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The Candidates: Based On A True Country



Synopsis

Fresh on the heels of *Hubris Falls*™, Matthew S. Hiley's acclaimed first novel, comes *The Candidates: Based On A True Country*™, which is sure to keep those who appreciate his dark wit ecstatic. Skip LaDouche and Harry Pinko are the two frontrunners campaigning for the Presidency of the United States. They are what we've come to expect from our leaders: self-serving and unqualified. When Kimmy Faimwhorre, the reality television star that they are both having an affair with, turns up murdered, the candidates take campaigning to its most primal form: complete and total destruction of the opposition. Nothing is sacred in this violently comic short novel from Matthew S. Hiley. Politics-as-usual and pop-culture are thoroughly skewered in one of the most absurd and entertaining stories ever told.

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Customer Reviews

As the cover of the book depicts, *The Candidates: Based on a True Country* by Matthew s. Hiley is a comedy. While the description of the book sounded good, I must confess that it isn't my type of comedy. For the most part I found it rude, raunchy, and down right vulgar however I do appreciate the author writing it. I know that sounds a bit confusing but read on and it will be explained. I won't

recap the whole story since the author already written a good description of what the book is about. However what isn't mentioned in the description is the author writing about things others dare not to mention. Things going on today such as prejudice, stereotyping, and the political games being played. I also couldn't help but notice that although it is full of made-up situations and actions, there is plenty of truth in it if you can get past the fabricated and comedy parts. An example of it is that the candidates picked running mates based on how many 'groups of people' that will vote for them. A running mate who is an Asian, lesbian, amputee, would appeal to Asian and Middle-Eastern, LGBT, handicap, and female voters and that is more important than if that person is qualified for such a position. In other words, what they are is more important than their accomplishments, past records, and if what they stand for what is right or good for the people. It is all a matter of getting into office and promoting their own personal agenda even if it means telling known lies and promises which if you watched the political candidates, no matter what office, is what is goes on in many elections to this day. The characters in this book don't need to be developed like most books do.

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