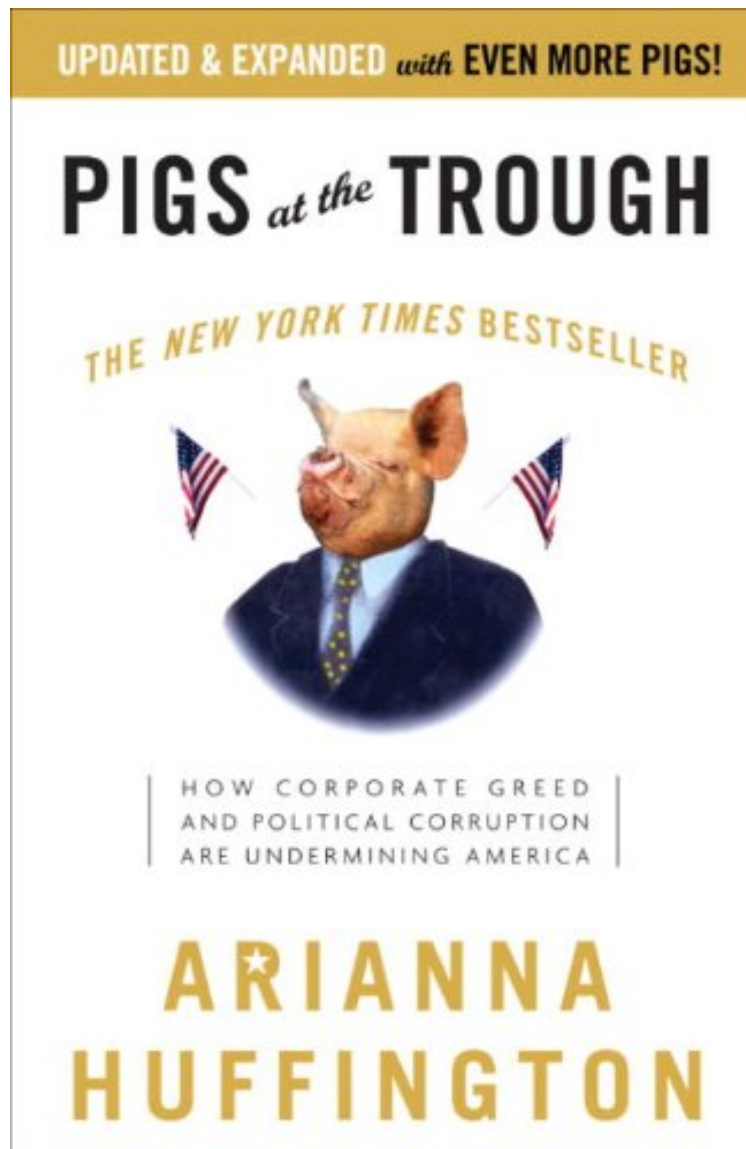


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Arianna Huffington : Pigs at the Trough: How Corporate Greed and Political Corruption Are Undermining America before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pigs at the Trough: How Corporate Greed and Political Corruption Are Undermining America:

4 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Lot's of facts about bad business.By M. KarakusThis was a good reference on the greediness of corporate America and how the political scene benefited from since the past 7 years.

The author explained the situations very well with some humor at the end of the chapters with some quizzes and relevant jokes. I would recommend this book to other since it helps open the eye of the reader on the behind the scenes of corporation and government actions. The author is a liberal with some great ideas on how to prevent further corporate disasters, for greedy "Fat Cat". Her ideas I thought were a little too "idealistic" since corporate America and the government have been working together for the past several generations. Although with the Internet and technology the public can help with some of the authors ideas. The thought I left with was the fact that as the public we need to demand more from our government and be afraid of the corporations. Have fun reading. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Pigs at the Trough: How Corporate Greed and Political Corruption Are Undermining America By G. Hatt If you want to know where the money trail takes you in Politics, read this book! Both political parties are "outed". You will know which Senator or Representative got how much money from which corporation. I have bought copies and passed them on to family and friends, strongly encouraging them to see which of our elected officials, were influenced by whom. At the end of the book Arianna provides a list of sites you can contact if you wish to become involved to make a change. I Absolutely can not give enough kudos to Ms. Huffington for having written such a detail expose on Congress, and corporate deception, a must read. 12 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Clean the sty! By Malvin Arianna Huffington's "Pigs at the Trough" is a scathing indictment of the corporate, accounting and investment "pigs" who have gotten fat at the public's expense. The author makes clear that this feeding frenzy has been made possible by their sold-out lackeys in Washington who seem more than willing to pass any laws that the pigs might ask for. While Huffington's profiles of the corporate CEOs who have been the biggest beneficiaries of this rigged game are at turns hilarious and disgusting, her analysis of what this all means for ordinary workers and citizens are sobering. After reading how the pigs perpetrated many of their scams, the reforms suggested by Huffington appear to be logical. You might think that the business community would want to implement like changes in the wake of the stock market implosion in order to restore investor confidence, but it appears not to be the case. Huffington shows how politicians from both parties are skilled at creating legislative loopholes while simultaneously giving lip service to the need for "corporate responsibility". All this suggests that the inability of our nation's institutions to police themselves could lead to even worse abuses in the future. Fortunately, Huffington includes a list of worthy activist organizations in the appendix. Since our elected officials are clearly not willing to clean the sty, it is up to the people to make sure that their voices are heard. To that end, "Pigs at the Trough" will inform, entertain and inspire you to do what needs to be done. Highly recommended!

Wonderfully incendiary and right-headed . . . Huffington is mad as hell, and rightly so. Esquire The scathing and insightful New York Times bestseller, now updated to include the current economic crisis Pigs at the Trough is Arianna Huffington's eerily prescient expose of the financial meltdown and the flagrant greed that triggered it. Once again, Huffington takes on the nexus of corporate highfliers, lobbyists, and Washington insiders who have created and zealously protected a culture of corruption in America. Harkening back to the days of Enron and WorldCom, she draws a line connecting those accounting frauds to the much larger and more sophisticated corruption that drove the latest financial crisis. The list of new culprits is long, and in this updated version of Pigs at the Trough, Huffington calls them out including AIG, Citigroup, and Merrill Lynch and asks the probing questions of how things went so wrong and how we can rebuild our free market capitalist system on a sounder moral foundation. Wickedly amusing yet powerfully indicting, Pigs at the Trough will once again stir up heated discussion among Americans outraged by the bailout of corporate swine. With a passion for the truth and an eye for detail, Arianna Huffington reports on the hijacking of democracy. Read it and weep then head for the barricades. Bill Moyers Huffington indicts with precision, verve, and sparkling wit. Barbara Ehrenreich Arianna Huffington makes an appealing and compelling argument for the repeal of human nature that indulges savage, unconscionable, and despicable greed. Walter Cronkite

.com Arianna Huffington, popular pundit, columnist, and author, is not known for her polite criticisms or her carefully worded complaints. In the course of Pigs at the Trough: How Corporate Greed and Political Corruption Are Undermining America, the corporate CEOs, accountants, politicians, and lobbyists at who she takes aim receive little relief from their porcine characterization first intimated in the book's title. And while she is full of invective for Enron's Kenneth Lay, Tyco CEO Dennis Kozlowski, Dick Cheney, and others, she backs up her outrage with dollar figures, dates, names, and specific information. The voluminous research is made more digestible by Huffington's direct and often amusing writing style (she characterizes a CEO's process of getting a loan approved by a corporate board as being akin to Tony Soprano getting a loan from Paulie Walnuts). Interspersed between chapters are entertainingly informative sidebars, including quizzes on executives' avarice and games where you match the CEO to his yacht. Occasionally, Huffington's anger gets mired in name-calling, which deflates her points. And while she spends ample time and space outlining the particulars of a flawed power structure, she dedicates little time to offering practical solutions toward remedying the problems. But Huffington is not trying to write a political science textbook or

a party platform. As a highly readable indictment of corporate and governmental excess, *Pigs at the Trough: How Corporate Greed and Political Corruption Are Undermining America* is highly successful. --John Moe
From Publishers Weekly
Nationally syndicated columnist Huffington's greatest dilemma while writing this scathing indictment of the corporate and political culture that brought the "new economy" '90s crashing down must have been how to choose among the plethora of examples of greed, corruption, hypocrisy and political manipulation. So unsavory are the CEO villains, so unfathomable is their greed and monstrously callous is their disregard for the thousands of employees who lost jobs and savings because of them, that even the most worldly activist and most cynical political observers will be shocked by what they read here. And Huffington's indictment of the corporate culture of greed, one that she believes undermines democracy, goes far beyond the high-flying corporate figures featured in congressional investigations. Among her accusations are that U.S. drug companies allowed the African AIDS epidemic to rage in the interests of corporate profits, and that President Bush is a conspirator in the corporate disregard of the interests of the American public. This is a powerful book, brimming with wit and sulphurous satire that connects the dots among politicians, lobbyists and corporations, and demonstrates their destructive effect on the well-being of average Americans. She may well be on her way to achieving her goal of convincing readers "to join forces to storm the control room of the S.S. America."
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From Booklist
Huffington, political commentator and columnist, provides a scathing indictment of corporate America's CEOs, the current president and vice-president, Democrats and Republicans, lobbyists, accountants, and other powerful entities that she holds responsible for "the lunatic excesses and the frenzy of fraud perpetrated by our high-flying corporate chieftains [that] have left our 401(k)s and pension plans in ruins and 8.3 million people out of work." The author details the legal and ethical debacles at companies such as Enron, WorldCom, and Tyco that have undermined the well-being of our society, and she blames not only the CEOs but the unprecedented collusion between corporate interests and politicians. Offering familiar solutions such as treating stock options as expenses, making it illegal for Wall Street firms to link research analysts and investment bankers, banning accountants from offering consulting services, and instituting real pension reform, the author wants readers to get involved and effect change. Cleverly written with stories and tests, this book exposes corporate malfeasance and the system that Huffington believes supports it. Mary Whaley
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