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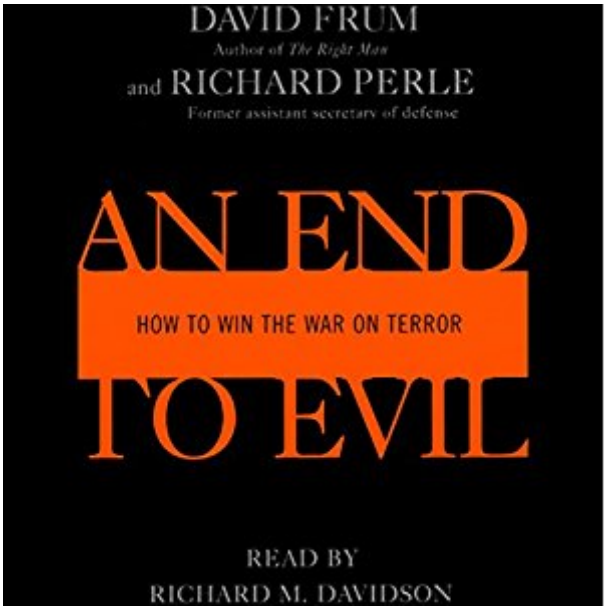
An End To Evil: How To Win The War On Terror



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Synopsis

This world is an unsafe place for Americans, and the U.S. government remains unready to defend its people. In An End to Evil David Frum and Richard Perle sound the alert about the dangers around us: the continuing threat from terrorism, the crisis with North Korea, the aggressive ambitions of China. Frum and Perle provide a detailed, candid account of America's vulnerabilities: a military whose leaders resist change, intelligence agencies mired in bureaucracy, diplomats who put friendly relations with their foreign colleagues ahead of the nation's interests. Perle and Frum lay out a bold program to defend America, and to win the war on terror.Among the topics this audiobook addresses:why the United States risks its security if it submits to the authority of the United Nations;why France and Saudi Arabia have to be treated as adversaries, not allies, in the war on terror;why the United States must take decisive action against Iran now;what to do in North Korea if negotiations fail;how our government must be changed if we are to fight the war on terror to victory, not just stalemate;where the next great terror threat is coming from, and what we can do to protect ourselves.An End to Evil will define the conservative point of view on foreign policy for a new generation, and shape the agenda for the 2004 presidential election year and beyond. With a keen insider's perspective on how our leaders are confronting, or not confronting, the war on terrorism, David Frum and Richard Perle make a convincing argument for why the toughest line is the safest line.

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Customer Reviews

I personally do not agree with "necons" like Perle. I think that their talk of democracy in the Middle East is an admirable goal, but when you really look at their writings and silence on particular issues, you're left with nothing more than a desire to control the Middle East...just in a more aggressive, proactive way.Two things that immediately jumped out at me from this book:(1) No index. I'm still baffled by this. I've never come across a book on politics/foreign policy that doesn't have an index. Why isn't there an index here? Its absence may not mean anything, but it is baffling nevertheless.(2) Next to no cited sources. This is probably a result of the fact that this book is a polemic if it's anything. Still, you'd think the authors would want to put as much scholarly weight behind this book as possible.Beyond that, this book does not represent the type of strong thinking I've seen from both authors in other forms. I disagree with a lot of what they've said, but before this book I would have called each intellectual/policy heavyweights. This book seems like they weren't even trying. It seems almost immature at times. If I had read this book without seeing the authors names, I would have been shocked to find out it was Perle and Frum.Finally, the main reason for not liking this book is that the authors are suggesting the type of foreign policy that ultimately makes this country weaker. Iraq has demonstrated the limits of American power and that we do need help with some of our goals. Perle and Frum appear to be thumbing their noses at the world here. They come across as being very arrogant. It is this type of attitude that makes others not want to help us, which makes our job much harder than it should be.

Well, we haven't heard much lately (as of March 1, 2006) from these two bellicose neocons, have we? I read this book when it first came out, but events of the past few days (e.g. the initiation of categorical civil war in Iraq; the renunciation, abridgement, or disavowal of Neoconservatism by its very founders and leaders) has lead me to think back on the time I wasted reading this glorified pamphlet.Beyond their own inadequacy-driven ideology, the authors obviously have no idea what they are talking about. For instance, they cite as their gauge of public opinion in the Islamic world the antiquated idiom of "the coffee-houses of Damascus and Cairo"; as if they were writing in 1938 rather than the internet-wired beginning of the 21st century. But no, it couldn't be 1938, because according to Pearle and Frum, history in the Middle east begins in 1979, with the overthrow of the Shah of Iran and the taking of American hostages by Islamic radicals of that country. After reading the book I looked back through it for confirmation of this startling impression, and was able to find no specific mention of any event in the entire region predating that year. What about the CIA's overthrow of the democratically-elected Mossadeq government in Iran in 1952, and their installation of a medieval monarchy in its place? - apparently not worth mentioning; - couldn't possibly have had

any bearing on Iranian attitudes and motives as they disposed of their Shah and lashed out at his American sugar-daddies. Similarly, while the authors do note the existence of the state of Israel, they fail to explore any aspect of its controversial establishment and expansion.Apart from the book’s countless factual errors, outright lies, and generally nefarious motives, this willful dismissal of crucial history stands as the most compelling reason to stay away from this intrinsically worthless book.

The idiocy of this book is epic. I’m sorry I have to give it even 1 star.The authors’ notions of good and evil are laughable and simplistic. Their logic is basically: "Neocons and Capitalists GOOD, Islamists BAD". "Drones GOOD, radical IMAMS bad" "Plundering nations in the guise of NATION BUILDING GOOD, Sharia law BAD". Their understanding of the islamists behavior stops with the sweeping statement "they are evil". The result of this is that this fascist tome is a formula for endless war.But while the attack on the Twin Towers was evil, it was not random. We don’t see the islamists attacking Sweden or Papua New Guinea do we? I wonder why. Could it be that the islamists are responding to American aggression in the first place? An intrusion of American military might into the Islamic world? These fumbling authors are way too narcissistic to ever figure it out. I hope you will.

In this fascinating book, political thinkers David Frum (former special assistant to President George W. Bush) and Richard Perle (former assistant secretary of defense under President Reagan and chairman of the Defense Policy Board under President George W. Bush) turn their thoughts towards the American war on terrorism. The book begins with a spirited defense of the American invasion of Iraq, and then moves on to the war on terror as a whole. The book looks at the world, with special attention focused on the various nationsÃ¢Â Â™ motives and actions with regards to Muslim fundamentalism, and what America should do to bring the war to a successful conclusion.LetÃ¢Â Â™s make no bones about it; this is a book about war, about good guys and bad guys, about the application of force, and remaking the world. Overall, I found the authorsÃ¢Â Â™ arguments to be very black-and-white, but quite well thought out. They look at the problem of terrorism as a whole, examining where it is in AmericaÃ¢Â Â™s best interests to use military force, and where to use economic aid and pressure to bring about better conditions for the people of the world. Indeed, I strongly suspect that the Bush Administration is listening to such people as Messrs. Frum and Perle, which means that, agree or disagree, you would do well to read this book to see what strategy they are following. I highly recommend this book to everyone.

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