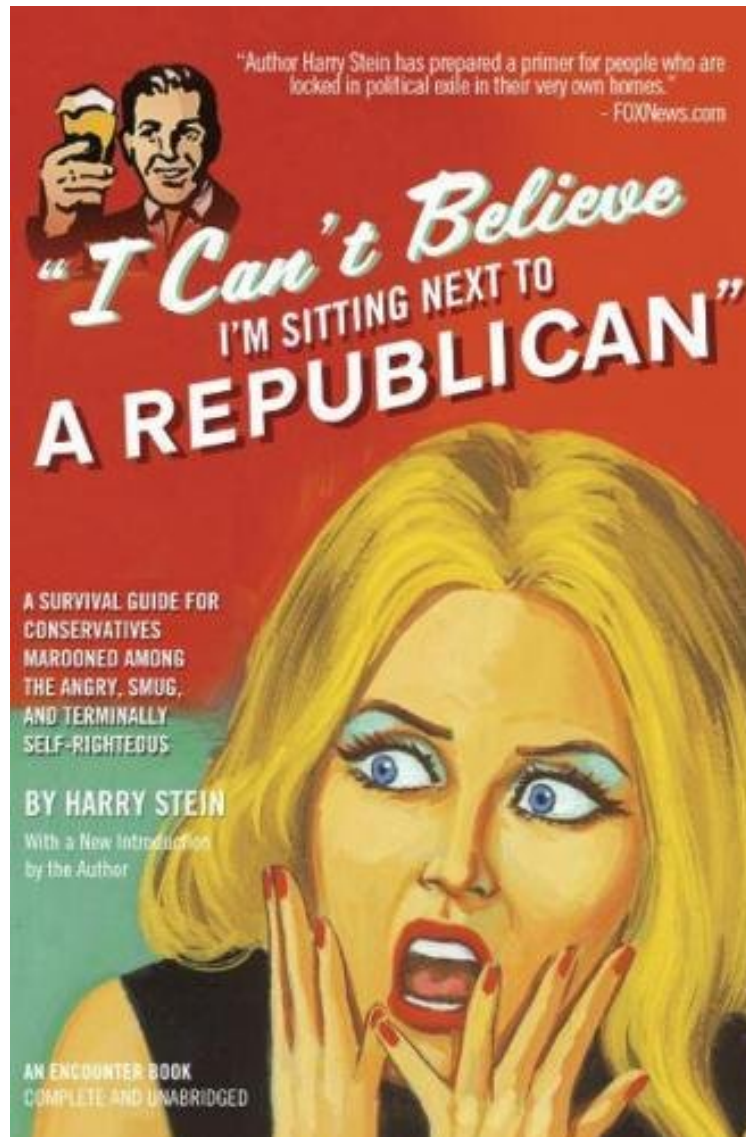


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Readable. This could use an update. By M. Heiss The story of the left is selfishness and narcissism posing as principle. (P. 150) This book catalogs the left's lazy uniformity of thought, more than anything else. It would be interesting to read an update that includes 2017's screaming campus garbage babies. Otherwise, nice stories in the "you're not alone, they really _are_ that way." genre. Awesome section with a reading list for raising normal kids, starting at page 53: Tasha Tudor A Doll's Christmas Maud Hart Lovelace the Betsy and Tacy books Louisa May Olcott Old Fashioned Girl Rumer Godden The Doll's House Joan Aiken The Wolves of Willoughby Chase Frances Hodgson Burnett A Little Princess Andrew Lang fairy tale books Richard Chase The Jack Tales Booth Tarkington the Penrod books George Orwell Animal Farm Astrid Lindgren The Tomten Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo Sherlock Holmes stories Mark Twain's short stories Edward Ardizzone's "Tim" series Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House books Tove Jansson's Moomin books The Oxford Anthology of Poetry for Children Charles Dickens David Copperfield The Childhood of Famous Americans series - the older the better Horatio Alger's books (To these I would add the adventure books of G. A. Henry) This list earns the book an extra star, in my opinion. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Which makes me think of a funny Ann Coulter line I'll paraphrase: By MDLION This book immediately made me think of Tom Wolfe's observations about the chattering intellectuals' arrogant put-downs of Red America he heard at Manhattan parties where no one knows anyone who voted for "Bush". Talk radio host Vicki McKenna is quoted in the book: "What happened to individual liberty? Choice doesn't matter when it comes to what kind of freakin' light bulb I want to buy ... Does choice only matter when it comes to killing a baby?" (P. 125) I noticed that quote because I've lost count of all the times in the past year when I've tapped a flickering new light bulb and thought or mumbled under my breath: "These new light bulbs don't work very well." Just thank God the environmentalists haven't seriously turned their attention to the flush toilet and toilet paper yet. Which makes me think of a funny Ann Coulter line I'll paraphrase: Since the dawn of time, man has desired to remove his excrement as far as possible from himself. Ann Coulter comes up more than once in the book, including: "[D]ining with Andrew Stein at Centolire on Madison Avenue the other night, a wild-eyed man came up to their table and shouted at Coulter for her right-wing views" (P. 94) A great thing about Ann Coulter, Harry Stein, who authored the funny book under review, Greg Gutfeld, Rush Limbaugh, and a number of others is their ability to use humor to mock liberals. Though it's not in this book, I think of a quote: "A sense of humor is a trait of the balanced; the unbalanced and fanatical don't have one. They have no ability to laugh at themselves or at the ridiculous things of life." - Father George William Rutler, interview with "The Catholic World Report" Though I live in the red state of Kentucky, the city of Louisville where I reside is purple, slightly more blue than red. This book is excellent for the more heroic conservatives among us who live surrounded by liberals in deep blue states. The subject matter is actually serious, the increasingly irrational hatred of conservatives by liberals. But it is handled in an often quite funny way. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Stein nails it By Richard D. Provost A light read, but filled with amusing (and head-exploding) anecdotes that demonstrate how progressive authoritarians dominate the institutions of lower and higher education, journalism, publishing, psychiatry, entertainment and more -- and how utterly intolerant, dishonest and self-righteous they can be. Nice red meat for those of us who are too busy being productive members of society to focus on cataloging the daily drip of left-wing moral grandstanding, fallacious logic and double standards. And I just want to thank the left-wingers who gave the one-star reviews here for validating Stein's premise...

With biting wit and amusing personal anecdotes, Harry Stein's *I Can't Believe I'm Sitting Next to a Republican* chronicles the everyday travails and triumphs of the plucky conservatives marooned in the liberal bastions that loathe them, from Manhattan to Hollywood, to all the noxious places in between. Surrounded by the insufferably smug and self-righteous -- from the angry old lady with the anti-war sign affixed to her walker to the random jerk at a dinner party quoting George Soros -- these intrepid souls live in a hostile world; knowing that anytime a neighbor chances to learn their views on affirmative action, big government, feminism, the environment, abortion, multi-culturalism, sex education, the reliability of *The New York Times*, the scariness of evangelicals or (fill in the blank), his/her face will register stunned surprise and deep confusion. Or worse. Stein gives special attention to those conservatives working in professions dominated by the liberal elite—journalism, publishing, entertainment, and academia—celebrating their guts and sharing in their disdain for the dogmatism of the self-appointed creative and intellectual class. The result is a conservative's guide to love, work, friendship, dinner party mischief, and staying happy and un-smearred in liberal America.

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