who loved Al Franken's *Rush Limbaugh Is a Big Fat Idiot*. Photos. Major ad/promo; author tour. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Library Journal* The man who brought you *Roger Me* takes on the fat cats again. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.