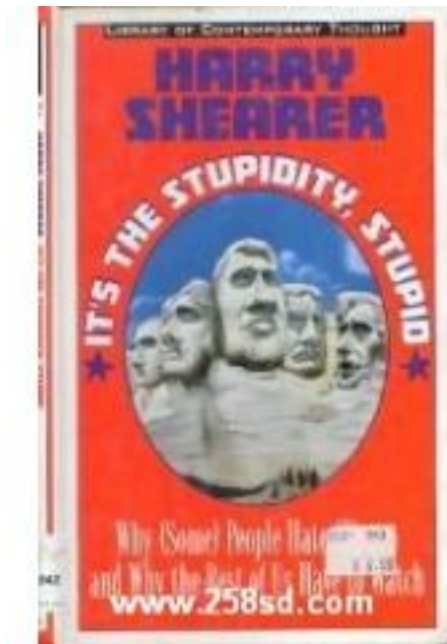


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Amazon.com "A lifelong middler and diddler miscast as an avatar of radical globalism, who has arrayed against him a collection of cranks and bigots donning the raiment of moralists--this masquerade, too frightening for Halloween, looks like a Mardi Gras float that veered off Canal Street and lumbered its way up to Pennsylvania Avenue. Even so, in the goofy way that life works, William Jefferson Clinton got the enemies he deserved. Many of us do." Harry Shearer--actor, radio host, political commentator--takes aim at the controversy surrounding President Bill Clinton, and

he's got plenty of criticisms to go around. Not only has he figured out why Bill Clinton's success really, really bothers a certain segment of the American population, he also lobbs a few bombs in the direction of career prosecutors, television journalists, and Hillary Rodham Clinton's "vast right-wing conspiracy" theory--in just a little more than 100 pages. Think of him as a calmer James Carville, or a liberal P.J. O'Rourke; however you look at it, Shearer's sardonic analysis of the Clinton administration is a welcome respite from the punditry delivered by TV's usual suspects. As he points out in his index: "Di Genova, Joseph, 57. If you know who he is, you've been watching too much Rivera." --Ron Hogan Book Description "In the aftermath of, shall we say, certain events, it seems almost cretinous to ask why some people hate the forty-second president of the United States. Bill Clinton let down his friends and followers and subordinates, caused no end of legal fees to many of them, and, more ominously, made it possible for William Bennett to unleash upon the public yet another bilious stream of self-righteous posturings. . . ."But there's more there than meets the eyewitness news. Now, in this shrewd, on-target, wickedly funny book, Harry Shearer unbuckles the Beltway to examine why, of all people, Bill Clinton has inspired such profound and persistent loathing in a sufficient number of Americans to propel his presidency to the "kinda like Nixon" section of the history books. Is it because our leader hides behind women's skirts? is seen as a traitor to his race by his southern compatriots? represents the immoral Woodstock generation to those who have fond memories of the depression? Shearer investigates every avenue (and back alley) and, along the way, debunks Hillary's vast right-wing conspiracy theory ("A conspiracy by its nature should be a fairly tightly controlled operation, like the Mafia or Scientology"), explores the animosity inspired by lawyers and journalists, and asks the question on everyone's lips: Is there any real difference between sucking a prostitute's toes and being a news analyst for Rupert Murdoch? See all Editorial Reviews

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