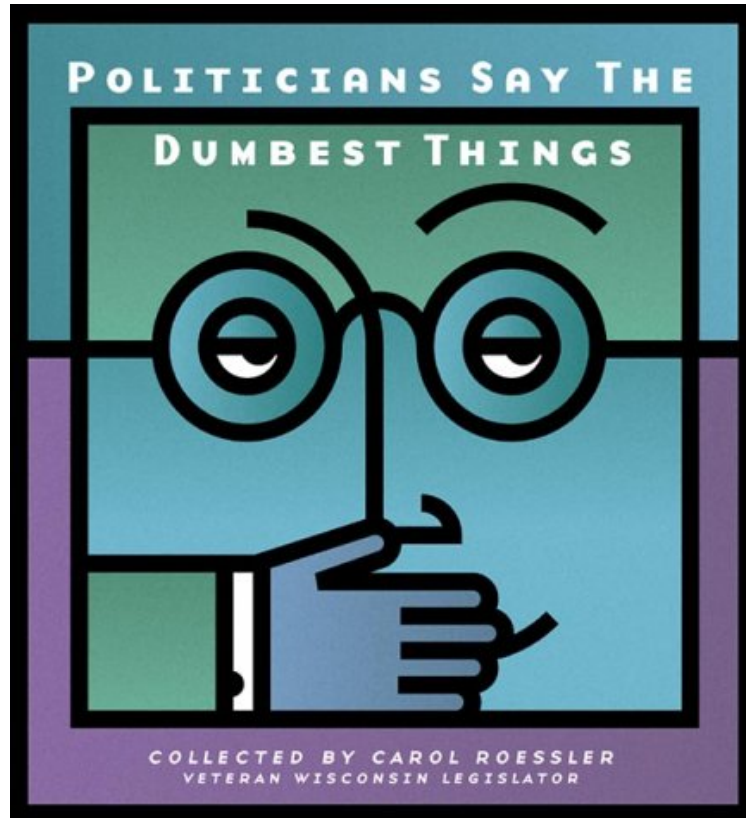


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. GREAT...but you get it on the news for FREE!By Joel L. GandelmanLOVE IT! LOVE IT! LOVE IT! Veteran Wisconsin politician Carol Roessler collected some of the dumbest, most stupid quotes from politicians -- in other words, typical things politicians say every day -- and put them in a small but potent volume. There's a section on Clinton Speak, George Bush Sr., dumb Kennedy quotes and lots of anonymous ones. She is even gutsy enough to quote herself ("I caught that out of the corner of my ear.."). I'm a former journalist who is now a fulltime ventriloquist, and I can tell you that in nearly 20 years freelancing oversea in Asia and Europe and working as a reporter on American newspapers I covered politicians and got a LOT lot of experience dealing with dummies. This small-sized book's quotes are short, one to a page, but it's the kind of book you'll read, want to read again, and will pick it up so often it'll wear out. I've read mine often the pages are coming out -- and it is not because of shoddy production. My only reservation is: you can watch unedited Congressional press briefings, political debates, and presidential press conferences and experience similar dumb quotes "live" for FREE. But this lets you savor the pompous stupidity on your own terms, without setting a VCR or having a radio talk show host add his/her/its own dumbness on top of a stupid quote. NO JOKE: I roared out loud when I read it, read it until it fell

apart -- and give Roessler a LOT of credit for her talent in selecting idiotic quotes and her ability to include herself. The edition I own was published in 1999 and with a new White House administration and new Congressional Democratic/Republican and Independent politicians she could easily expand her edition...to maybe several volumes....0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This is a funny bookBy Joseph H PierreThis is a funny book. The quotes Roessler has collected, both attributed and unattributed, demonstrate clearly the abysmal depths of confusion, ignorance and raw stupidity of some of our country's leaders. Some of course are simply faux pas, and no doubt some are tongue in cheek, but you will laugh your way through the book. Guaranteed. And of course, that is the point of the book. Some of the things it misses, like the Secretary of Defense who couldn't pronounce the word 'nuclear,' (he called it nook-you-ler), which weapons he controlled, or the Secretary of State who called espionage es-SPY-onage, or the Surgeon General who thought that "ever chile should be a wanned chile," are equally indicative of an incompetent vocabulary. I won't say that it proves that the election process that produces such "leaders" is flawed, but it certainly provides strong anecdotal evidence that either the process, or the voters' judgment, or both, has placed some people of questionable intelligence in high positions of leadership. It makes one wonder if perhaps it would be well to administer some form of intelligence test on wannabe candidates for high office, with at least the same minimal requirement as the civil service qualifications required of a dog catcher. But, this is a funny little book, and truly the source of some unbelievable quotes. These guys are making the laws that govern us?0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Democracy in ActionBy A CustomerBook Review from BOOKLIST Publishers' Spring Announcements Vol.96. No.13 3/1/2000 "Every four years,...it becomes impossible to ignore national politics. ...what's a committed apolitical cynic to do in the face of too much democracy in action? Laugh along with everybody else, that's what. Here to help us laugh is "veteran Wisconsin legislator" whose straightforwardly titled book collects a fine cross section of political stupidity. Yes, there are the expected chapters on "Clintonspeak," "Bush Sound Bites" and of course, "Quayleisms," but the best quotes in the book are unattributed, apparently because they were uttered by obscure local politicians, but perhaps because Roessler cares about protecting the stupid. Justifiably optimistic about the volume of dumb things we can expect to hear in the course of Decision 2000, Roessler provides an address where readers can send quotes for her next edition. ---Bill Ott

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