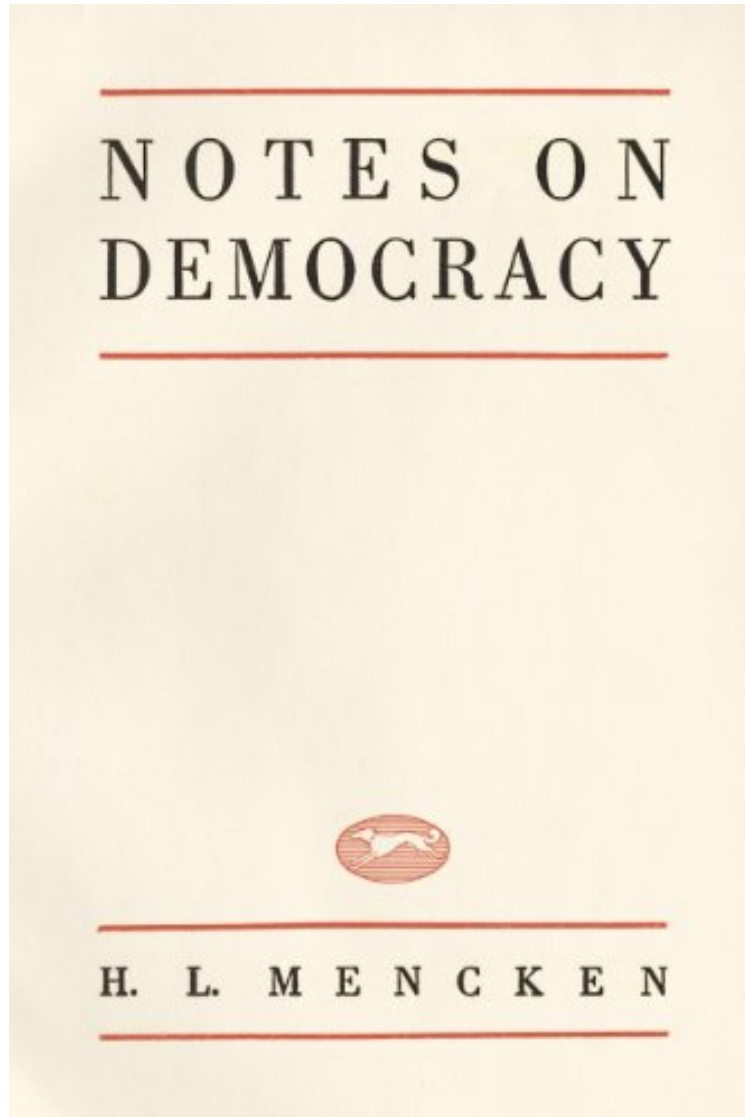


Notes On Democracy

H.L. Mencken

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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. The incomparable Mencken Hits it out of the park once again. By Stephen F Lambert Mencken is routinely vilified for being an elitist. Those who resort to that ad hominum rarely try to attack his logic. The reason is that his argument is unassailable. It may not be pretty. It certainly isn't politically correct. However, his argument exposes the fallacies of the bumper-sticker slogans that pass for political debate. A good thought-provoking read. Bring your dictionary along. You'll need it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Loved Mencken's cynicism but so correct analysis of the "common ... By madelga Loved Mencken's cynicism

but so correct analysis of the "common man". This book should be read especially in light of today's political climate. Consider this book in conjunction with Winston Churchill's comment...."The best argument against democracy is a five minute conversation with the average voter." 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent information on Mencken's thoughts on democracy By MarkJ Excellent information on Mencken's thoughts on democracy. I could not agree on everything Mencken wrote, but he did make his readers think. However, while the print was more than large enough, the physical layout made it difficult for me to concentrate on the work. Hence four stars rather than five.

[Democracy] is, perhaps, the most charming form of government ever devised by man... It is based on propositions that are palpably not true and what is not true, as everyone knows, is always immensely more fascinating and satisfying to the vast majority of men than what is true...H.L. Mencken, America's greatest journalist and critic, wrote Notes on Democracy over 80 years ago. His time, the paranoid and intolerant years of World War I, Prohibition and the Scopes trial, is strikingly like our own. Notes isn't just a blast from the past, but also a perceptive and unsentimental report on contemporary life.

About the Author H.L. Mencken (1880-1956) was America's greatest journalist and iconoclast. With his bristling, cynical humor, he mercilessly attacked war hysteria, jingoism, and censorship. He championed uniquely American writing, helping to free the nation's literature of its Anglophile fixation. Mencken covered many of the great stories of the 20th century's first half, including the Scopes Monkey trial and Prohibition.