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P. J. O'Rourke : Give War a Chance: Eyewitness Accounts of Mankind's Struggle Against Tyranny, Injustice and Alcohol-Free Beer before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Give War a Chance: Eyewitness Accounts of Mankind's Struggle Against Tyranny, Injustice and Alcohol-Free Beer:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Another hilarious commentary by one of my very favorite authors. By FedoradudePros: The usual hilariously witty style and terminology O'Rourke is famous for. While the book would have more impact on someone who has lived thru the events and people he talks about in this book, I do think that this book would provide interesting insights on them for those who are too young to have any memory of them, too. Cons: While P.J. O'Rourke is one of my favorite authors, I found a lot of his barbed commentary re Lee Iacocca to be a bit hypocritical. He talks about Iacocca's ego and general distaste for most everyone else, yet seems to me that O'Rourke exhibits much of the same in his commentary about himself and others. But would I buy the book again? Would I recommend the book to anyone else? YEAH! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A book that sticks with you. By J. Tant Truth be told, this was the very first P.J. O'Rourke book I ever read. I bought it as a cash-strapped college student upon the encouragement of a professor of mine. There is one phrase that has stayed with me

over the twenty some years or so that has passed since I first read this book. O'Rourke was covering the "elections" in Nicaragua that ousted Daniel Ortega. Upon seeing some dejected Sandinistas, O'Rourke was tempted to shout "taste the ash-heap of history, you Bolshie nose-wipes!" Pulling no punches, O'Rourke combines smart commentary with a razor-sharp skewing of his subjects. The focus of this book is the first Gulf War, the one where a US-led coalition liberated Kuwait from its Iraqi occupiers. Sure, O'Rourke covers a smattering of other subjects, but these are mere side dishes to a main dish. This book has been out long enough that there's very little I could say about it that hasn't already been said. But on its own terms, I think this is an excellent book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Still relevant (and irreverent) By D. D. LeDu It is eerie how relevant this book is some 20 years after it was written -- at the breakup of the Soviet Empire. Of course, at that time there was no Internet, no conservative radio nor Fox News. We only knew what the liberal left chose to tell us. The New York times, for example, had deliberately hid the Russian famines and the genocide of Ukrainian farmers. Everything we were told of the Soviet Union was framed in terms of "moral equivlency". The consequence is that we Americans were surprised to find that the USSR was a corrupt, failing economic system. O'Rourke explores the bewilderment felt by conservatives and liberals alike at the intensive hatred felt by its peoples at the "noble experiment" of Marxism. What surprises the reader today is that (although we do now have alternate news sources) the liberal media presents its biased news as if we Americans were still ignorant of the true state of the world. As just one example, the Obama administration is presented with a holy nimbus surrounding it, despite its obvious incompetence and its failures. O'Rourke is at his sarcastic best in this book. For example, he does not mind being called a Nazi by liberals because "no one has ever had a fantasy about being tied to a bed and sexually ravished by someone dressed as a liberal". Speaking of the causes of the Soviet collapse, he writes that " a huge and totalitarian system with all its tanks and guns, gulag camps and secret police has been brought to its knees because nobody wants to wear Bulgarian shoes." It is no wonder that American leftists have a such a visceral hatred of O'Rourke that they cannot enjoy his wit and humor. For everyone else, this is a delightful, informative read.

The author of Parliament of Whores takes a look at freedom around the world, discussing the Gorbachev-Reagan summit, the Berlin Wall, elections in Paraguay and Nicaragua, and Russia after the aborted coup. 70,000 first printing.

From Publishers Weekly Political humorist O'Rourke is even more clever abroad than on the home front, as these sparkling dispatches reveal. A 12-week PW bestseller in cloth. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal The politically incorrect O'Rourke will likely hit best-sellerdom again in this follow-up to Parliament of Whores (LJ 6/1/91). The Gulf War, the death throes of communism, drug testing, the Middle East, and the Nicaraguan elections receive O'Rourke's often hilarious conservative/gonzo analysis, as seen in Rolling Stone , American Spectator , and other magazines. Somewhat less successful, because they border on the mean-spirited, are pieces on the Kennedys, the Carters, Lee Iacocca, and other liberal lights. Even if you reject his conclusions regarding these issues and individuals, you can't help but laugh at O'Rourke's deflating of some sacred cows along the way. - Pamela R. Daubenspeck, Warren-Trumbull Cty. P.L., Warren, Ohio Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Inside Flap The bestselling author of Parliament of Whores now dismantles victims ranging from backpack liberals to Lee Iacocca and surveys the collapse of communism, celebrity, and liberalism. "Whatever your political persuasion, you would have to be totally humorless not to feel like chuckling when he (O'Rourke) starts hacking away." --New York Times Book .