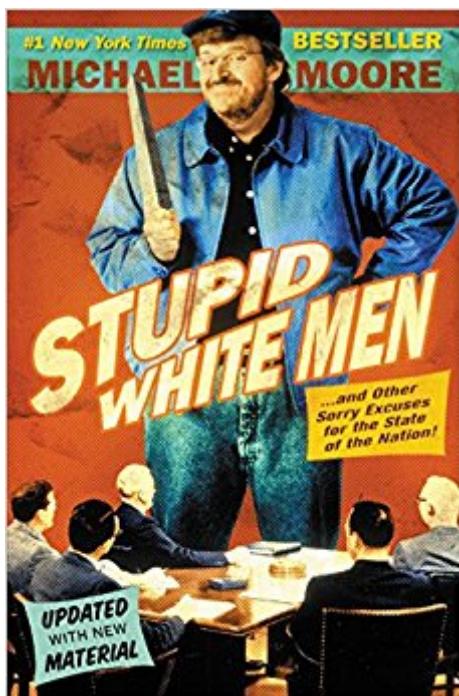


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# Stupid White Men: ...And Other Sorry Excuses For The State Of The Nation!



## Synopsis

In the winter of 2002, *Stupid White Men* took America -- and the world -- by storm. Tired and skeptical of George W. Bush's high approval rating, frightened by the implications of the Enron scandal -- and generally just looking for a voice of honest dissent in the thick atmosphere of jingoism that followed 9/11 -- book buyers from coast to coast swiftly embraced Michael Moore's in-your-face anti-Bush-era manifesto, making it one of the bestselling nonfiction books of the year. With an unerring eye for greed, hypocrisy, and corruption, Michael Moore takes on the whole ugly mess of America at the dawn of the twenty-first century. Whether he's demanding U.N. action to overthrow the Bush Family Junta or calling on African Americans to place whites only signs over the entrances of unfriendly businesses, *Stupid White Men* is a pitch-perfect skewering of our culture of Malfeasance and Mediocrity.

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## Customer Reviews

*Stupid White Men*, Michael Moore's screed against "Thief-in-Chief" George Bush's power elite, hit No. 1 at .com within days of publication. Why? It's as fulminating and crammed with infuriating facts as any right-wing bestseller, as irreverent as *The Onion*, and as noisily entertaining as a wrestling smackdown. Moore offers a more interesting critique of the 2000 election than Ralph Nader's *Crashing the Party* (he argued with Nader, his old boss, who sacked him), and he's serious when he advocates ousting Bush. But Moore's rage is outrageous, couched in shameless gags and madcap comedy: "Old white men wielding martinis and wearing dickies have occupied our nation's capital....

Launch the SCUD missiles! Bring us the head of Antonin Scalia!... We are no longer [able] to hold free and fair elections. We need U.N. observers, U.N. troops." Moore's ideas range from on-the-money (Arafat should beat Sharon with Gandhi's nonviolent shame tactics) to over-the-top: blacks should put inflatable white dolls in their cars so racist cops will think they're chauffeurs; the ever-more-Republicanesque Democratic Party should be sued for fraud; "no contributions toward advancing our civilization ever came out of the South [except Faulkner, Hellman, and R.J. Reynolds]," because it's too hot to think straight there; Korean dictator Kim Jong-il "has got to broaden himself beyond porn and John Wayne" by watching better movies, like *Dude, Where's My Car?* (which contains "all you need to know about America"). Whatever your politics, *Stupid White Men* should make you blow your stack. --Tim Appelo --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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"Stupid White Men" is a liberal screed, skewering the Bush family, Republicans, whites, and the wealthy and blaming them for many of the modern world's ills. Ok, that seems pretty fun, and it is... for a while. Moore has done enough research from secondary sources and media websites that he's not making stuff up, but he's more of a savvy hobbyist than an expert in the fields he covers. And he covers a lot of ground: the eleven chapters are divided thematically into discussions about things like the Bush family, lames whites, lame men, American parochialism, etc. He even helpfully documents his research in the "Notes and Sources" section, but it all comes from mainstream newspaper articles. That doesn't make it untrue, just underresearched, more of a college term paper than a serious look at the American system. When he offers advice, a la Thomas Friedman, on how to resolve the problems in the middle east or the former Yugoslavia, he's way out of his league. The book is fun, it's cute, and it may give voice to some of the same outrage that you've felt from time to time. Moore unapologetically only provides one side of the story, coming off as more of a wiseacre who spends a lot of time trying to crack the code of modern political rhetoric. And that's ultimately the part of the book that gets tiring. The tone of voice just grates, until this reader was skimming through the paragraphs of breathless outrage in order to get to the substance of the arguments. Moore's writing style hovers somewhere between the apoplectic college sophomore writing for the school paper and the sarcastic talking heads who blow steam on Sunday morning political

shows. It's an interesting book, a fun weekend read, and some of the anecdotes are eye-opening. But it's not terribly serious or groundbreaking. A book to pass around to your friends without worrying about whether they ever return it to you.

Like a warrior returning from the Crusades, Michael Moore has come back.....this time with cannons blasting all around! Hey, is this guy something else or what?? He makes Carville and Tucker look like the Bobsey twins. Michael takes on just about everyone in power. If you think that "Dubya" is in WAY over his head (as I do) this book is for you. And he's entertaining on top of it. Michael Moore is at his best when he goes after D.C. folk who don't look after our country's "infrastructure"....i.e. education, to name just one. And he's dead on when he attacks the national Democrats....wimps, all of them. I mean, can't one of them stand up to the idiot-in-chief? Problem is this book is all ammo. Moore, marginalized, is great in the short-term and lousy with answers. Oh sure, he gives you names, e-mail addresses, etc. of people in power to contact to register your protest, but his pie-in-the-sky stuff is exactly meant for the people who are vulnerable....young voters. By the way, they don't vote much after all. Hey, Mikey.....your bit about Ralph Nader was pretty pathetic.....got news for you...RALPH NADER GAVE US GEORGE BUSH. And that Green Party ain't goin' nowhere but down. Forget the Supreme Court, butterfly ballots and minor party candidates. Your defense of Ralphie looked defensive and squeamish. All of that said, I'd encourage you to buy this book. Michael Moore makes you think. And he's right lots of the time. I just wish he didn't come across like a left-wing Bill O'Reilly. Both are like professional wrestling referees....pointing out the bad things but rather helpless in setting things straight. Heck, Mike, you're not as smarmy as O'Reilly.

great book. I had read it years ago, lend it to a friend and never saw it again. Wanted to re-read it. Moore's approach is right on the money and, as with anything he does, biting and illuminating.

I think American needs a voice against the right wing corporate media of Fox News and other outlets. Michael Moore seems to be this voice and though he doesn't have a 24hour News network, his books and films attract attention. His reasoning may not always be waterproof, but he is still way more believable than most of the News media.

Vintage Michael Moore and still relevant today, perhaps even more so.

I purchased this for a class, so it is not necessarily something I chose because I wanted it. However, I really enjoyed this book nonetheless!

I agree with many of Moore's points in this book. Our fair nation is being run down by a bunch of Yahoos. However, I did find that Moore takes the extreme route more often than not, even if it means broadcasting vast generalizations that may not always be true. In Chapter 4 he attacks the recycling industry, claiming that it is a sham industry, the materials all end up at the landfill and it is basically a waste of time to recycle. This may be true in the case Moore researched, but it is certainly not a sham industry and Moore should be ashamed of himself for encouraging so many folks to blow off this worthwhile endeavor. That having been said, the book is thought provoking and I think folks should read it just to get a sense of what might be going on in the oval office without the public's knowledge.

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