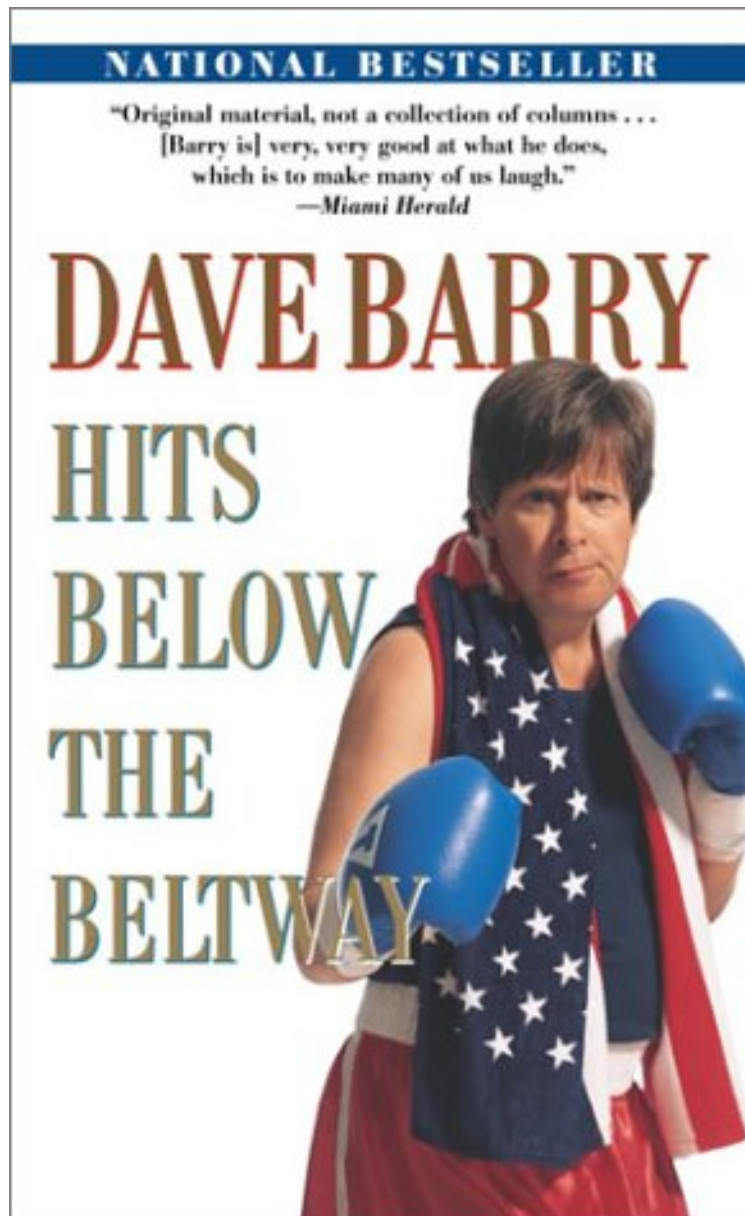


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Dave Barry : Dave Barry Hits Below the Beltway before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dave Barry Hits Below the Beltway:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The best of Dave's works By Mitchell FI have read the vast majority of Dave Barry's books, from his earliest works to some of his latest, and this one has to be my absolute favorite by far.

This volume is having-trouble-breathing hysterical. His wit coupled with his unique way of looking at our government is fantastic. It starts off a bit slow (going over the history and all), but once he gets into the main part of the book, it's non-stop laughs from there. A few of his familiar themes (like describing how this or that would be a good name for a band) appear regularly but at very fitting times. Our government is funny (!) enough just by itself; Dave Barry makes it that much funnier. If you're a Dave Barry fan, you MUST read this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Dave Barry's books are always good. He is not a fortune teller. By Fred F. Arzideh Dave Barry's books are always good. He is not a fortune teller, What gives you is the fact, not the story. His books are full of good thoughts. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious as usual. By Newsman78 I don't know what some of these other reviews are talking about, frankly. This book highlights Barry at his best, hilarious as usual. The more you know about politics, the funnier this stuff gets. Barry is a highly intelligent commentator on politics and on the sometimes insane world of campaigning and lawmaking. His new-and-improved version of the Constitution is roll-on-the-floor laughing material. Barry also discusses the 2000 presidential candidates, making light of their shortcomings, but also getting serious: he met both of them, and says that Gore was much more personable than he seemed on TV, and Bush much more intelligent. He's on to an important point here: the way candidates appear on TV, or the ways they are stereotyped by the media, doesn't necessarily have anything to do with who they are in real life. A must-have for anyone who likes politics, and actually has a sense of humor.

Just in time, Dave Barry supplies the wholly original, much needed history and guide to the new American politics and its three capitals, Washington, D.C., Austin, and South Florida. No surprise: it's hilarious. Understanding the urgent need for a deeply thoughtful balanced book to explain our national political process, Dave Barry has not even come close. Though he himself has covered many campaigns, run for President several times, and run for cover at the rainy inauguration of George W. Bush (the man will spare nothing for his art) Barry has instead outdone himself. Below the Beltway includes Barry's stirring account of how the United States was born, including his version of a properly rewritten Declaration (When in the course of human events it behooves us, the people, not to ask "What can our country do for us, anyway?" but rather whether we have anything to fear except fear itself...) and a revised Constitution (Section II: The House of Representatives shall be composed of people who own at least two dark suits and have not been indicted recently.). Dave also cracks the income tax code, explains the growth(s) of government, congressional hearing difficulties, and the persistent rumors of the influence of capital in the Capitol. Among other civic contributions, his tour of Washington, D.C., should end school class trips forever. From the Hardcover edition.

From Publishers Weekly Sporting red trunks, white and blue boxing gloves and an American flag towel on the cover, pugilistic Pulitzer-winner Barry (Dave Barry Turns 50, etc.) appears ready for all contenders in this satirical, hard-hitting political commentary ("Whatever the needs of the public are, the government responds to those needs by getting larger"). Beginning with a study of "Early Human Governments" when homo sapiens "were short, hairy, tree-dwelling creatures that strongly resembled Danny DeVito," the sardonic Miami Herald columnist breezes through the centuries to the U.S.'s birth and then to the present, amending the Constitution en route: "If a citizen is arrested, and that citizen hides his or her face from the news media, then as far as the Constitution is concerned, that citizen is guilty." He tours D.C. sites like the Mall, the Smithsonian (which "will pay you top dollar for your Beanie Babies, Cabbage Patch dolls, Pokemon cards, refrigerator magnets, ceramic cats") and the White House ("To take a tour, simply climb over the fence and hold very still until men come sprinting to assist you"). He aims jaundiced japey at presidential "language problems" and elections ("One of these years we're going to elect a president whose first official act will be to launch nuclear strikes against Iowa and New Hampshire"). Once again, the winner is... Dave Barry. 22 illus. and charts not seen by PW. Agent, Fox Chase Agency. (On sale Oct. 2) Forecast: Syndicated in hundreds of newspapers, Barry continues to widen his readership. A nine-city author tour will help launch this onto bestseller lists. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From School Library Journal Adult/High School- Once again Barry meets the challenge of finding humor in United States politics, beginning with a history of how things seemed to have evolved. His perspective is different from the traditional textbook approach to government, history, and perhaps everything else. He good-naturedly pokes fun at great American documents including the Mayflower Compact and the Constitution and provides a unique view of famous events from our past, such as the Boston Tea Party, where he insists that a giant zucchini had an influence on the resultant events. He spends some time pointing out problems in the government, federal spending, and the legislative branch, but he really hits his stride once he starts retelling Florida's role in the last presidential election. For Barry's fans, this will be another book to enjoy and for those who haven't encountered him before, this is a good place to start. Pam Johnson, Fairfax County Public Library, VA Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal This reviewer has been told all his life that foods like chicken livers, tofu, brussels sprouts, and other gagging delights are good for him and he is just in a weird little minority. Well, here's another trend he'll buck. Most libraries will buy Barry's book just because he's written it and because most normal people sit down to chuckle with his witticisms after consuming a meal of Cornish game hen or haggis. The author purports to poke fun at politics in the vein of P.J. O'Rourke and Al Franken, but it

seems as if he gathers a lot of funny words, throws them at a Velcro board, and sees what sticks. There is no cohesion to his ramblings, and there is very little to laugh at, which is a shame, because O'Rourke and Franken have found that politics is ripe for the picking. The work is read by Dick Hill, but one would swear it is Arte Johnson trying desperately to spin gold out of this verbal dross. Go ahead and buy it your customers will love you for it but don't say you weren't warned. Joseph L. Carlson, Lompoc P.L., CA Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.