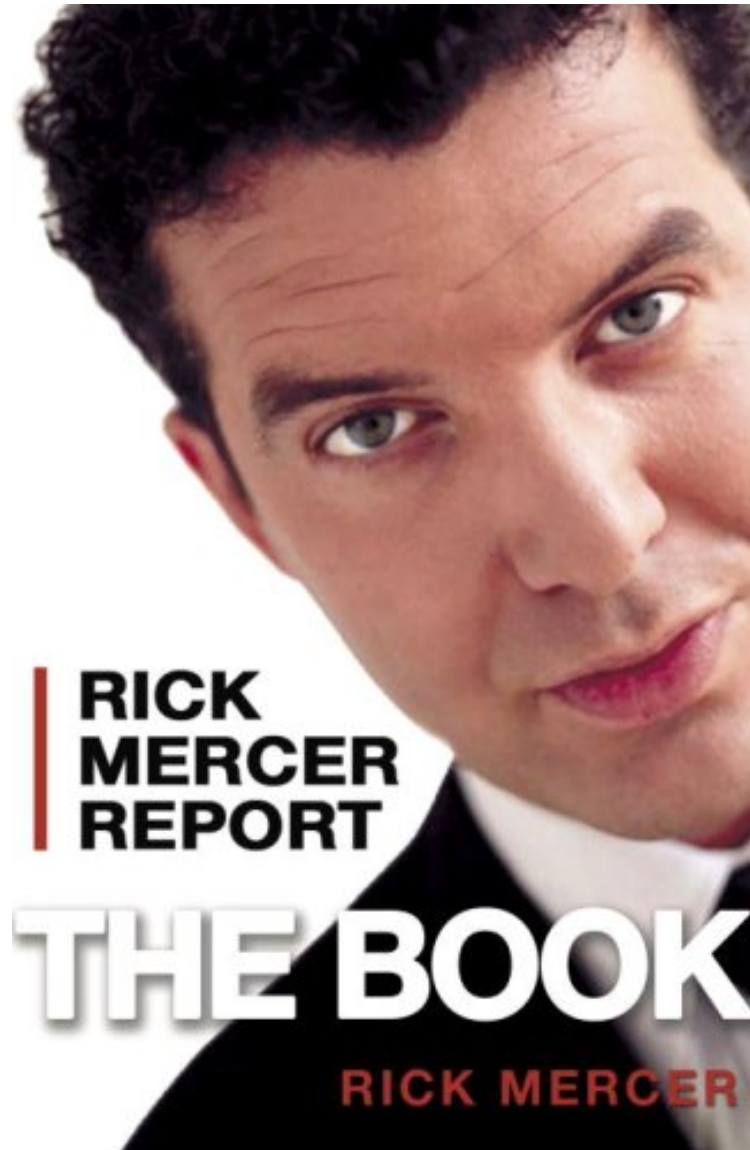


[Free download] Rick Mercer Report: The Book

Rick Mercer Report: The Book

Rick Mercer

*ebooks | Download PDF | *ePub | DOC | audiobook*



DOWNLOAD



+

READ ONLINE

#4955373 in Books 2007-09-25 2007-09-25 Format: International Edition Original language: English PDF # 1
8.55 x .95 x 5.751, #File Name: 0385665180256 pages | File size: 65.Mb

Rick Mercer : Rick Mercer Report: The Book before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rick Mercer Report: The Book:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. five starsBy CustomerVery nice book!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. rick mercerBy Edie B. Muleskyfun and informative!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. RMR - Always AmusingBy Peter ParkerRick is well-known in Canada as one of the founding members of the irreverent comedy troupe "This Hour has Twenty Minutes". Broadcast on CBC-TV weekly,

22Minutes has developed a loyal following and is one of CBC's most popular shows. A popular segment was Rick's irregular send-up of American people, politics and mores "Talking to Americans", doing interviews with unsuspecting passers-by on the streets of the US. His subsequent comedy special, aptly titled "Talking to Americans", was the highest rated comedy program on CBC. Rick left THM a few seasons ago, to focus on his own weekly comedy show, "The Rick Mercer Report", to write, and to spearhead SpreadTheNet, a fundraising initiative to distribute mosquito-resistant bed nets in malaria-infected Africa. One of the recurring segments on RMR is Rick's weekly "rant", a 1- to 2-minute monologue usually filmed on the streets of Halifax. Rick's new book ("The Book") is a selection of the best rants, combined with other writings and observations. The book is funny. While reading it, I was often reminded of watching the same rant on the show. I could almost hear Rick's delivery, when I wasn't laughing out loud. For those who wish to 'sample the wares' so to speak, many of the Rick's rants (and other bits) are archived on the CBC website. You can watch them and get a taste for Rick's satirical point of view. Here's a link to one dating from 2004 concerning GWB and WMD:[...]

Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys, prepare yourself for the next big thing in publishing – Rick Mercer Report: The Book. After a decade-long absence from our book stores, Canada's preeminent satirist returns with a new collection of rants, writings, and comic encounters with the great and good of politics, showbiz, and literature. (Yes, relive Pierre Berton offering advice on rolling a joint, and Margaret Atwood showing off her hockey skills as a goalie.) Rick, a tremendous writing talent as well as a verbal one, has selected the best of his rants from the first four seasons of RMR, sprinkled in choice moments from his interviews, added a generous helping of other material that has never been broadcast, and arranged the whole into revealing themes and groupings with all-new introductions, reflections, and updates. Who knew that Stephen Harper was quite so preoccupied with gay sex? That Paul Martin could be so forgetful? That politicians could be so sleazy? Well, no doubt most of us did — but it's wonderful to have it pointed out again by this brilliantly funny and charismatic talent.

"The most fun I've had in bed in a long time." –Shelagh Rogers, Sounds Like Canada About the Author Rick Mercer is Canada's sharpest and funniest political satirist. He first came to fame with "Show Me the Button I'll Push It, or Charles Lynch Must Die," a one-man show that toured across Canada. He co-created and was a resident performer on CBC's "This Hour Has 22 Minutes", and is now the host of "The Rick Mercer Report", the Corporation's highest-rated comedy show. Rick is co-chair of the Spread the Net campaign, dedicated to preventing the spread of Malaria in Africa, and has also campaigned for the Canadian AIDS Society's The Walk for Life project. His many honours include 21 Geminis and the Governor General's Performing Arts Award. He is from St. John's and currently resides in Toronto. Excerpt. © Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. The truth is I rarely know where I am going to be from one day to the next. My luggage has remained packed for over a decade and I have more long underwear than any city dweller in his right mind should need. Over the last four years, while on the job, I have almost lost consciousness midair while doing aeronautics with Canada's Snow-birds, I have experienced intentionally induced hypo-thermia at the hands of a celebrated university professor in Winnipeg, I have made a five-thousand-foot free fall out of an airplane over Trenton, Ontario, and I have done donuts in the middle of Halifax harbour while operating a tugboat. I have faced death (or at the very least the possibility of severed thumbs) when lying "nose down, bum up" on a skeleton sled while hurtling down a bobsled track in Calgary. In Rockland, Ontario, I signed a waiver and got behind the wheel and joined a demolition derby. My job description includes -sleepovers at Stephen Harper's house and getting buck naked with Bob -Rae. Despite the latter two I am still convinced that I have the best gig in Canadian show business. And through it all I have managed to stay true to my one ultimate career -goal--no heavy -lifting. The travel is the best -part. If you are lucky enough to spend time in the North it will change you. It will inform the way you feel about the country in a way that no amount of reading on the subject ever can. When you spend time eating raw caribou north of the tree line with a politician in Nunavut or listening to an Inuit hunter before he heads out alone on the ice to hunt a polar -bear--those things tend to stay with -you. The same can be said for spending time on the Prairies, in Northern Ontario, Newfoundland, the oil sands of Alberta, or in any of the many Chinatowns or Little Indias that dot the -country. Canada has so many -problems--and geography is often the root cause. For the size of the population we are simply too bloody -big. I can't count the number of times I've been in a situation where five people were busy complaining about what the problem was with another part of the country that they were happy to admit they had never -visited. I've had cabinet ministers lecture me on why people in Newfoundland should never have control of their natural resources and then in the next breath tell me they have it on very good authority that the province is very pretty. Not a surprise really. Stephen Harper coined the phrase "the culture of defeat" about Atlantic Canada before he bothered to go -there. Ottawa is a favourite place that Canadians love to attack without having set foot in the place and God knows everyone in Eastern Canada seems to have an idea of what Calgary is all about without ever having met the people whose drive and determination are responsible for our very own emerging -superpower. There is no simple solution, of course. Again size is to blame. It's easy to have an opinion on how Canada should deal with an issue in Nunavut but actually going there requires a time commitment and an airplane ticket. Unfortunately, time and money

top the list of what most people don't have enough -of. We live in a country where it's cheaper to fly to Paris than it is to fly a few provinces over and see for ourselves what another part of Canada is really about. More Canadians visit Florida than Manitoba. In a country with unity issues, this does not bode -well. I've been very lucky when it comes to exploring Canada. The show lets me experience another part of the country almost every week. And despite the occasional near-death experience and/or outbreak of nudity, every single week I become more enamoured with the -place. This book is for the most part a collection of commentaries that I have written and performed on the show during the last four seasons or posted on my blog at rickmercer.com. It contains, for lack of a better term, my "rants." When you follow politics in Canada either as a living or because it's just in your blood there is never a shortage of subjects to rant about. The problems are legion and the situations are often absurd. The rants often write themselves. I started ranting about Canada a long time ago and I really don't see any end in sight. It's what I do and I have never lost sight of how lucky I am to get to do it every -week. And -sure, -on the surface Canada may appear hopelessly dysfunctional, but the more I rant the more I realize that we are also spectacular in every sense of the -word. Canada, for all its challenges, is worth ranting -about. Rick -Mercer

GETTING WHAT YOU VOTED FOR

In a minority government timing is everything. And when a minority government looks like it's teetering on the brink of collapse, whether actually or imagined, orchestrated or not, you can rest assured that once the structural flaws are exposed a chorus of pundits will start to sing: "Canadians just aren't in the mood for an election." Personally, I am always in the mood for an -election—but that's a character flaw of mine. Most hockey fans would be happy with -back--to--back -play-offs, and that is pretty much the way I feel about -elections. Bring 'em on. It takes ten minutes to vote, folks, and the results are always worth -it.

An unelected idiot? | Feb. 2, -2004

I've always thought that the worst thing that could ever happen to Canada would be that somehow a complete idiot would get elected as prime minister. And so far we've been pretty lucky. Brian Mulroney was called lots of things, but stupid wasn't usually one of them. And Jean Chrétien made no sense whatsoever, but it turns out he was actually fairly -bright. Which brings us to Paul Martin (not that he's been elected). Watching him on the job for the last couple of weeks, I think we've all been thinking the same thing: we've seen brighter lights on small -appliances. Here he is, a Liberal prime minister facing a united Conservative -right- -wing party, perhaps the most serious threat the Liberals have faced in over a decade. And what's he doing? Every time he turns around he's attacking Jack Layton and the NDP. And the more he attacks the NDP, the stronger the NDP -gets. Then it dawned on me: perhaps Martin's no fool. Perhaps he's been boning up on The Art of War and he's going to use the NDP to destroy the Conservatives. Sure, Martin would love to stand up and say, "Hey Canada, you want Conservative, vote for me. I'm more Conservative than Brian Mulroney ever was." But he can't say that because the sign on the door to the prime minister's office says Liberal. So how's he going to get that message out? The NDP. So he's doing them every favour he can think of. Hell, he even tried to give them Sheila Copps, and that's a gift that keeps on -giving. So don't worry, -Canada—no matter what you think about Paul Martin, at least we know one thing about him: like every great prime minister before him, at least he's not as stunned as he -looks.

Minority show | Oct. 25, -2004

Over one hundred of the MPs in Canada's 38th Parliament are brand spankin' new. Think about that. A third of our MPs have never done anything like this before in their lives. It's -mind--boggling when you consider the layers of dumb that have yet to be revealed to us. Because that's the way it works: if you've got one hundred MPs, I can guarantee you -twenty--five of them will be completely off their heads. And this is not me talking -here—this is an established law of -averages. Sure, they may look like normal, rational human beings. They might even sound like normal, rational human beings. But that is only because they haven't really said anything yet. But they're in there now, just waiting for the right moment to stand up, open their mouths, humiliate their party and reveal to the world just how completely bonkers they -are. They can belong to any party. That's the beauty of it. And because it's a minority government, they will not be ignored. Their votes are far too important. So important that these unknown loose cannons who walk among us could very well end up running the place. When you think about it, this Parliament is very modern. It's not like a Parliament at -all—it's like a reality show. All we've got to figure out now is where Canada fits in the grand scheme of things. In this show, are we the winners, the losers—or the -prize?

Focus on Darrel | Oct. 10, -2006

For those of us who enjoy Question Period for its pure theatrical value, it's nice to see that the Liberals are finally hitting their stride. For a while there in opposition they were pathetic. They were about as fierce as a bag of kittens. They finally figured out that their job is to -oppose—to -attack—but lately they've gone a little bit too -far. This week they were all upset because Rona Ambrose, the minister of the environment, went out and hired this guy Darrel Reid to be her new chief of staff. Now the interesting thing here is, the Liberals aren't upset because the guy's not -qualified—they're upset because he's too -conservative. This is where the Liberals lose me. You can't not hire someone because of their views. This is Canada. We have laws against that type of thing. We just elected a Conservative governme...