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Go Fish: How To Win Contempt And Influence People



Synopsis

"Mr. Fish dissects the journalistic responsibility he faces as a cartoonist to make it make sense. It being his raw emotional output in response to a given stimuli (government, society, et al) manifesting itself via pen on paper without regard to the cleverly pointed punchline that will accompany and ultimately define it. . . The drawings are a celebration of the technical mastery and unbridled emotional truth of Dwayne Booth -- the Clark Kent to Superman's Mr. Fish."--Huffington Post "Fish's work makes you want to do something--even if you're not entirely sure what that something is--to change things for the better, and the feeling stays with you long after the book is closed."--Verbicide Magazine "Few individuals are as clued in to the volatility of the current political climate as iconic cartoonist Dwayne Booth (aka Mr. Fish). . . known for pointed and piquant single-panel cartoons that fearlessly and relentlessly take on the most sacred of cows in public life."--LA Weekly "A vibrant example of political cartooning as it is practiced at its heights; Anyone who thinks political cartooning is stale need only take a closer look at this body of work; Certifiably brilliant; The photographic elegance and immediacy with which this drawing is executed is typical of the most refined Mr. Fish style."--Los Angeles Review of Books This debut volume of political cartoons from the revered Mr. Fish spans politics, popular culture, the economic crisis, the Obama presidency, and much more, where nobody--right, left, or middle--is safe from his razor-edged satire. The volume also includes original essays by Mr. Fish. Mr. Fish has been a freelance writer and cartoonist for eighteen years, publishing under both his real name (Dwayne Booth) and the penname of Mr. Fish with many of the nation's most reputable and prestigious magazines, journals, and newspapers. In addition to his weekly cartoon for Harper's and daily contributions to Truthdig.com, he has also contributed to the Los Angeles Times, the Village Voice, the LA Weekly, the Atlantic, the Huffington Post, Vanity Fair, Mother Jones, the Advocate, Z Magazine, the Utne Reader, Slate.com, MSNBC.com, and others.

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"Nobody does what Mr. Fish does, and even if they did, they wouldn't do it as well as Mr. Fish does. Go Fish is that rarest of creatures: an essential collection of political cartoons."--David Reese, author of Get Your War On
"Mr. Fish is one of the few brilliant souls who describes and illustrates the earth's insanity and all of the hypocrisy and still somehow doesn't detract from my need to masturbate constantly."--Richard Lewis, Comedian/Actor
"Mr Fish's penis obsession has evolved into unique visual metaphorical truths that probe the very core of politics, culture, religion; pick a target, any target; yes, he has indeed learned to think outside the cocks."--Paul Krassner, author of Confessions of a Raving, Unconfined Nut: Misadventures in the Counter-culture
"Behold the cartoons in Go Fish: there is no more savage yet brilliant wit then that possessed by Mr. Fish, who will never compromise on his deep artistic insight or the outrageous honesty of his social commentary. In a sellout culture he is that rare witness for unfettered truth."--Robert Scheer, author of The Great American Stickup

Excellent service for this witty, sophisticated, and critical commentary.

....and I love this guy Mr. Fish! Now that I've read his book I know that I have seen his work so now I can enjoy the security that there is more work to discover and enjoy. Go Mr Fish! You make me want to speak out in my own voice with my own genius! xoxo

I've been following Mr. Fish for a long while. His chat with Mort Sahl was refreshing, and I love his approach to Faith in God. Having long suffered from my devotion to architecture and structural engineering vs the official version of the collapse of the Twin Towers, Wayne is one of few who can provide relief, far better than my amygdala can rationalize the horrors of reality. I am so glad I bought this book at . The price was right. It was a steal. john jensen

The cover of this book, Go Fish, is just wonderfully ironic. There is a depiction of a mild-mannered Buddy Holly knock off in his big black rimmed glasses, his eyes closed, stepping out into a world

that is... Well, okay, maybe a little polluted. Oh, yes, and in the distance might those be bombs? Oh well, if one doesn't look, then they just aren't nice. So it's going to be a nice day for a walk somewhere. And certainly the title lures one in because anyone like me who recalls playing "Fish" when we would tell others, depending upon our cards, to "go fish," looks forward to the possibilities of a nice book with a nice message. Except, of course, this is a book written by a man who as a seven-year-old boy became enraged by the "I want to buy the world a Coke" ad. Remember it? I just had the pleasure of both reading this book and listening to the author/artist talk about the book and his political views at the Miami Book Fair. Mr. Fish, who is actually Dwayne Booth, is a tall, handsome man who wears--ah, yes--large black-framed glasses. He is one of those guys who is like the cover of this book, ironic. The calm, coolness would suggest that this is not a man who would be as enraged as he is about the state of affairs in this world, very graphically depicted in his art work which has earned international recognition. We all know the five stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. This book is built about them except in reverse. Ah, yes, more irony. His prose is absolutely brilliant, matching his graphics. There are some of the most delicious long sentences, many written from the point of view of Dwayne Booth as a child growing up in New Jersey. I was surprised when he spoke about Mort Sahl and Lenny Bruce as comedians he admires since those are people of my generation. I recall hoping my parents would not discover that I had two 78 records, one of Mort Sahl and the other of Lenny Bruce. I lived in a Republican household, but I traveled around with my liberal views kept tightly in my head. I think this quote from Groucho Marx on page 57 may best summarize what one experiences reading and seeing this wonderful book: "Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies." Amen! Dwayne Booth is an atheist who admires Jesus. Me too. Jesus did wonderful things because he didn't sit back and simply bemoan the bad things that were happening around him. One of the cartoons in this book depicts the same image twice: a man sitting in the front of his TV. One man is angry about Wall Street-type behaviors. The other man is embracing those behaviors. They do not act. And that, says Mr. Fish, is just about the best way to summarize the current morass in this country although he has hopes that Occupy Wall Street will not abort. In the book are several political cartoons that depict President Obama in less than positive terms. For those of us who have become very disappointed in this president, these cartoons are welcome because they reflect the truth about his presidency, about how he has become a commander in chief with policies that hardly reflect what we thought he was campaigning on. I highly recommend this unique book.

Be afraid. Be very afraid. Mr Fish (D Booth) has no sugar for your medicine. With a precision of wit Fish distills the hypocrisy's of our time into a single punch to the gut. A passion for truth guides a hand that presents images that will force you to stop and gawk, like a brutal 23 car pile-up that you can't stand to look at but still can't turn away. One day this man will win a Pulitzer. Which he will then piss on and return. peaceboxcar

I've really enjoyed Mr. Fish's political and social cartoons and essays online so I'm happy to have them to share at home.

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