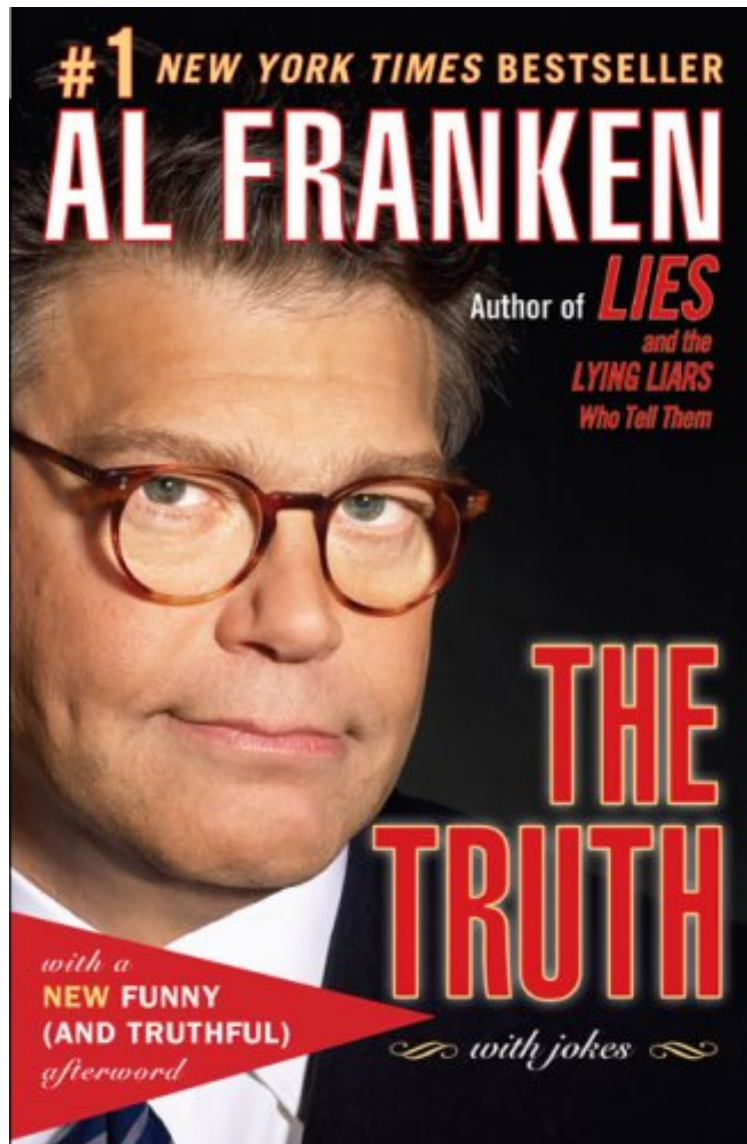


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It seems that learning and laughing work well together By Evelyn Cruikshank I have been re-reading all the books I have from Mr. Franken- each time I read them, I get more out of them. I enjoy his humor, and his depth of knowledge is impressive. I've learned more about our political system from these books then from any other source. 11 of 13 people found the following review helpful. TYPOS again... By Dan E.

BuoyGood book, but this is the second Franken book in a row I've found typos that made it past the 'editors' and into print: see page 294 in this book, and page 202 in "Lies." Al. Call me. I can help. All right, now that I've gotten that off my chest, in my opinion this book is definitely worth a read. I must say, I personally found "Lies" funnier, if only because so much of what Franken brings to light in this volume is so much more disturbing. Hypocrisy Award of the Year goes to: Tom Delay, who, according to Franken, turns a blind eye to forced abortions on the US island of Saipan, where women who get pregnant are forced to either quit or have an abortion. Why hasn't Congress put a stop to such inhumane labor practices, which reportedly include sweat shop conditions? Because, according to Franken, Tom Delay fights for his special interest friends in the halls of Congress whenever such legislation comes up, even if it means women are forced to have abortions when they get pregnant. Heaven forbid the sweat shops pay more than \$3.15 per hour and become subject to US standard labor practices. Mr. Delay, that one takes the cake, and that chapter is required reading for anyone concerned with corporate greed in America. Love him or hate him, it's good to hear his arguments and come to your own conclusions. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By L. Dobbins Very funny book.

The #1 New York Times bestseller by Senator Al Franken, author of *Giant of the Senate* Senator Al Franken's landmark bestseller, *Lies (And the Lying Liars Who Tell Them): A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right*, was praised as a "bitterly funny assault" (The New York Times) that rang "with the moral clarity of an angel's trumpet" (The Associated Press). Now, this master of political humor strikes again with a powerful and provocative message for all of us. In these pages, Senator Franken reveals the alarming story of how: • Bush (barely) beat Kerry with his campaign of "fear, smear, and queers," and then claimed a nonexistent mandate. • "Casino Jack" Abramoff, the Republicans' nearest and dearest friend, made millions of dollars off of the unspeakable misery of the poor and the powerless. And, also, Native Americans. • The administration successfully implemented its strategy to destroy America's credibility and goodwill around the world. Complete with new material for this paperback edition, *The Truth (with jokes)* is more than just entertaining, intelligent, and insightful. It is at once prescient in its analysis of right-wing mendacity and incompetence, and inspiring in its vision of a better tomorrow for all Americans (except Jack Abramoff).

.com Nearly a year after the presidential election of 2004, Al Franken is still checking facts, exposing lies, and trying to clear the record as he sees it. Sneering at President Bush's declaration of a mandate after a two-and-a-half percent victory, he deconstructs Bush's 2004 platform of "fear, smear, and queers," and explains how the president has done some flip-flopping of his own. He offers comment on well-known stories, including the Terri Schiavo case, and some more obscure, such as reports of forced prostitution, indentured servitude, and squalid conditions at clothing factories in Saipan (which is part of the American Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands). Franken focuses on Tom DeLay's connection to the territory and his efforts to prevent bills from being passed that would have required Saipan to follow U.S. labor laws. Iraq, too, is discussed, from its planning stages to the huge sum of money currently unaccounted for, including \$8.8 billion missing from the Coalition Provisional Authority's coffers. On the home front, Franken covers President Bush's attempt at Social Security reform, explaining how they came up with the projected shortfall figure of \$11 trillion. For one thing, they adjusted life expectancy to 150 years, while leaving the retirement age at 67: "That's an eighty-three-year retirement. They're never gonna get to that without stem cell research." He also takes some wickedly funny swipes at Karl Rove, lobbyist Jack Abramoff, pundits and hosts such as Rush Limbaugh, Tim Russert, and Sean Hannity, and, of course, President Bush. *The Truth* succeeds in providing ammunition to liberals and others dissatisfied with the current power base in Washington, D.C.--only this time (with jokes). --Shawn Carkonen An Exclusive Video for *The Truth (with jokes)* from Al Franken We try to keep things civil in our customer review section, but Al Franken, who apparently trained at the Saturday Night Live school of conflict mediation, didn't get the message in his exclusive video for his book *The Truth (with Jokes)*: see high bandwidth and low bandwidth versions. From Publishers Weekly Starred . Franken and his research team return to what they do best: detailing allegations and accusations being spread by right-wing pundits and then debunking them point-by-point. While numerous tomes have taken on the administration's creative definition of "facts," few have the massive readership of satirist Franken or his wickedly sly sense of humor. In many ways, the unabridged audio is superior to the bound book because listeners can enjoy Franken's deadpan comedic delivery. Another audio bonus is that rather than Franken reading the text he's about to redress, he provides the actual soundclips so listeners can hear George W. stumble over his words, Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh bluster and Zell Miller contradict himself. Franken is such an uncanny mimic that listeners will find it hard to tell which Karl Rove and Dick Cheney sound bites are real and which are Franken's dead-on impersonations. Listeners will find Franken's directness refreshing (he calls Bush an "utterly shameless liar" and says his administration is "fixing the intelligence and facts around the policy."). The penultimate chapter is Franken's stirring call to arms to "throw these guys out in 2006." This is essential listening for those who want ammunition to fight to preserve their human rights. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Devastating... *The Truth* keeps its promise to be funny about extremely unfunny matters. It matches *Lies* in wit, and its subjects are tougher. The gags have bite. . . . And it is effectively leavened with

bits of dialogue, many of them all too real.”—The New York Times“Subtle, laugh-or-cry-out-loud and ultimately devastating . . . The Truth (with jokes) is guaranteed to rile the right again with its forensic lasering of Republican skullduggery and media mendacity, laced with sharp humor. . . . [Franken] is the voice the American left has been waiting for.”—The Guardian (London)Praise for Lies: And the Lying Liars Who Tell Them"Laugh-out-loud funny."—The Washington Post"Rings with the moral clarity of an angel's trumpet... Although Franken is a self-proclaimed liberal, his work differs in that it presents well-substantiated arguments and damning examples of false accusations that conservatives have effectively used against Democrats... sharp analysis and humor."—Associated Press"A typically unabashed blend of razor-witted denunciation and old-fashioned gumshoe detective work directed at right-wing crazies both in and out of government.. [An] exquisitely irritating new book."—The Independent (London)"[A] heady mixture of scathing humor and righteous indignation."—The Onion“In the kicking, spitting spirit of current all-star political discourse, Al Franken gives as good as he gets.”—Janet Maslin, The New York TimesPraise for Oh, the Things I Know!“With a nod to Dr. Seuss and his popular tome for graduates of all ages, Franken offers his own advice guide, which covers pretty much anything anyone wants to understand about life... This laugh-aloud take on advice books—it is dedicated simply 'For Oprah'—is Stuart Smiley with an edge.”—Ilene Cooper, Booklist“Easy-to-follow guide to success and, failing that, happiness.”—USA Today