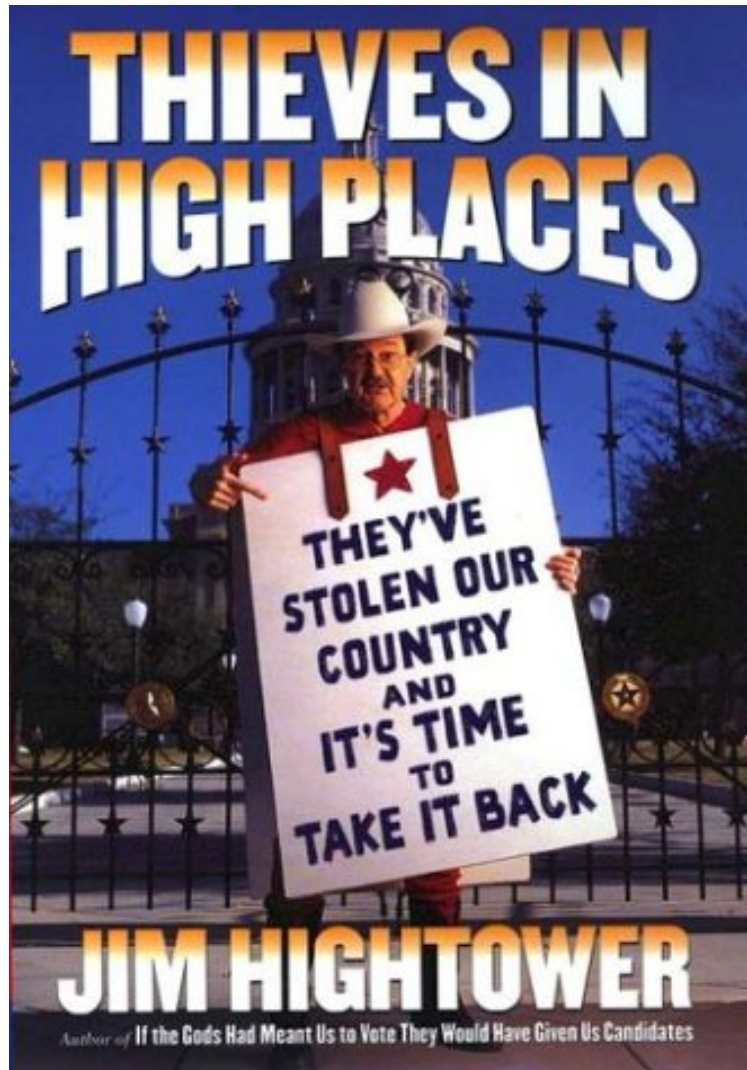


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this is an example of government getting its nose under the tent. I hate to see this start because it will spread like a foul smell! You may want to check your invoice for taxes before you make that final click! The book by Jim Hightower is great and has lots of down home folksy humor. Informative and fun to read! *Thieves in High Places: They've Stolen Our Country and It's Time to Take It Back* 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Not just anti-Bush, it's Pro-People and Anti-Corporation. By Shtinky. Even if you like Bush, even if you are republican, you certainly don't like the fact that the Corporations like Enron are cheating people and getting away with it. And Hightower's sharp sense of humor combined with his down-to-earth writing style make this a quick and rousing read. No matter what your political influence is, this is a book that, IMHO, every concerned citizen should read. The issues brought up affect all of us in the long run, and the best part of "Thieves" is the list of resources at the end in case you get fired up enough to do something about it. Just because the internet moves at the speed of light does not mean that man was created to do the same, and we need to slow down so we can smell the foul and ripened odor of the corporate greed that surrounds us. While over 80 percent of Americans are working longer hours for less money, the average CEO salary has gone from 40 percent more than the working-class (1981) to 400 percent of the working-class (2003). And they are the ones getting all the tax cuts and government assistance while screaming "Poverty". "Thieves" is packed with many, many more shocking facts like the one above, from taxes and revised environmental standards to campaign funding to government subsidies for billionaires (page 23); Hightower has pulled all the punches and laid their grubby fingers out on the table for us to take a cold, hard, factual look at. In the book, Hightower does make heavy use of references for his sources, but I would have liked to see a Bibliography too, which would probably be my only complaint about the book. However, if you are concerned that corporations are gaining too much power, or can't find a manufacturing job in the USA, or recently had your high-tech job leave US soil for a third world country to do your job at one-quarter your wage and line the pocket of that CEO, pick up a copy of "Thieves" and read. Enjoy! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A very good read. Jim tells it like it is. By Thinking man. A very good read. Jim tells it like it is. Wish there was more like him. He even is able to maintain a sense of humor.

America listens to Jim Hightower. More than eighty thousand people subscribe to The Hightower Lowdown Newsletter while his radio show is aired on more than sixty public and commercial radio stations. In *They've Stolen Our Country and It's Time To Take It Back*, he takes on the Bushites, the Wobblycrats, and the corporate Kleptocrats, digging up behind-the-scenes dirt that the corporate media overlooks-like BushCo's "Friday Night Massacres," what's happened to our food, and the Bush plan for empire. But the book also offers grassroots solutions, drawing on Hightower's Rolling Thunder Down-Home Democracy Tour, a traveling festival of rebellion against every tentacle of the corporate-politico power grab. At kitchen tables all over America, Hightower has tapped into the thriving activist networks that are our country's grassroots muscle, and his book tells their uplifting stories of retaking control of their communities. This is the real America that the rest of the world doesn't get to see. With his unique blend of wit and outrage, Jim Hightower "lights a prairie fire"-and it's just the spark that his growing national audience craves.

.com Author, populist, and radio commentator Jim Hightower is nothing if not direct. In *Thieves in High Places*, Hightower lambastes the current American power structure and exhorts his readers to fight against it. Hightower's indignation runs deep in this "us versus them" exposé of corporate malfeasance, governmental abuse, the militarization of American society, and the Bush administration's empire building. In the first part of the book, Hightower illustrates how the Bush administration and Congress work with major corporations (including our nation's vast media conglomerates) to add to their obscene wealth at the expense of America's working class, our environment, and (most lamentably) our rights and liberties. "The elites have pulled off a slow-motion coup, radically wrenching America's power balance from a people's democracy to Kleptocrat Nation." Hightower defines "Kleptocrat Nation" as "a body of people ruled by thieves...a government characterized by the practice of transferring money and power from the many to the few...[and] a ruling class of moneyed elites that usurps liberty, justice, sovereignty, and other, democratic rights from the people." His catalogue of corporate greed and governmental complicity is breathtaking in scope, and though he admits that the fusion of business and government is not new, he persuasively states that "never have so few done so much for so few." Unfortunately, Hightower's serious message is delivered in such a "down home" style, it may lose its impact on the more brainy among us. Also, one wishes there were more documentation for the copious examples and facts in the book. Still, Hightower's call to action is sincere, and his descriptions of the triumphs of average people over corporate power might give some fledgling activists some hope. *Thieves in High Places* urges Americans to reclaim control of our government--Hightower thinks we can with community organization and grassroots movements. However, judging from his description of the current power structure, we are going to need all the help we can get. -- Silvana Tropea. From Publishers Weekly. Populist radio commentator, columnist and author Hightower (*If the Gods Had Meant Us to Vote They Would Have Given Us Candidates*) delivers a timely manifesto for progressives living in what he calls a nation ruled by "a confederacy of kleptocrats." In Hightower's view of the current political situation, "King George the W" reigns atop a greedy hierarchy of corporate-politico corruption in which many politicians have become no more than handmaidens of corporations and the super-rich. Devotees of

Hightower's populist politics and his sardonic style will find much to admire, but the average reader will consider the book a jumble of loosely connected treatises laced with distracting sidebars and peppered with hyperbolic forebodings of government evil. Hightower warns the reader, "Big Brother is no longer a paranoid's nightmare, but is alive and very much on the prowl." Hightower's prose at times bears an uncomfortable resemblance to the propaganda he condemns. While he does offer inspirational stories of community action and even practical information (e.g., how to contact a long list of public interest groups), the book's disorganization is baffling: he careens in one chapter from professional sports through the fate of public libraries to the history of Santa Claus. In addition, Hightower's quasi-comical, off-the-wall pronouncements (suggesting, for instance, that CEOs of companies with tax-free Bermuda bank accounts be required to wear Bermuda shorts at all times) tend to stifle his worthy, impassioned calls for action. Progressives will need a more comprehensible spokesperson if they hope, as Hightower envisions, to "take [America] back." Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. Jim Hightower is a tireless champion for every American, and he has the right prescription for what ails our nation. -- Jesse Jackson, Jr.