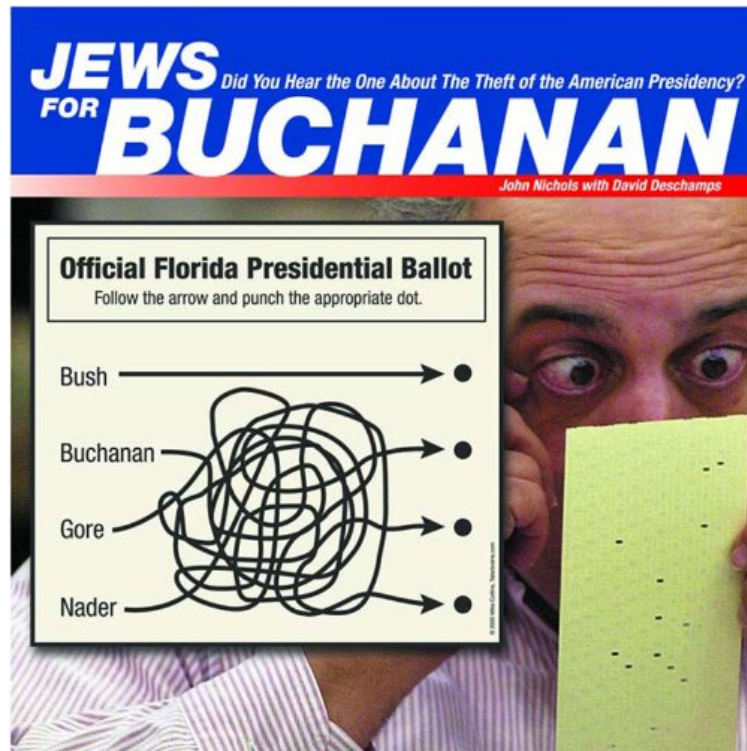


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41 of 45 people found the following review helpful. Shocking details in a wonderfully conceived bookBy LanladyRemember the TV pundits trying so hard to convince us that the Bush presidency really began on 9/11? Don't let them fool you--the details of vote robbing, fraud, abuse of power, and political chicanery that played out in Florida, courtesy of the Bush family and GOP operative Katherine Harris, have been researched and presented in very convincing fashion by John Nichols. Until I read this book I thought I was pretty well up to speed on the Florida election fiasco. I was wrong: Jews for Buchanan not only has much to add about the infamous butterfly ballot (designed by a Texas firm, by the way!) but also goes into depth about such under-reported (or outright censured) aspects as the real extent of African-American voter disenfranchisement. The book is rich in details. For instance, I didn't know that there is a Bush cousin working at Fox who succeeding in manipulating that station's news coverage. The saga is recounted with an appropriate touch of light humor (much needed, because the information is enough to make you scream and cry), with fascinating sidebars throughout focussing on particular technical or "human interest" aspects. It is extremely well-written. I promise you will never look at Bush and his clique the same way again. It has stirred me to become more politically active, and to start paying close attention to this Administration and its

media lackeys. 8 of 13 people found the following review helpful. A definite eye-opener. By NameNomNom I learned volumes of information that Bush and Co. would have preferred to keep under wraps from this book. The degree of manipulation that occurred was astounding and in some occasions it even crossed over into the fraudulent. And this book is a highly entertaining compendium of those little-known events and revelations that took place before, during, and after the 2000 election. Such as exactly what sort of tinkering and string-pulling people like Katherine Harris, Karl Rove, and Tom Delay were involved in, which ultimately resulted in Dubya being named the 43rd president of our nation. I mean these people give an entirely new definition to the term 'political spin.' The thing I find most appalling is that here I am writing this review two years after the election and some of these allegations which are undoubtedly true have yet to be examined by any court of law or even any major media outlet. This tells me there is an aura of deception still present over that whole debacle. Of course, there are some points in the book where the author tries too hard to make allegations and connections that might not necessarily be true; they are more perceived than they are tangible. Nichols can be overly subjective writer at times which can detract from the rest of the fact driven commentary in this book. I didn't find it to be too much of a problem though. But I think every American should read this book or something like it that exposes crystal clear the flaws that exist in our government. Once these discrepancies become common knowledge I think America and its citizens will be better equipped to make the necessary changes so that this sort of thing will never repeat itself. Therefore, inform yourself and read this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Readable, Informative, Farce. By K.A. Goldberg. Author John Nichols provides a solid look at the machinations surrounding the 2000 Presidential election in Florida with its then-crucial 25 electoral votes. As most already know, the issue was ultimately decided not by the voters but by the "gang of five" on the U.S. Supreme Court that stepped in to end the ongoing recount and thus terminate any chance of discovering that Al Gore may have won Florida. What many didn't realize was the extent of machinations by the GOP and Bush team to manipulate the outcome both before and after election day - everything from disqualifying legitimate (and overwhelmingly democratic) black voters, to illegally-constructed ballots, calling Gore a sore loser, etc. And the Gore campaign? Surprisingly lame given that a full recount very possibly would have put them in the White House. Dirty politics are hardly the province of one political party, but in Florida that year it was obvious which party went to greater lengths. The author of this easy-reading book is hardly non-partisan, but in this case there were far too many shennanigans for it to matter very much. Thus the count in Florida was suspect, and as in 1876 (Hayes over Tilden) the loser very possibly got the job that his opponent was elected to. Some have noted with outrage the partisan decision of the Supreme Court's gang of five. The outrage is justified, but their dirty deal was hardly unexpected - throughout history justices have employed tortured reasoning to subvert the law and constitution (not to mention their sworn duty), particularly when the issue was strongly political. Additionally, as long as blacks vote overwhelmingly for one party, the opposition will be tempted to limit their participation via purged voter lists, photo-ID laws, and other shennanigans.

A recent ABC News poll revealed that 35 percent of Americans -- or close to one hundred million people -- believe that President George W. Bush was not legitimately elected. In a wonderfully irreverent grab bag of facts, rumor, idle speculation, and unmitigated rage, *Jews for Buchanan* revisits the major events and decisions of the 2000 presidential race, and with a jaundiced if twinkling eye, outlines the overwhelming litany of mistakes, conflicts of interest, inappropriate behavior, and political abuse that were on display during this sorry episode in American political history. Drawing on a variety of sources, from the Annenberg Center's comprehensive collection of election-related documents to little-known websites, *Jews for Buchanan* covers the whole range of issues that don't pass the smell test: the intimidation of black voters; the disproportionate number of older Jewish residents of Florida who recorded votes for Patrick Buchanan; information about Katherine Harris's connections with the Bush campaign; arguments for the recusal of specific Supreme Court justices; communication between Jeb Bush's office and the Bush campaign; and the role of Republican aides in disrupting the recount -- all adding up to a powerful case that George W. Bush is merely a pretender. Combining quips and quotes with the best editorial cartoons and commentary from the election, *Jews for Buchanan* will be the ultimate memento of the 2000 election for millions of Americans.

From Publishers Weekly. Nichols, an experienced political observer who writes for the *Nation*, assembles an impressively wide array of little-known information about the 2000 election in Florida: how TV network cutbacks left them short of news resources and vulnerable to spin and bad-faith attacks; how several counties with optical-scan equipment capable of catching mismarked ballots had high error rates because officials disabled the function to save money; how the "butterfly ballot" cost Gore over 8,500 votes, and a rush to judgment overlooked the clear precedent of a court-ordered revote in the 1968 presidential election; how a Reconstruction-era law disenfranchising felons cost Gore roughly 85,000 votes, and how Bush's and Katherine Harris's offices combined to purge the votes of thousands of supposed "ex-felons," including one county election supervisor; how blacks, with 11% of eligible voters, constituted 44% of those "scrubbed" from voter rolls and 54% of rejected ballots; how Republicans quietly challenged and disqualified hundreds of overseas Gore votes; and many other examples. Nichols combines a journalistic, point-by-

point style with engaging, conversational, sometimes chilling and sometimes humorous anecdotes: Pat Buchanan, for instance, jokes about how he prayed to God not to let his epitaph read "The Man Who Cost George W. Bush the Presidency," and wholeheartedly agrees that the butterfly ballot helped save him from this particular ignominy. This volume will leave little doubt in the minds of many that Gore was robbed. But Nichols doesn't dryly build a case; he tells compelling stories revolving around the deeper, more troubling notion that the American people and democracy itself were robbed. 34 bw illus. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.