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The Undocumented Mark Steyn



Synopsis

He's brash, brilliant, and drawn to controversy like a moth to a flame. For decades, Mark Steyn has dazzled readers 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

The New Criterion review: "The irrepressible Mark Steyn is back with a new collection of essays. The [Un]documented Mark Steyn (Don't Say You Weren't Warned) is a rich cornucopia of essays about the future of America from National Review, The Atlantic Monthly, The Spectator (both the American and the English ones), London's Daily Telegraph, and several other literary organs here and abroad. No one else combines Steyn's dazzling humor, astonishing erudition, and gripping apocalyptic prognostication. All is not well in the fruited plains of this great republic, and no one provides chapter and verse of our unfolding dégringolade with the authority and rhetorical élan of Mark Steyn. It's a neat trick, making societal collapse seem entertaining as well as horrifying, but Steyn manages the feat with consummate skill."

Mark Steyn's matchless combination of outrageous wit and an unerring ability to get to the heart of the matter makes him one of the most compelling commentators in the English-speaking world. Devoted readers in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia depend on Steyn's unique international perspective to understand the snowballing crisis of the western world. The Undocumented Mark Steyn gathers some of his best writing from the last two decades in a timeless and indispensable guide to the end of the world as we know it. Here you'll find the familiar Steyn themes: the fiscal horror that looms for the Brokest Nation in History, the existential threat of Islamic extremism, the metastasizing tyranny of political correctness, and the west's demographic suicide - "all the fun stuff," delivered in his signature laugh-a-minute apocalyptic doom-mongering style. This essential guide to all things Steyn also includes pieces on music, film, and show business as well as classic bits from live appearances and his guest-hosting gig as "your Undocumented Anchorman" on The Rush Limbaugh Show. Like his political writing, Steyn's immensely entertaining book and film reviews, musical essays, and biographical sketches illuminate larger truths. With inimitable flair and remorseless logic, Steyn explains why it matters which culture dominates your country. Exposes "the near suicidal stupidity of America's immigration regime." Shows why you can't have a conservative government in a liberal culture. Laments the "nationalization of the family," "the defining fact about the decline of the west." From his remote perch in northern New Hampshire, Steyn would rather write about his favorite songs, but in a world where the Taliban bans music, he reminds us that "even the smallest pleasures have to be earned, and defended... so you need to pitch in on this clash of civilizations thing." And defend he does. His courage in beating back the enemies of free speech in his native Canada and elsewhere has earned him numerous awards and a loyal following around the world. When Armageddon breaks out, you can't say you weren't warned.

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.

I always enjoyed hearing Mr. Steyn on the radio. His brand of wit and political satire keep my attention, no matter what the subject matter is. The book is a compilation of past writings in various publications. Some are very good; some are so-so. The basic structure is very similar to Charles Krauthammer's bit hit "Things That Matter." Both men are brilliant in their professions which is probably why liberals and progressives rarely challenge them face to face on a disputed issue.

Steyn is such an incredible writer and thinker. There is something for everyone in this collection. I find the earlier selections particularly interesting as Steyn's views end of being proven by time. Highly recommend for those who like to laugh, remember history and are well versed in current events so that Steyn's satire is understandable. Will not forget his ode to the Perfect XMAS nor his essay describing how to throw away a fluorescent light bulb! His knowledge of music is fantastic.... also loved his music and theatre pieces. Reading Steyn is to keep a perpetual smile on your face.

I love the writings of Mark Steyn. He's brilliant and funny too. Warning: Undocumented means uncensored. He can get a bit out there but I still like the way he thinks and turns a phrase.

Mark Steyn Rush Limbaugh's "undocumented" guest host is a marvel in print and on air. I can hear his voice as I read his pearls of wisdom and enjoy every bit of what he cares to impart to us. A must for conservatives everywhere.

As a big fan of Steyn's on TV and radio, I found his writing a little wanting. Too much of the book is a compilation of published articles over the years, many of which went back to his early days commenting on political behavior in the British Isles and pre-Canadian years.

Came fast. As usual, Steyn is right on. Every American who would like safety, a secure country for fellow Americans and the retention of the Constitution should read this.

Steyn shines, just shines. A true First Amendment warrior. A prophet of the just how precarious

Western Civilization is, beset from within and without by totalitarians.

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