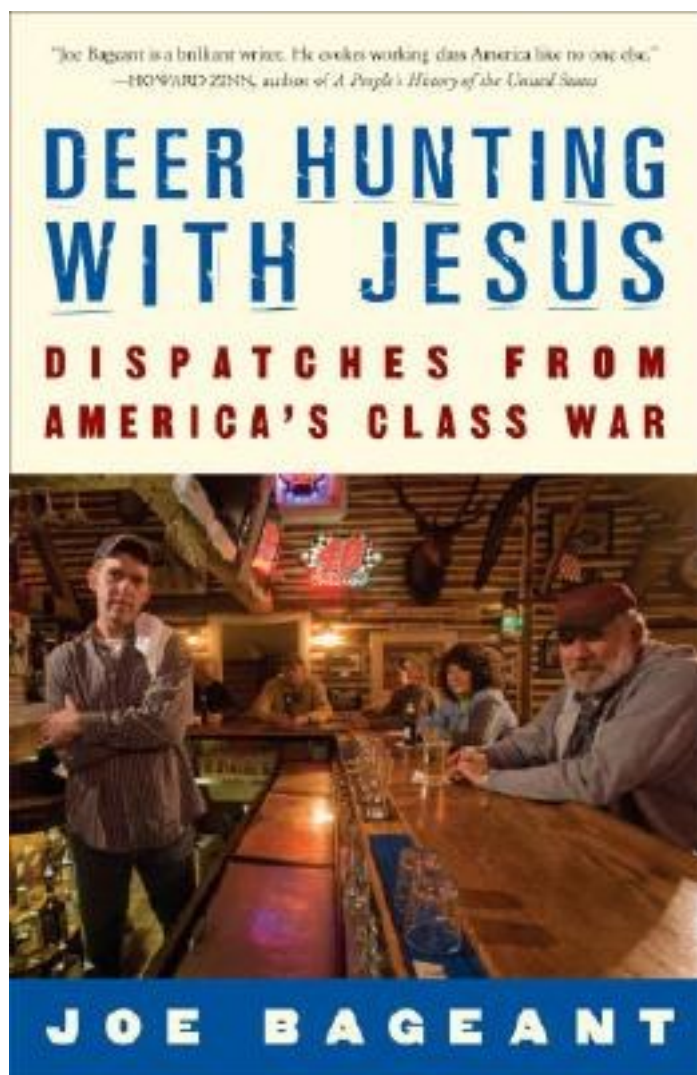


Deer Hunting with Jesus



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After thirty years spent scratching together a middle-class life out of a “dirt-poor” childhood, Joe Bageant moved back to his hometown of Winchester, Virginia, where he realized that his family and neighbors were the very people who carried George W. Bush to victory. That was ironic, because Winchester, like countless American small towns, is fast becoming the bedrock of a permanent underclass. Two in five of the people in his old neighborhood do not have high school diplomas. Nearly everyone over fifty has serious health problems, and many have no health care. Credit ratings are low or nonexistent, and alcohol, overeating, and Jesus are the preferred avenues of escape.

A raucous mix of storytelling and political commentary, *Deer Hunting with Jesus* is Bageant’s report on what he learned by coming home. He writes of his childhood friends who work at factory jobs that are constantly on the verge of being outsourced; the mortgage and credit card rackets that saddle the working poor with debt, i.e., “white trashonomics”; the ubiquitous gun culture—and why the left doesn’t get it; Scots Irish culture and how it played out in the young life of Lynddie England; and the blinkered “magical thinking” of the Christian right. (Bageant’s brother is a Baptist pastor who casts out demons.) What it adds up to, he asserts, is an unacknowledged class war. By turns brutal, tender, incendiary, and seriously funny, this book is a call to arms for fellow progressives with little real understanding of “the great beery, NASCAR-loving, church-going, gun-owning America that has never set foot in a Starbucks.”

Deer Hunting with Jesus is a potent antidote to what Bageant dubs “the American hologram”—the televised, corporatized virtual reality that distracts us from the insidious realities of American life.

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愚蠢的“爱国主义” 《与耶稣猎鹿——美国的阶级战争快报》 [美]Joe Bageant著
Crown出版社2007年6月出版 高 欢
以前常对美国一些老百姓居然那么无知愚蠢感到难以理解，读了这本书会有所帮助，即使作者党派倾向性是很明显的。 去年11月去费城的时候，与老板闲...

作者在West
Virginia的一个小城里长大，后来成了作家，退休后回到小城，从一个左派的角度来为大都市里的左派读者讲解自己家乡这些冥顽不化的红脖子们到底脑子里是怎么想的。作者对这个群体的理解确实是外人无法比的，所以此书倒确实做到了一个为无声者发声的作用。书中讲的红...

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