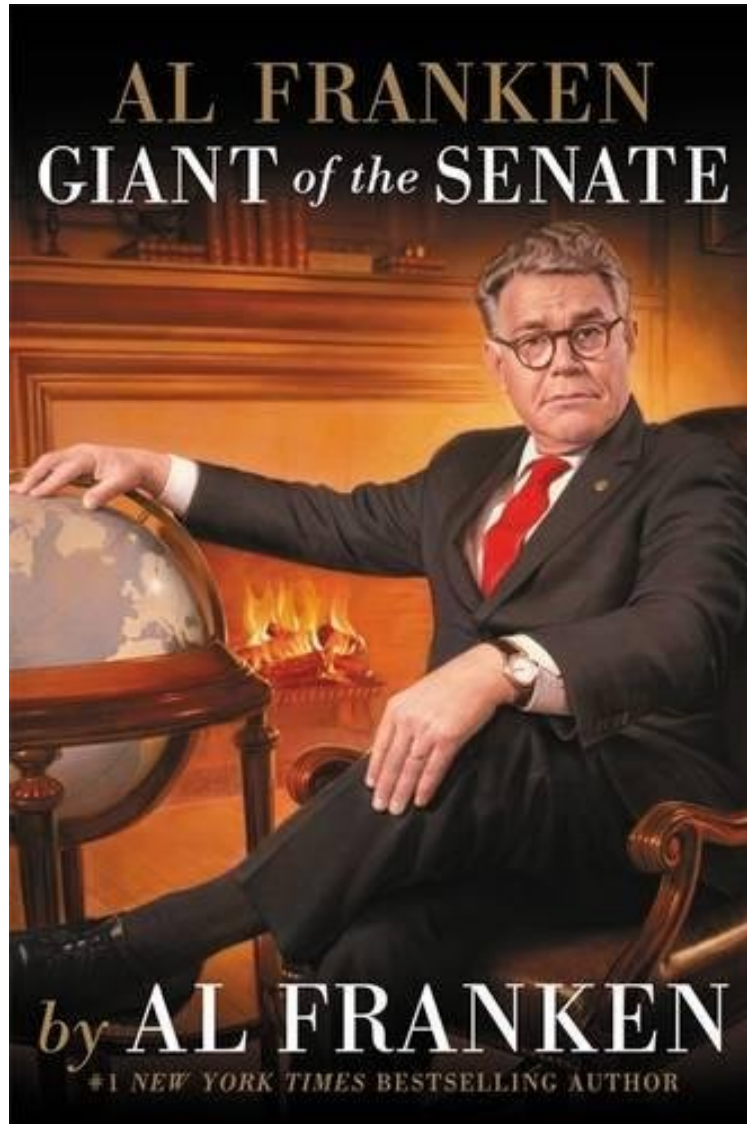


(Ebook pdf) Al Franken, Giant of the Senate

Al Franken, Giant of the Senate

Al Franken

*DOC | *audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub*



DOWNLOAD



+

READ ONLINE

#301 in Books TWELVE 2017-05-30 2017-05-30 Original language: English PDF # 1 9.31 x 1.38 x 6.311,
#File Name: 1455540412416 pages TWELVE | File size: 19.Mb

Al Franken : Al Franken, Giant of the Senate before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Al Franken, Giant of the Senate:

368 of 415 people found the following review helpful. Fair, funny, and frank By Peter J. Orvetti When I was about halfway through this book, I thought, "Well, I guess Franken definitely isn't running for president." By the end, I thought, "Well, maybe he is." For strategic reasons, Franken has tried very hard not to be funny -- not even at the wit level of a "normal" thoughtful politician -- since taking office. That seemed like it was tough on him, and this memoir makes it clear just how tough it was, not only because Franken had been professionally funny for decades, but also

because Franken had always used humor to say whatever he pleased throughout his life. This book is very funny, and Franken both borrows and satirizes the tropes of the traditional political bio in telling his own strange story of his rise to office. Because Franken gives himself leave to be funny again in this book, he is also very honest about his colleagues, the state of American politics, and himself. He also reminds readers that most politicians do not actually hate each other, and are close friends across the aisle. (He and his wife were close with Sens. Mike Enzi and Mike Johanns, and Franken lauds Sen. Pat Roberts for having a great appreciation of humor.) His chapter on Ted Cruz has gotten the most attention -- though it's just a few pages out of the book -- but it's clear that what really irks Franken about Cruz isn't the latter's politics (though he loathes them) but that Cruz refuses to see the Senate as anything more than a battleground, and stands apart from (and in his mind, above) his peers. I started thinking that Franken may not have ruled out a presidential run when I got to the parts of the book about his time in the Senate. (This is a memoir of his whole life, though he spends most of it on his political career, so that's maybe half the book.) He writes with sincerity and passion about the issues he cares about, and is honest about flaws in his own party's approach as well as that of the Republicans'. Some of these portions are a bit preachy, but they indicate that Franken really is interested in advancing a progressive agenda. (Franken is farther to the left than I am, so I did not always agree with him, but his points are well-argued.) This is a fair, funny, and frank book about both today's politics and perhaps its most interesting participant. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Topical and Fun By Dianne J. Very entertaining and educational. Franken, being a novice to politics initially, explains his evolution and understanding of how the system works and helps ordinary citizens to truly grasp why passing something in the Senate is so difficult. Honesty and transparency are two qualities Franken displays in this book, as well as his trademark irreverence and sense of humor. Definitely a good read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Provides insights on how the government works . . . By Esche Family I learned about how things work in government. Maybe not the most exciting topic but it is presented in small doses with a sense of humor. Al Franken wants to do good for his taste regardless of all the politics that might get in your way. Interesting read!

#1 New York Times Bestseller