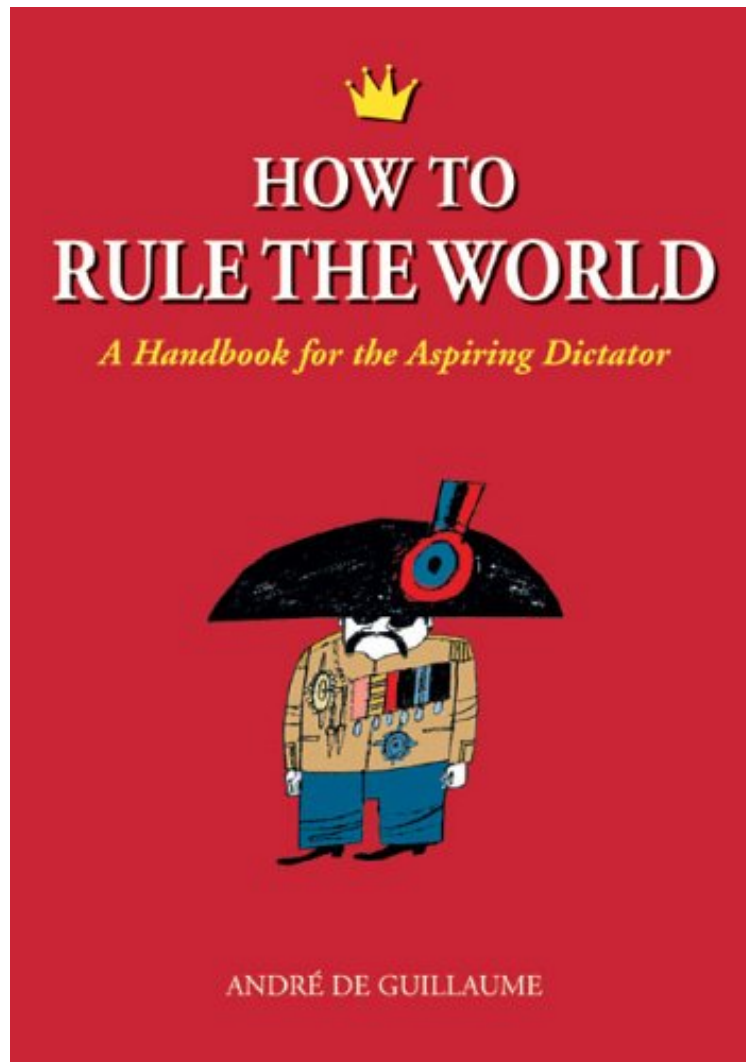


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others, but lacked the vision.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A fun and quick read!By Eunice M.How to Rule the World is a very entertaining book. It accurately speaks about the way in which to become a dictator, but in a humorous way. It also highlights dictators that have been and speaks about their strengths and weakness in order to teach the reader how to avoid the mistakes of those before them. It speaks about the dictator in a way that makes it very easy to understand that even a young child could understand some of the points the author is trying to get across. If you are interested in dictatorships and how they are able to come about this is a great book to read due to it's accuracy and how easy it is to read. At the end the author speaks about his own failed attempts towards "ruling the world", whether or not it is a true story is highly questionable.1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fun, intelligent, hilarious! Loved it.By HLThis is one of those satires that emulate self-help books but tackles a completely incongruous subject. It reminds me of Daily Show's "America: The Book" and is of almost equivalent quality in its writing. The book leads you on a "teaching course" about how to become a tyrant. It's both witty and wise, and I laughed outloud quite often. A bonus is short history lessons about world-famous tyrants. The drawings are amusing too. It's considerably better than "How to Be A villain" which I read lately, although unfortunately not as visually attractive (thought the drawings are pretty cute- they should have reconsidered the cover though, "How to be A Villain" had a cover that screamed "pick me up!") All in all I think this book deserves more success than it probably had. Recommended.

Everyone wants to rule the world, but only a precious few have the skills to create an ironclad plan of attack. Simple, direct, and delightfully unprincipled, this guide contains tales of global power mongering from every age and endeavors to show dilettante dictators and tyrants-to-be just how it's done. Tips are provided on creating a personal flag, what type of puppet government to establish, how to squelch free speech, and, most important, how to handle enemies. Also included are humorous full-color illustrations, sidebars on admirable despots, and self-quizzes that allow readers to see if they have what it takes to conquer the world.

From Publishers WeeklyThis slim satirical volume purports to map the road to world (or at least great) power from childhood to the grave. Send-ups of everything abound, from pop psychology questionnaires such as "Have You Got What It Takes?" and lists of "Career Paths" (salesman being ideal, since it teaches how to lie with a straight face). After advising on how to seize power, by force or fraud, the tips then cover designing a national flag, managing money while gaining as little of it as possible honestly and arranging your love life so that it enhances your respectability. (This means that your wives and mistresses never meet.) There is even a guide for retirement, should one live so long. The historical snippets have much the same tone, although the portrayals of kids torturing animals to prepare for tyranny and the distinctly Third World flavor of the dictators may not strike everyone as funny. Others may more mildly object to bracketing Elizabeth I of England with Attila the Hun and the Bertelsmann conglomerate with the Mongols. The latter is an insider nod to de Guillaume's alter ego, unacknowledged in the text or on the jacket copy: when not aspiring to thrones, de Guillaume is called Andrew Wilkins, and serves as publisher of Australian Bookseller Publisher. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.