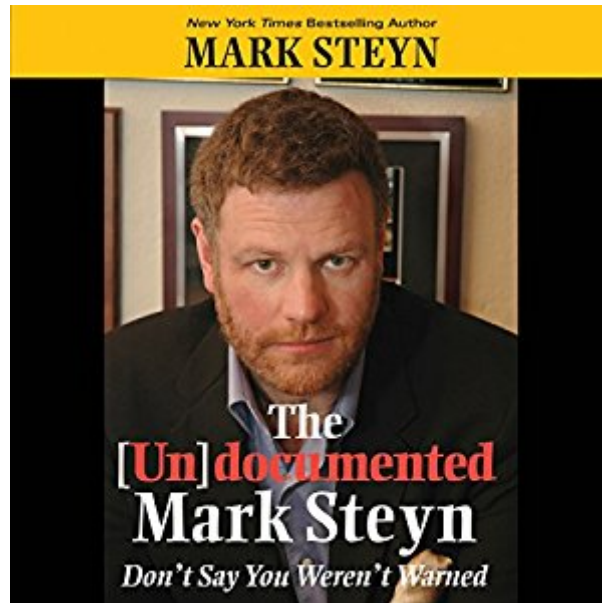


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The Undocumented Mark Steyn: Don't Say You Weren't Warned



Synopsis

He's brash, brilliant, and drawn to controversy like a moth to a flame. For decades, Mark Steyn has dazzled audiences around the world with his raucous wit and brutal honesty. Whether he's sounding off on the tyranny of political correctness, the existential threat of Islamic extremism, the "nationalization" of the family, or the "near suicidal stupidity" of America's immigration regime, Steyn is always provocative - and often laugh-out-loud hilarious. The Undocumented Mark Steyn gathers Steyn's best columns in a timeless and indispensable guide to the end of the world as we know it.

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Customer Reviews

With four hundred fifteen pages, sixteen sections (plus introduction and postscript), more than eighty columns (The Audacity of Grope, Did the Earth Summit Move for You? My Sahria Amour, A Town with Pity, Only the Clonely), and more puns and turn of a phrase than anyone can count, Mark Steyn continues to delight readers while raising concerns about the direction of America, western civilization, and democracy in this century. The future is not pretty, at least it will be if we continue down our current path, a path that Steyn has aptly described, cataloged and skewered for more than fifteen years. Acknowledging that this is a collection of previously published essays, going back to a Monica Lewinsky column in 1998, there is not really anything much 'new' here. That said, compiling, editing and publishing fifteen years of great writing is a great service to the late-arriving reader as well as the long-term fan. And his opening remarks on culture and politics, discussed recently with Limbaugh, add some fully realized realizations that elections matter less than the

dominant culture. The politically correct have won the culture wars and reclaiming any sense of core, constitutional principles is going to be a long, difficult slog. NOTE: The October 20 release date is not accurate. shipped the book this week; I received my copy Tuesday.

Steyn is a broad observer of life. As a commentator on the world, he is set apart by his "taking" writing style, hard work, and ability to summarily weave together a dozen different technical and cultural threads into a plausible metastory that actually gets read broadly. He's afflicting the comfortable in the fine tradition of Jeremiah and Amos, and his predictions (from his earlier work, and in some of the older columns in this book) about the future seem to be conservative in that... he usually can't seem to actually foresee that things will change as fast as they in fact do change. But for the future's general direction his articles have no current peer. The articles from his trip around Iraq just after "Mission Accomplished" are particularly worth pondering in light of subsequent events in the region.

I purchased Mark's book directly from his web site to enable him to use all of the profit for the legal morass with serial litigant Michael E. Mann. When I think of Mark v. Mann, I recall the time that David Letterman trained a fire extinguisher on the effervescent Richard Simmons, who appeared on the Letterman show wearing a turkey costume. If you elect to buy additional copies or other signature items, please buy them from Mark directly. The Undocumented Mark Steyn contains a wonderful mixture of a reprise of articles I had read previously and material I had not read. I have evoked stares from fellow public transit and airline passengers as a result of my simultaneous laughter and crying while reading Mark's articles. The future in America reminds me of the slogan above the entry to Dante's Inferno (The Divine Comedy): "Lasciate ogne speranza, voi ch'intrate", or "Abandon all hope, ye who enter here." I have looked for Mark on the Sunday talk shows, but, alas, the guests are usually recycled from the previous telecasts. The line from Casablanca comes to mind: "Round up the usual suspects." I have concluded that Mark would intimidate the hosts and the guests with his platinum analytical skills and vocabulary and his rapier wit. If you have not encountered Mark previously, I encourage you to start with his other books in chronological order. The earlier books will show you just how prescient he is. In addition, The Undocumented Mark Steyn is like a fine brandy after a hearty meal of steak and potatoes.

I recently heard Mark Steyn on an American talk radio show describing this book as a "greatest hits collection." Or maybe it was the interviewer describing it that way. Whatever. That's actually a good

way of describing it. The book is a collection of Mark Steyn columns from the 1990s to the present day, arranged by topic. It's all vintage Mark Steyn. Any Mark Steyn fan - and I'm one - would find this a worthwhile book. If you're not familiar with Mark Steyn, he's one of the best conservative writers on the scene. If politics and current affairs interests you, Mark Steyn is a writer you should read regularly. This book would be a great introduction to his work over the last 20 years. Apart from the fact that it's all great Steyn material, this book is worth buying as a way to support Mark Steyn in defending the lawsuit filed against him by the odious Dr. Michael Mann, who is seeking to shut down the free speech rights of anyone who criticizes or questions Mann's views on global warming or, perhaps more to the point, criticizes or questions Dr. Michael Mann. Even if I wasn't a long time Mark Steyn fan, I'd have bought the book to support Mark Steyn in defending himself against Dr. Mann's lawsuit.

Great, well written Mark Steyn at his pithy best. A must read for all clear thinking Americans.

Sad that people are leaving negative reviews that didn't even read the book. That sort of closed mindedness is sad.

Mark Steyn is the most acute observer in the world today: Irish father, Belgian mother, born in Canada, schooled in England and residing in the US. He writes for publications all over the English world. He describes what he sees happening in the world today and is helped by the fact that he is an erudite polymath, not in the sense of a scholar but in the sense of a keen observer. He is a keen observer because his interests and knowledge are vast, both of which enable Mr. Steyn to grasp the essence of what he sees instantly. If you distrust the global warming fascisti, Hillary, our clown of a current president and the religion of peace, you will like this book immensely.

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