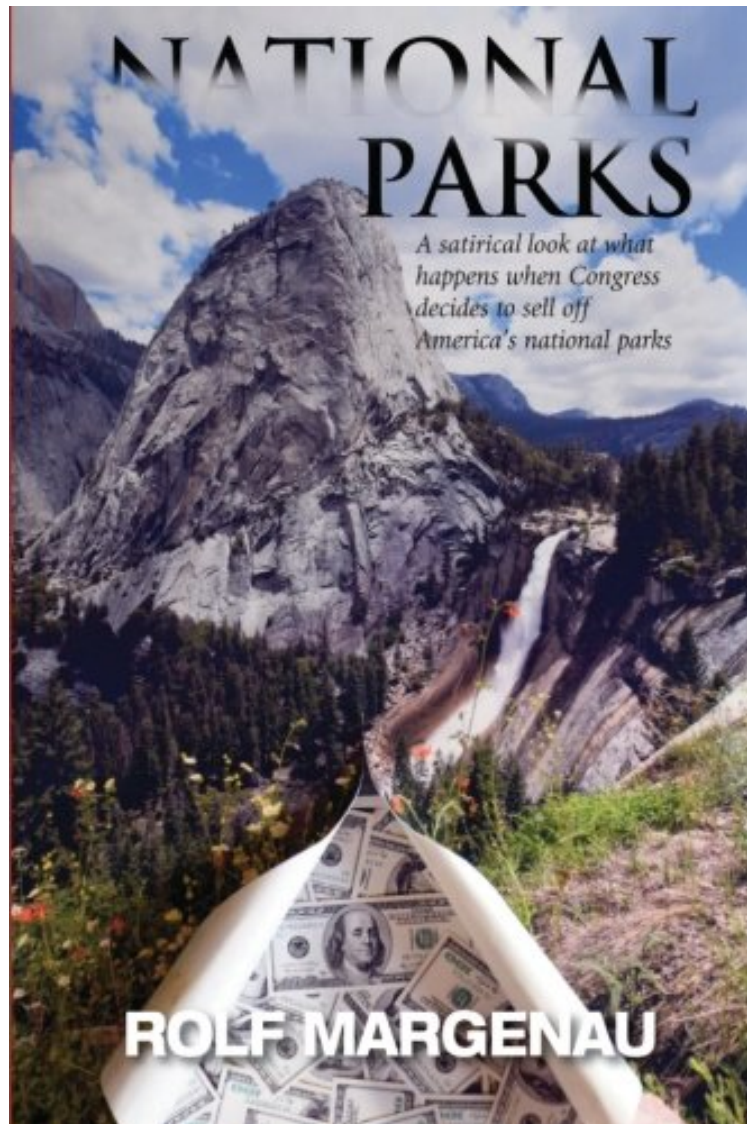


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Bestselling author David Aretha calls National Parks a "fresh,scathing, hilarious, and brilliant satire of greedy corporate America and our shamefully broken Congress." America is bankrupt thanks to legislative ineptitude, and Congress knows just how to save it - selling its national parks to the highest bidders. Join the deliciously corrupt Crouch triplets; the beautiful but conscience deficient lobbyist Tureen O'Porto; the closet toe fetishist and early adopter of all things digital Sneath Naydir; and Hong Kong billionaire gangster Benjamin Franklin Chang who lusts for the Smoky Mountain National Park, in this tale of government failure. Can legislators do anything other than be ineffective, argumentative, and inactive?For lovers of semi-dystopian,satirical send-ups of political malfeasance, corporate greed, and threats to America's environment, National Parks skewers all available targets in Washington's beltway. This is a slap-the-table funny book that also encourages the reader to appreciate the glory of our national parks and worry about their potential loss.

I loved this book "National Parks" by Rolf Margenau! It was so funny, but actually had an interesting and surprisingly intelligent plot also (I say surprisingly because it is so sardonic in nature) The tone was light and tongue in cheek, but there is a deeper, more serious message here as with many clever satires when done well (which is a difficult thing to do!). On the surface it appears almost comical, and it is.... But it is a profound look at political states, environmentalism, consumerism, etc.... Very well-written, fast paced and funny with some really entertaining characters. An enjoyable read for fans of political satire. Creative, original, entertaining, yet delivers a powerful and at times profound message, I look forward to reading more from Mr. Margenau in the future as he is truly a gifted storyteller AND writer (not necessarily the same thing.....). (5 stars) Jenna Brewster--Goodreads; Barnes Noble; Indie Book ers First,I have to say that I don't normally read books like this, but I was looking for something a little out of my comfort zone and this book sounded intriguing,although the description was a little confusing to me (and that title is so long!!!). Well, I am most certainly glad I took the chance on Rolf Margenau's book, "National Parks" This was a captivating novel and very thought-provoking.There is such strong, vivid writing, and the characters are all fascinating,flawed, and going through their own transitions. GREAT character development,(even if the developing situation is rather weird) and everything just felt "authentic" for lack of a better word. Dialogue, interactions, scenes, descriptions...Clean, crisp writing and humorous dialogue that really makes you think about the role of governmental influence in your life, all while being entertaining. All in all a very good read that I'd recommend even to those who don't normally read this sort of thing...try it, you'll be pleasantly surprised! (5 stars) Sam Ryan--Goodreads; Barnes Noble; Indie Book ersI really enjoyed this book. I thought it was excellently written with great editing and kept my attention from the interesting opening to the satisfying (if bittersweet) ending. It is not a quick read ... nor should it be. There are too many important themes here to gloss over, so the author takes his time in carefully developing the various story lines so that we the readers are thoroughly engaged the whole way through.I liked Mr. Margenau's writing style very much - it is part serious, part quirky and tongue-in-cheek and satirical. It is funny and sad (because it's true in away, with all the political maneuverings, shady characters and shenanigans...).But overall just feels so real. I found myself completely lost in this world he created with these interesting, deep characters night after night. It does have moments where it is a bit long winded and overwritten, but still an interesting ride.Was almost disappointed when I was done, but the ending gave the emotional satisfaction I look for in a good book and it make me think outside the box for a while. Well done. (4 stars) Laura Clarke--Goodreads; Barnes Noble; Indie Book ersFrom the AuthorThis is my fourth novel, a paeon to the great national parks of our country and a cautionary tale about the possibility of their loss. It also condemns our current poisoned political atmosphere where legislators place self interest and supposed party loyalty above the needs of the nation. Quality education, infrastructure, the widening gap between haves and have nots, advancements in medical and social areas, and other basic needs in our country are either ignored or underfunded.