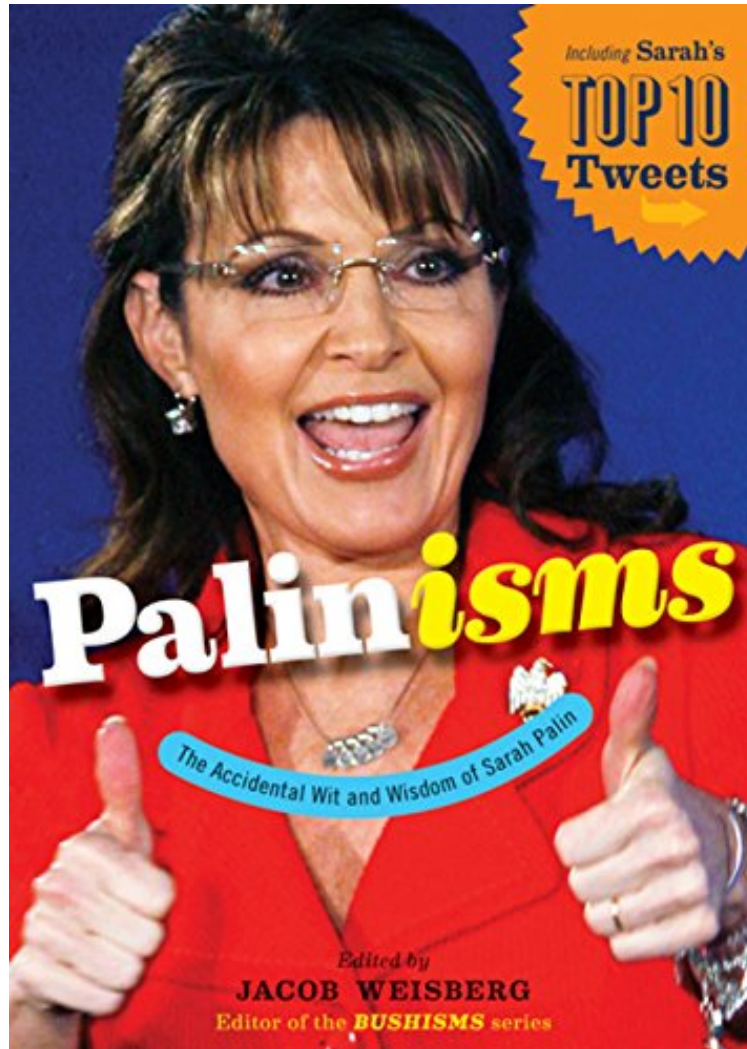


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Sarah Palin at her bestBy Jean-Paul A. HELDTAlthough Sarah has been in the national news only for a season as John McCain's running mate in the summer of 2008, Sarah will remain in collective memory of Americans of any stripe for her vitality, humorous repartees, and sayings, both good and bad. Few people can remain neutral and undetached about Sarah PALIN. Americans either love Sarah, or the hate Sarah, but this polarizing does not seem to bother the former governor from Alaska. She knows who she is, and if you don't like he, that's too bad. Go and find someone else to lavish your praise upon.6 of 10 people found the following review

helpful. Could be BetterBy avalonThe book is a nice collection of her mind boggling comments! What strikes me is how she continues to flaunt ignorance as the gold standard to being a leader! The sad part though is she still seems to have a rabid fan following. The books gives you a good glimpse of that ignorance - but I do wish they had limited their quotes from her appearances at the Wasilla Assembly of God Church - those were quite irrelevant! I did like the section on her tweets....they are just ignorant...but I guess that is what makes her so special!3 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Not worth the money.By MollyMAnyone who pays attention to Sarah Palin has heard all of this before - or could find it on the internet. It wasn't worth the money. I was expecting something I didn't already know.

"I don't know if I should Buenos Aires or Bonjour, or... this is such a melting pot. This is so beautiful. I love this diversity. Yeah. There were a whole bunch of guys named Tony in the photo line, I know that""We used to hustle over the border for health care we received in Canada. And I think now, isn't that ironic?"Sometimes she makes perfect sense. Sometimes she channels something deeper than sense. And sometimes she turns a phrase that is destined for immortality. Sarah Palin is not just the most controversial and significant non-office holder in America, she is a font of accidental wit and wisdom. Her truthy public statements--tweeted or spoken, planned or spontaneous--are endlessly entertaining to fans and foes alike. Jacob Weisberg, whose career as a curator of George W. Bushisms was made famous online, in books, in calendars, and even a DVD, is back with a new, and if possible, even more hilarious, source of malapropisms and mis-statements.

About the AuthorJacob Weisberg is Chairman and Editor in Chief of the Slate Group. From 2002 to 2008 he was the editor of Slate.com. He has written about politics for magazines including the New Republic, Newsweek, New York Magazine, Vanity Fair and the New York Times Magazine.Excerpt. © Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. INTRODUCTION For those used to a diet of oatmeal politics, Sarah Palin is a fiery bowl of moose chili. In a landscape of calculation and careerism, she's a snowmachine roaring across the tundra. In an age of compromise, she stands out as a conviction politician. So far as I can tell, she has four core beliefs: 1. Things go better with God. 2. Yay, Alaska! 3. Let's drill that sucker. 4. Curse you, political establishment. Palinisms occur when Palin expresses one of these views in her idiosyncratically involuted syntax ("It is from Alaska that we send those out to make sure that an eye is being kept on this very powerful nation, Russia"); when she expresses two or more of them in combination ("God's will has to be done, in unifying people and companies to get that gas line built, so pray for that"); or when she says anything at all in her imitable my sentence went on the Tilt-a-Whirl and got nauseous way ("And I think more of a concern has been not within the campaign the mistakes that were made, not being able to react to the circumstances that those mistakes created in a real positive and professional and helpful way for John McCain"). But the best Palinisms of all result when the huntress encounters something she wasn't hunting for — that is, when Sarah Palin comes into contact with most anything to do with domestic, foreign, or economic policy. It is this situation that generates those priceless let me tap-dance and, also, sing for you a little song while you come up with a different question moments. One such was the juncture in her mind-boggling 2008 interview when Katie Couric asked Palin to name a Supreme Court decision she disagreed with, other than Roe v. Wade. Surrounded by hostile forces, out of cartridges for her Remington, she bravely held her ground and kept pulling the trigger: Palin: Well, let's see. There's — of course in the great history of America there have been rulings, that's never going to be absolute consensus by every American, and there are those issues, again, like Roe v. Wade, where I believe are best held on a state level and addressed there. So, you know, going through the history of America, there would be others. But, um. Couric: Can you think of any? Palin: Well, I could think of any again that could best be dealt with on a more local level maybe I would take issue with. But, um, you know as a mayor and then as a governor and even as a vice president, if I am so privileged to serve, I would be in a position of changing those things, but in supporting the law of the land as it reads today. Tina Fey's caricature of Palin as an unprepared high school student trying to bluff her way through an oral exam by mugging and flirting hits its mark not merely because of the genius of the mimicry, but because of its fundamentally accurate diagnosis of Palin as bullshit artist. Palin's exuberant incoherence testifies to an unusually wide gulf between confidence and ability. She is proud of what she doesn't know and contemptuous of those "experts" and "elitists" who are too knowledgeable to be trusted. This curious self-regard echoes through her book, *Going Rogue*, described by the critic Jonathan Raban as "a four-hundred-page paean to virtuous ignorance." The issue is not that Palin, thrust upon the national stage with little warning, still doesn't know all the details. That's understandable. The issue is that she rarely appears to have the slightest grasp of what she's talking about even when she's supposed to know what she's talking about. For instance, in one of the 2008 campaign's most surreal examples of rhetorical excess, John McCain said Palin "knows more about energy than probably anyone else in the United States of America." A few days later, she offered a sample of her expertise in a town hall meeting: "Oil and coal? Of course, it's a fungible commodity and they don't flag, you know, the molecules, where it's going and where it's not . . . So, I believe that what Congress is going to do, also, is not to allow the export bans to such a degree that it's Americans that get stuck holding the bag without the energy source that is produced here, pumped here." Bushisms, which I collected for many years,

often hinged on a single grammatical or factual error. Palinisms, by contrast, consist of a unitary stream of patriotic, populist blather. It's like Fox News without the punctuation. It is so devoid of content that it hardly deserves the adjective "truthy." Let's call it "roguey." Palinisms do not have to contain actual evidence of rogue thinking, though; they just have to capture the rogue spirit. It's "Yes, we can, in spite of Them." The non-Sarah Dittoheads among us have to decide whether to regard this babble — favoring creation science, aerial wolf-shooting, and freedom of the press, so long as the press is "accurate" — as scary or funny. During the 2008 campaign, when there was a real chance that Palin could become the automatic successor to an impulsive, elderly cancer survivor, I found it more scary than funny. After McCain lost, and after Palin terminated her governorship in the effusion of furious gibberish known as her resignation speech, I have found it mostly funny. To be alarmed by Palin today presumes a Republican Party suicidal enough to want her to do more than run its weekend paintball games. So the spirit of Palinisms is something to be enjoyed. And we can be sure it's a gift that will keep on giving, for, as she says in her book, "God doesn't drive parked cars." Be warned: The one driving her pickup onto the Fox airwaves and into the Twittersphere is hungry for red meat, hard to reason with, and in a big hurry to get going. — Jacob Weisberg THE TONYNS "I don't know if I should Buenos Aires or Bonjour, or . . . this is such a melting pot. This is so beautiful. I love this diversity. Yeah. There were a whole bunch of guys named Tony in the photo line, I know that." — Addressing a Charity of Hope gathering, Hamilton, Ontario, April 15, 2010 GOOD HOCKEY "It's so good to be here in Michigan, where folks love the good hunting and fishing and the good hockey . . . You're proudly clinging to your guns and religion." — Speaking at the Defending the American Dream Summit, Clarkston, Michigan, May 1, 2010 CONTINENT "So we discussed what was going on in Africa. And never, ever did I talk about, Well, gee, is it a country or is it a continent, I just don't know about this issue." — Fox interview with Greta Van Susteren, November 11, 2008