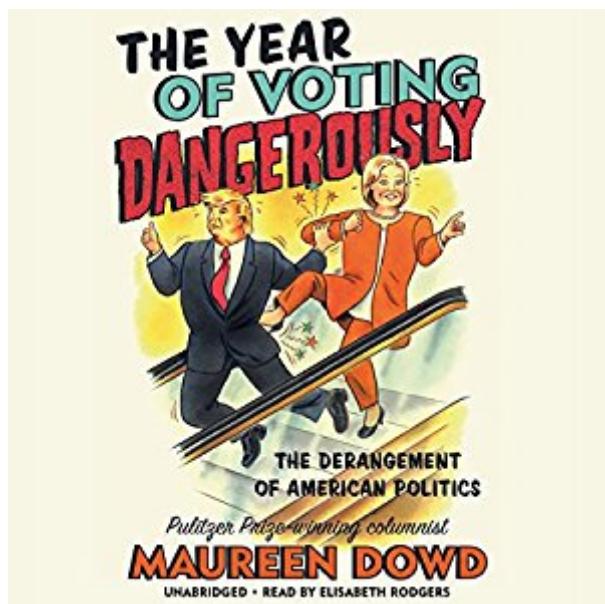


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# The Year Of Voting Dangerously: The Derangement Of American Politics



## Synopsis

Maureen Dowd's incendiary takes and takedowns from 2016 - the most bizarre, disruptive and divisive Presidential race in modern history. Trapped between two candidates with the highest recorded unfavorables, Americans are plunged into The Year of Voting Dangerously. In this perilous and shocking campaign season, The New York Times columnist traces the psychologies and pathologies in one of the nastiest and most significant battles of the sexes ever. Dowd has covered Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton since the '90s. She was with the real estate mogul when he shyly approached his first Presidential rope line in 1999, and she won a Pulitzer Prize that same year for her penetrating columns on the Clinton impeachment follies. Like her best-sellers, *Bushworld* and *Are Men Necessary?*, *The Year of Voting Dangerously* will feature Dowd's trademark cocktail of wry humor and acerbic analysis in dispatches from the political madhouse. If America is on the escalator to hell, then *The Year of Voting Dangerously* is the perfect guide for this surreal, insane ride.

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## Customer Reviews

I read in the New York Magazine that Maureen Dowd is covering her 9th Presidential cycle; that means, both candidates, both parties, a long haul. While I don't always agree with her, I appreciate and respect the analysis that 9 Presidential elections can offer. Readers of 'The Year of ...' are the beneficiaries of these experiences. At its core, the book serves as a guide through dark recesses of both this year's historical cycle and candidates, by decades of following the Clintons, Trump, and 44. I thoroughly enjoyed 'The Year of ...,' mostly for Dowd's humor in light of our own modern political absurdity. This book serves as a great compilation of her best columns, cutting through all

of the CNN and Fox sideshows. Check it out for an unbiased read!

A nice (although premature) look at the 2016 Presidential race through the very sharp pen of Maureen Dowd. Since the last column in the book is from July 31, 2016 and this book was published 5 weeks later, I'm not sure why they didn't wait until after Election Day to publish (or even wait until after the Inaugural), so that this would be a comprehensive look at the race, rather than a truncated look. Regardless, it doesn't take away from the dumpster fire that is 2016.

I didn't like it, thus the 2-star rating. Simply put, this book is a write-up of all the "gossip" that political pundits throw around on TV and in the news-papers these days about Hillary and The Donald. And since the author is one of those pundits, this is no surprise. Should the reader really care that both Hillary and The Donald garner high unfavorable marks from the electorate? Are they disliked because they are unlikeable people? Are they disliked because they belong to the "other" political party? Or are they unfavorable because they have done, or would do, a poor job as President of the US? The only correct answer here is the last one, and nobody knows the answer (including Ms. Dowd) since neither candidate has been President. The derangement of American politics has been a process spanning many many years. There was a time when democrats and republicans worked together to get things done in Washington. That time is long gone. I doubt they ever will work together for common good in the future. So I think the premise of the book that Americans have been plunged into The Year of Voting Dangerously is all wrong. And since the premise is bad, then the book has to be bad, too. It is difficult to be plunged into something that has been going on for a long time. And with the national debt so high that nobody can make money on their money in savings accounts, the country is already in a dangerous way. How can it be it be The Year of Voting Dangerously? To be blunt: it cannot. 2 stars!

Her columns are such a sad and frequently enraging waste of print, the space she has used week after week, month after month, year after year to work out her personal and irrational anger issues with the Clintons. It's getting boring, and this book is as boring and irrelevant as her columns have become. I hope her valuable ink space is someday soon given to someone rational.

Garbage when she first wrote these pieces, nothing's changed. Off the top-of-the-head opinion and gossip from someone brighter than her writing. When you're friends with people, you shouldn't tattle,

even worse when you do it for money.

Typical screeds from Maureen Dowd, always a disappointment these days. What has happened to her?

Waste of paper, audiotape and electronics. Unqualified analyses of people she doesn't know. Completely subjective and biased. Too cute by half.

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