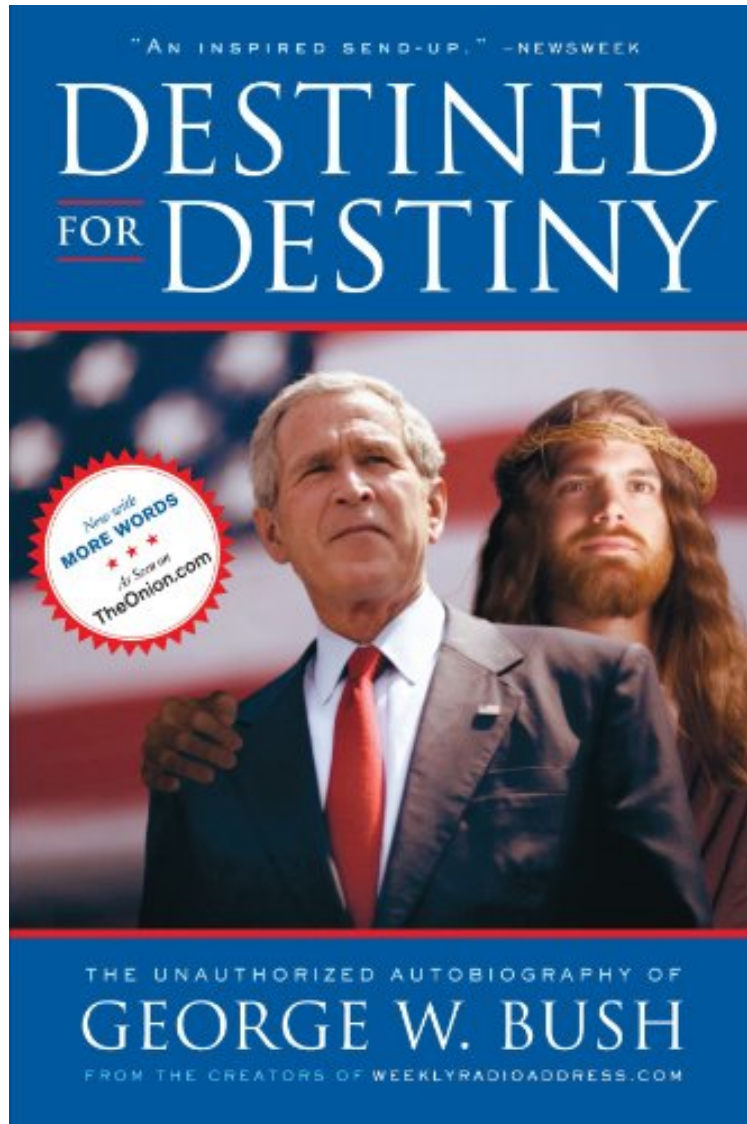


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**Scott Dikkers, Peter Hilleren : Destined for Destiny: The Unauthorized Autobiography of George W. Bush** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Destined for Destiny: The Unauthorized Autobiography of George W. Bush:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. You are Destined to like this book! By K. W. This book is nearly flawless in keeping the narration in Dubya-ese. I had found some other writing by Scott Dikkers and fell in love with

his style and went looking for other works by him. I had this book in my "save for later" part of my cart for a long time. I was looking for a gift for my husband and found it in my cart and thought it would be a good "small" gift for him. When he opened it he gave me a weird "what did you get me THIS for?" kind of look. I told him to read the flyleaf. He read it and started laughing. He immediately opened the book and started reading it. We really, really, really want to get another and send it to some relatives but are not brave enough to start that particular war. LOL Incredibly funny read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A very funny read! By Thomas R. Mchenry It's hard to describe this book in that it is written from the point of view of GWB himself. A lot of chuckles and some laugh-out-loud moments...the interesting thing is that the "fictional" Bush is oddly co-joined with the real one. This NOT a book for any real Bush fans. They would find it offensive but being in the public eye and holding the highest level job in the country makes the person fair game for satire and sometimes ridicule. In my opinion, the chapter about Laura Bush and mention of her throughout the book are actually over-the-top and I think unnecessarily cruel. Not really funny. Just sort of mean. Overall it is a funny and engaging read if one can get past that truth and fiction about this controversial man are often the same. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not for the GOP at birthers! By Carol Although this is a well worn topic, Dikkers is an amusing writer and brings new laughs to an oft recalled and not very funny situation that has had major impacts on our country. I'm not sure whether we're "laughing with" or "laughing at," but laughing, nonetheless.

In *Destined for Destiny*, George W. Bush offers readers an intimate, plainspoken, and often readable look at the character-shaping achievements that led to his inevitable rise to the office of President of the United States. Written from the heart, not from the brain, this definitive autobiography takes readers on a journey through the 43rd President's life, including his hardscrabble beginnings as the child of West Texas oil millionaires, the remarkable academic performance that earned him entry into the finest East Coast schools, and his proud service to the country as an occasional member of the National Guard sometime around 1972 or 1973. He proudly recounts his years as a successful oil-business failure and the owner of a baseball team. He even dares to dream the ultimate dream: to become Commissioner of Baseball. The great man we meet here displays his mother's steely resolve and vindictive temper, his father's keen mastery of language, and his own unique gift of deciding. His gripping life story deepens when a faith in God hits him one day "like a bottle of Jack on an empty stomach" and he has an encounter with the Prince of Peace that sets George W. Bush on a path to become the greatest War President in history. To help craft this lasting account of his life and leadership, George W. Bush turned to two writers who have earned not only his trust but his deep friendship: Scott Dikkers, editor-in-chief of *The Onion* and coauthor of the #1 bestseller *Our Dumb Century*, and Peter Hilleren, former producer for public radio and some of the nation's finest public-access cable-television stations. Dikkers and Hilleren call on their finely honed journalism expertise every week to write and record the President's weekly radio address on [WeeklyRadioAddress.com](http://WeeklyRadioAddress.com). Their work on such stirring addresses as "June Terror Update"

From *Publishers Weekly* In the tradition of Jon Stewart's *America: The Book* and satirical newspaper *The Onion* (which Dikkers runs as editor-in-chief), this faux autobiography recounts George W. Bush's mediocre rise from humble beginnings (as a child of "simple oil folks") to become the 43rd President of the United States. Dikkers and Hilleren play on every Bush stereotype, from his privileged insider perspective ("I believe in tax relief for Wal-Mart and other large department store chains which clothe and feed the poor") to his close and personal bond with his savior ("Hello, Jesus, my name is George W. Bush and I'm asking for your support in my run for Congress"), in a voice studded with Bush's trademark malapropisms. The authors also include fake artifacts, including newspaper clippings, White House memos and Bush's Yale admissions essay (complete with a note from Dad). Though the gags are often as sharp as they are stupid (chapter titles include "Then I Ran Some Companies into the Ground," "George Walker, Texas Ranger," and "The Clown-Faced Zombie I Call My Wife"), readers may find the joke wearing a little thin by the time they reach the 16-page photo spread of Bush with Jesus Christ. Readers may want to skip around to prevent satirical fatigue. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From *Booklist* Underscore unauthorized. Dikkers, founder and editor in chief of the satirical publication *the Onion*, and Hilleren, former public radio producer, joined to craft this humorous look at the life of President George W. Bush, as if penned by the forty-third president himself. They chronicle Bush's privileged childhood, his uninspiring academic performance, and his rise to wealth and influence in business and, finally, politics with the help of family connections. Written in imitation of Bush's breezy style, the facts are all there, but the tone is heavily satiric. Illustrations include a report card with grades altered, a loyalty oath signed by Laura Bush, and--after Bush's proclaimed religious conversion--the presence of Jesus in photographs of his life from babyhood through the presidential swearing-in ceremony through his speech at ground zero after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Bush detractors will find this book hilarious; his fans will be apoplectic. Vanessa Bush Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved "An inspired send-up." - *Newsweek*