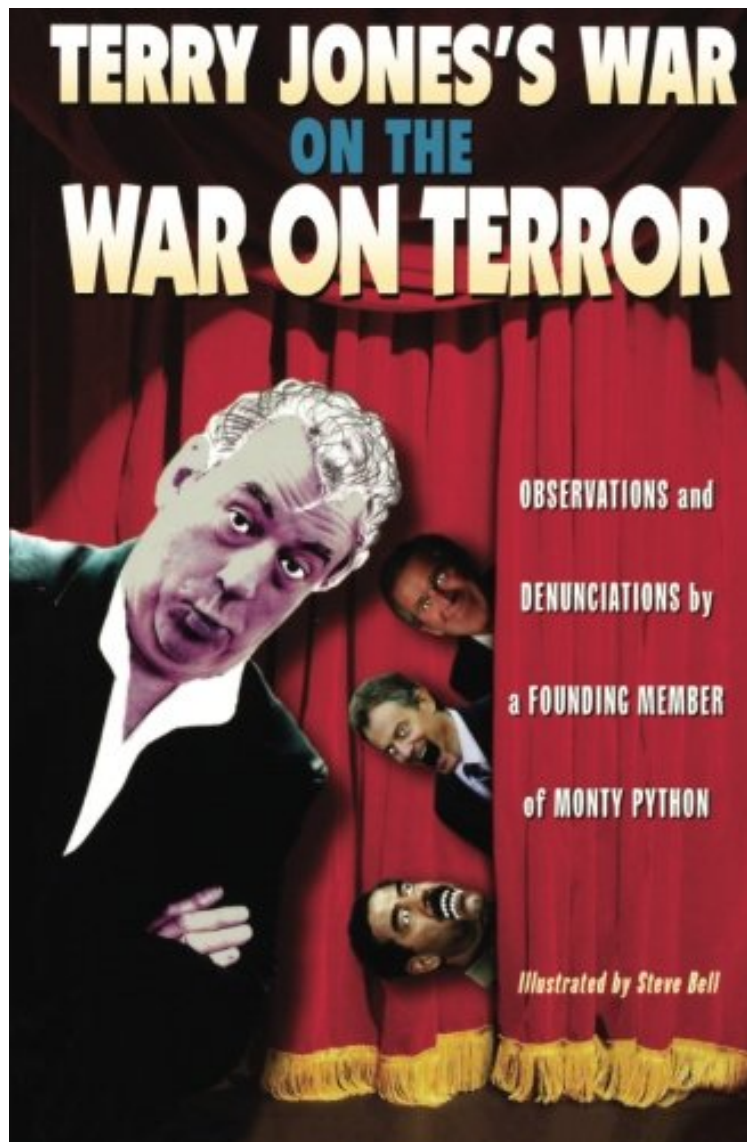


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. mildly enlightening if you are not a BritBy M. D. ROY EARLEWhile the book purports to be about terrorism, to a great extent it is British perspectives on British politics and the relation between Britain and the U.S.A. It is both mildly enlightening and entertaining, though the specific messages and themes are repeated multiple times. That is a result of compiling individual articles originally written for various British publications, without editing out the redundancies, and calling it a book.If you want the political perspective, there are better sources of information.If you are attracted by the point of view of "a founding member of Monty Python" (to quote the subtitle) and want the humor, stick with Monty Python.30 of 31 people found the following review helpful. A Mix of Satire, Sarcasm, and Pure Welsh SpleenBy Algernon D'AmassaUnsurprisingly, the book is getting very low ratings from those who disagree with Jones's political views. It may also suffer from being overestimated by those sympathetic to those views.This is a collection of columns written by humorist Terry Jones, beginning in in 2001 shortly after the terrorist attacks of September 11, and leaving off after Iraq's provisional government was granted limited sovereignty in the summer of 2004. Jones, known for his work with the Monty Python troupe and for his own books (including a controversial scholarly work on Chaucer), is a phlegmatic critic of the American Bush administration, and of the aid and comfort led to the American President by Prime Minister Tony Blair.The book ranges from satire, some of it brilliant; to sarcastic rimming; to editorial spleen (what one reviewer characterized as "whining").Interestingly, the book (and its perspective) are strongest with the satirical pieces. "I'm Losing Patience With My Neighbors" was one of the funniest pieces of political humor to appear in 2003, written during the buildup to invasion of Iraq that year. In this, as with "It's Not Really Torture," Jones assumes the character of someone who adopts the logic of American policymakers in his normal relationships - sending up the fractured logic and twisted grammar of wartime in a way that is timeless yet, for our times, very pointed. Don't think it's easy.The sarcastic pieces, "Bombing For A Safer World" or "Colin Powell's Exploding English" play more for the converted, and while Jones is a very funny and analytical thinker, these columns become repetitive and tend towards commentary we have already heard. Pieces like "Shame On Blair" are nothing more than letters to the editor - respectable enough, but not representing Jones's unusual talent and creativity as a satirist.My 4-star rating is in acknowledgment of the best that is in this little book, illustrated with political cartoons by Steve Bell and perhaps padded out ever so slightly. It remains a worthy volume of political humor with more than a dash of unabashed left-wing invective.14 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Devastatingly funny account of Bush/Blair fiascoBy William PodmoreTerry Jones, of Monty Python fame, prolific writer of fiction and non-fiction, has written a very funny book on current affairs, composed of articles he wrote for the Guardian and the Observer from 2001 to 2004.He shows the real reason for the attack on Iraq quoting the Project for the New American Century's 'Rebuilding America's Defenses 2000': "The United States has for decades sought to play a more permanent role in Gulf regional security. While the unresolved conflict with Iraq provides the immediate justification, the need for a substantial American force presence in the Gulf transcends the issue of the regime of Saddam Hussein."The same report admits, "adversaries like Iran, Iraq, and North Korea are rushing to develop ballistic missiles and nuclear weapons as a deterrent to American intervention in regions they seek to dominate." So they want nukes to deter American aggression - sounds reasonable.Terry is not very nice to Mr Bush. He cites an undersecretary in Bush's administration as saying, "George Bush was not elected by a majority of the voters in the U.S. [That bit's right, anyway!] He was appointed by God."So was it God who wanted to take health insurance off four million Americans, and jobs off two million? Did God want to withdraw benefits from working families earning less than \$35,000 a year, by cutting Medicaid, supplemental health insurance, nutrition assistance and welfare? CNN reports, "Half of all Americans are living from paycheck to paycheck - effectively one paycheck away from poverty." But then he (He?) balanced all this by generously awarding tax breaks worth \$50,000 per person to America's richest one per cent.It's only fair that Bush's crony Blair gets some stick too. In 'Grading Tony's latest essay', Terry writes, "Tony's uncritical acceptance of information supplied by the U.S. reveals a naivety that would be surprising in any sixth-form pupil, let alone one who has hopes of going on to university and then government, as I know Tony does." He ends, "To be quite candid, Mr. and Mrs. Blair, it's lucky that your son is not in a position of power; otherwise his lack of insight and his crass ignorance would place us all in appalling peril." Other classics include, 'I'm losing patience with my neighbors, Mr. Bush' and 'It really isn't torture'.

Terry Jones is known the world over as one of the beloved creators of the legendary Monty Python. But independent of the Python team, Jones has been writing columns targeting the Anglo-American response to September 11. His wit and venom are particularly focused on the messianic vernacular of Bush and Blair and the semantics of the "war on terror." As Jones writes, "What really alarms me about President Bush's 'War on Terrorism' is the grammar. How do you wage war on an abstract noun? ... How is 'Terrorism' going to surrender? It's well known, in philological circles, that it's very hard for abstract nouns to surrender." Terry Jones's War on the War on Terror proves that in times of high political anxiety, humor and irony are most potent antidotes to the spin emanating from the White House and Downing

Street.