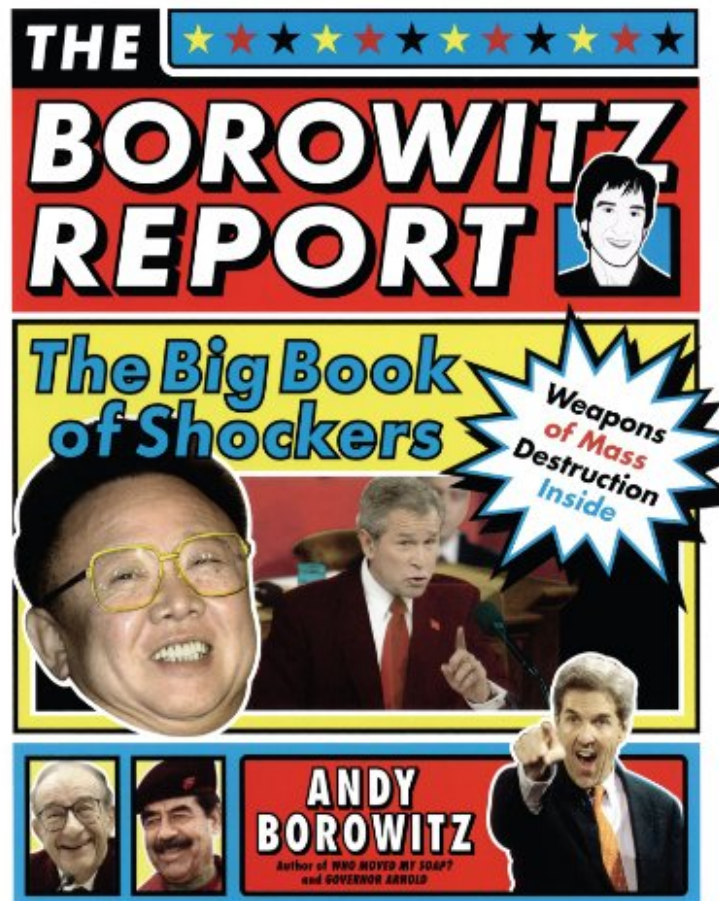


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**Andy Borowitz : The Borowitz Report: The Big Book of Shockers** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Borowitz Report: The Big Book of Shockers:

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context. I've actually dabbled in these myself, in my early years as a journalist, on my website's previous (now defunct) satire section and now on my existing wenblog. NO ONE does this form of satire better than Andy Borowitz. PERIOD. I never met him. I never exchanged an email with him. But I'm going to buy all of his books (used if I can, to save a bit of \$). Before I had my blog I'd email his stuff with a link; now I occasionally link them. The Big Book of Shockers is Borowitz at his best (with perhaps one overdone device; see below). You wreck the book if you go into detail, but I can share you a few of my favorite pieces: Ann Coulter's spontaneous combustion; Bill Bennett losing his wife in a poker game...and so many more. Best headline (with a great accompanying satire): CHENEY'S BRIEF APPEARANCE, RETURN TO SECURE LOCATION MAY MEAN SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER and BUSH REBUFFED BY MODEL UN. This book is a GREAT Christmas gift. Why? Borowitz, like the super topical satire group The Capital Steps, isn't doing one-sided partisan satire. He lampoons EVERYONE. And his professional comedy writing experience shines through in each gem of a satire because he's the very best of his genre: each satire has a beginning, middle and an end, and there are no wasted words. Just laughs. You can gift this book to anyone who follows the news or politics -- it doesn't matter if its a Bush supporter or a Kerry supporter (or a Nader supporter). The only device that doesn't quite work is a running gag -- a perhaps due to the fact that I have a blog and read so many outrageous blogs that it didn't seem all that outrageous to me. You may react differently. This "blog" is also the only one that breaks the format of this book's pieces -- satires of news stories. Prediction: if you read this, you'll order more of his books. And that's no joke. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good fun By Lucylogic Absolutely great fun read

Prepare to be shocked. From the man The Wall Street Journal hailed as a "Swiftean satirist" comes the most shocking book ever written! The Borowitz Report: The Big Book of Shockers, by award-winning fake journalist Andy Borowitz, contains page after page of "news stories" too hot, too controversial, too -- yes, shocking -- for the mainstream press to handle. Sample the groundbreaking reporting from the news organization whose motto is "Give us thirty minutes -- we'll waste it."

From Publishers Weekly Humorist Borowitz (Who Moved My Soap?; Governor Arnold) skewers the usual suspects in this amusing collection of short satirical pieces from his eponymous Web site. He adopts the classic humor format of the fake newspaper article, in which the earnest, literal-minded style of mainstream journalism plays straight man to the satirical content. Subjects include vague terror alerts ("U.S. Issues List of 5,000 Bad Things That Might Happen Someday"), politics ("Poll: Soccer Moms Feel Taken for Granted by NASCAR Dads"), corporate hypocrisy ("Philip Morris Changes Name to Altria; Changes Name of Cigarettes to 'Health Stix'"), science ("Increasingly, Aliens Are Creating Half-Assed Crop Circles"), over-exposed celebrities ("David Blaine to Go 44 Days Without Publicity—Boldest Stunt Yet for Master Magician") and, of course, President George W. Bush ("Bush Wins Nobel War Prize"; "Cheney, Briefly Assuming Bush's Duties, Says He Enjoyed the Downtime"). An ongoing blog imagines North Korean dictator Kim Jong-II writing in the voice of a laid-back frat-boy obsessed with amassing fissionable material. A few bits are a little broad ("Queen Elizabeth Caught Smoking Pot"), but almost all the pieces are as funny as a decent Tonight Show monologue, while many attain the level of inspired Onion spoof. Bw photos throughout. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "A devastatingly accurate, laugh-out-loud parody." About the Author Andy Borowitz is a comedian and satirist whose work appears in The New Yorker and at his award-winning website, BorowitzReport.com. He was the first-ever winner of the National Press Club's award for humor.