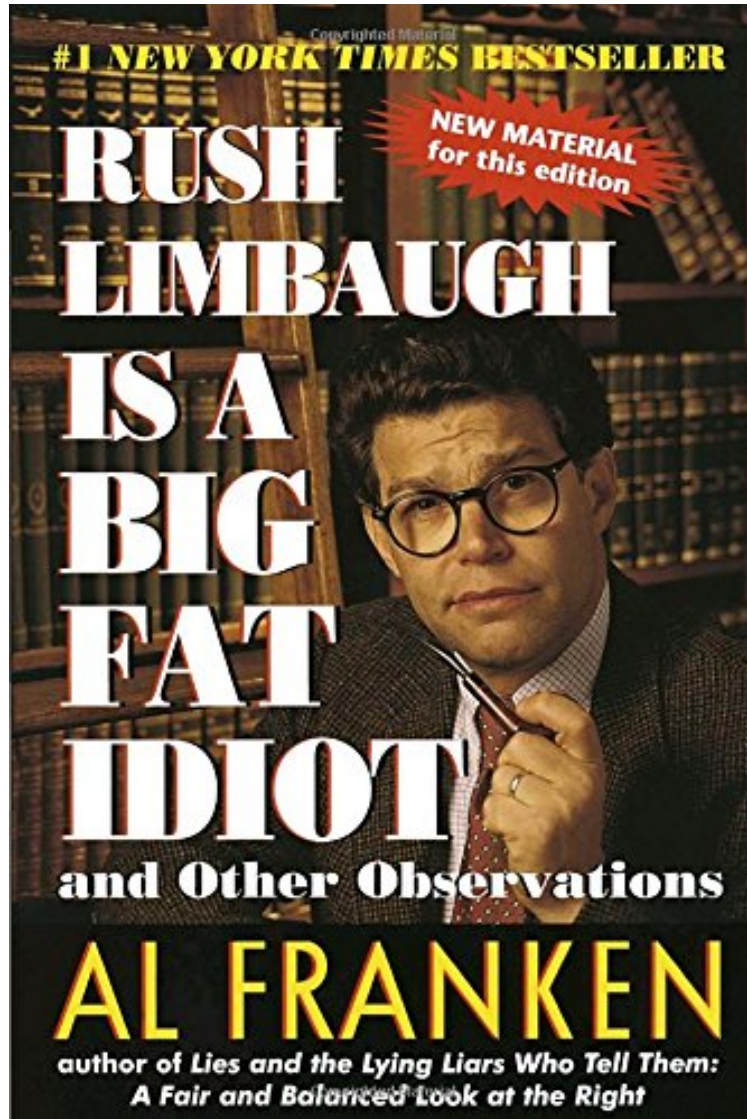


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**Al Franken : Rush Limbaugh Is a Big Fat Idiot: And Other Observations** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rush Limbaugh Is a Big Fat Idiot: And Other Observations:

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will confess to detesting Rush Limbaugh, especially his distortion of facts and substitution of ridicule for rationale discussion. Which leads to Frank? Is Al Franken fair to Rush Limbaugh? Does he engage in rational discussion when ridicule and parody will suffice instead? Absolutely, and that is the beauty of the book. Rush laid down the ground rules of how he would proceed and he and his fans have no grounds for complaint if someone uses those same rules against him. Though Franken's jibes are not without substance. It is hypocritical to berate constantly liberals for being anti-family when you have been married three times like Rush or have an affair with the wife of a colleague while you are married yourself, like Newt Gingrich. Luckily, the book has merits above poking fun at fat chat show hosts or adulterous Speakers of the House. It is funny.

In the grand satirical tradition of Swift, Rabelais, and Twain comes...Rush Limbaugh Is a Big Fat Idiot, and Other Observations...a scathing--but uncompromisingly fair--look at America's largest talk show host and the rest of the Republican right. Penned by the Emmy award-winning Saturday Night Live writer whom John Podhoretz of the New York Post has called "the man responsible for some of the most brilliant political satire of our time," Rush Limbaugh Is a Big Fat Idiot tackles the issues--and the politicians--in ways few have dared... Exploding Medicare Costs: "Why not shoot the elderly into space? Stay with me. Because I'm not just thinking about the budget here. I'm talking about science. Just think how many more manned space operations NASA could undertake if they didn't have to worry about getting the astronauts back." Crime: "I have a radical gun-buyback idea that I guarantee would be a huge success. Here's how it works: hand in a gun, get a free vial of crack." Newt Gingrich: "Many of us, like Newt, have acknowledged smoking dope and reading Toffler in the early 70s. But after reading his book, I think Newt's dirty little secret is that he smoked dope and watched The Jetsons." Phil Gramm: "If you get beyond the fact the Gramm is ugly, mean, hypocritical, has a boob fetish, and drives his wife like a mule, he does have a certain folksy charm." On the subject of Rush Limbaugh, Franken lets the facts speak for themselves. Listen to Rush, the "rugged individualist" and enemy of government handouts, explain how his second wife made him stop sitting around the house eating just food and go file for unemployment insurance. And learn all of Rush's several explanations for how he avoided the draft. Of course, when it comes to draft-dodging Republicans, Rush isn't alone. Reading Al's Vietnam short story, "Operation Chickenhawk," you'll savor the exploits of Privates Limbaugh, Gramm, Quayle, Buchanan, Gingrich, and George Will as Lieutenant Oliver North leads them kicking and screaming into combat. And don't miss Al's informative discussion with the man who has "the easiest job in America": Rush Limbaugh's fact-checker. And much, much more.

.com Rush Limbaugh claims his talent is on loan. With this book, Franken demonstrates that he owns. The frankly Democratic author's shtick reminds us how much of a free ride conservatives have gotten in the mainstream media. For instance, he really drives home the weirdness of the conservatives' preachiness about "family values" in light of Newt Gingrich's and Bob Dole's first marriages, and Rush Limbaugh's first, second and third marriages. And he has great fun with Rush's and Newt's miraculous draft deferments in a chapter where he imagines all of the great conservative "chicken-hawks" out on a Vietnam war patrol under the leadership of Ollie North. From Publishers WeeklyComedy writer Franken skewers conservatives in a book that spent 23 weeks on PW's bestseller list. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library JournalHad your fill of liberal-bashing since the dittoheads and the Newties came to power? Ready for some skewering of right-wing foibles for a change? Then you'll love comedian and writer Franken's pin-pricking of one particular bag of hot air, Rush Limbaugh, and his conservative cohorts, Bob Dole, Phil Gramm, Pat Buchanan, etc. No, there is nothing subtle about the humor here, but it is very well written and sure to be a big seller, especially since it is scheduled for heavy publicity plus serialization in Playboy and George magazines. If you share Franken's political views, you'll love it; if you don't, buy it anyway, because library patrons will be asking for it.-?Pamela R. Daubenspeck, Warren-Trumbull Cty. P.L., Warren, OhioCopyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.