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God Is Not Great Basic Books

Dinesh D'Souza rose to national prominence as one of the founders of the Dartmouth Review, a leading voice in the rebirth of conservative politics on college campuses in the 1980s. He fired the first popular shot against political correctness with his best-selling exposé *Illiberal Education*. Now, after serving as a Reagan White House staffer, the managing editor of *Policy Review*, and a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and the Hoover Institution, he addresses the next generation in *Letters to a Young Conservative*. Drawing on his own colorful experiences, both within the conservative world and while skirmishing with the left, D'Souza aims to enlighten and inspire young conservatives and give them weapons for the intellectual battles that they face in high school, college, and everyday life. *Letters to a Young Conservative* also illuminates the enduring themes that for D'Souza anchor the conservative

position: not "family values" or patriotism, but a philosophy based on natural rights and a belief in universal moral truths. With a light touch, D'Souza shows that conservatism needn't be stodgy or defensive, even though it is based on preserving the status quo. To the contrary, when a conservative has to expose basic liberal assumptions to scrutiny, he or she must become a kind of imaginative, fun-loving, forward-looking guerrilla--philosophically conservative but temperamentally radical. Among the topics Dinesh D'Souza covers in *Letters to a Young Conservative: Fighting Political Correctness* Authentic vs. Bogus Multiculturalism Why Government Is the Problem When the Rich Get Richer How Affirmative Action Hurts Blacks The Feminist Mistake All the News That Fits How to Harpoon a Liberal The Self-Esteem Hoax A Republican Realignment? Why Conservatives Should Be Cheerful Stories From My Life Basic Books Christopher Hitchens—political journalist, cultural critic, public intellectual and

self-described contrarian—is one of the most controversial and prolific writers of his generation. His most recent book, *God Is Not Great*, was on the New York Times bestseller list in 2007 for months. Like his hero, George Orwell, Hitchens is a tireless opponent of all forms of cruelty, ideological dogma, religious superstition and intellectual obfuscation. Once a socialist, he now refers to himself as an unaffiliated radical. As a thinker, Hitchens is perhaps best viewed as post-ideological, in that his intellectual sources and solidarities are strikingly various (he is an admirer of both Leon Trotsky and Kingsley Amis) and cannot be located easily at any one point on the ideological spectrum. Since leaving Britain for the United States in 1981, Hitchens's thinking has moved in what some see as contradictory directions, but he remains an unapologetic and passionate defender of the Enlightenment values of secularism, democracy, free expression, and scientific inquiry. The global turmoil of the recent past has provoked intense dispute and

division among intellectuals, academics, and other commentators. Hitchens's writing during this time, particularly after 9/11, is an essential reference point for understanding the genesis and meaning of that turmoil—and the challenges that accompany it. This volume brings together Hitchens's most incisive reflections on the war on terror, the war in Iraq, and the state of the contemporary Left. It also includes a selection of critical commentaries on his work from his former leftist comrades, a set of exchanges between Hitchens and various left-leaning interlocutors (such as Studs Terkel, Norman Finkelstein, and Michael Kazin), and an introductory essay by the editors on the nature and significance of Hitchens's contribution to the world of ideas and public debate. In response, Hitchens provides an original afterword, written for this collection. Whatever readers might think about Hitchens, he remains an intellectual force to be reckoned with. And there is no better place to encounter his current thinking than in this provocative volume.

Here Comes Trouble

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 "I did not, I wish to state, become a journalist because there was no other 'profession' that would have me. I became a journalist because I did not want to rely on newspapers for information." Love, Poverty and War: Journeys and Essays showcases America's leading polemicist's rejection of consensus and cliché, whether he's reporting from abroad in Indonesia, Kurdistan, Iraq, North Korea, or Cuba, or when his pen is targeted mercilessly at the likes of William Clinton, Mother Theresa ("a fanatic, a fundamentalist and a fraud"), the Dalai Lama, Noam Chomsky, Mel Gibson and Michael Bloomberg. Hitchens began the nineties as a "darling of the left" but has become more of an "unaffiliated radical" whose targets include those on the "left," who he accuses of "fudging" the issue of military intervention in the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq. Yet, as Hitchens shows in his reportage, cultural and literary criticism, and opinion essays from the last decade, he has not jumped ship and joined the right but is faithful to

the internationalist, contrarian and democratic ideals that have always informed his work. The Search for God in an Age of Science Catapult 'For the sake of argument, one must never let a euphemism or a false consolation pass uncontested. The truth seldom lies, but when it does lie it lies somewhere in between.'. The global turmoil of the last few years has severely tested every analyst and commentator. Few have written with such insight as Christopher Hitchens about the large events - or with such discernment and with about the small tell-tale signs of a disordered culture. For the Sake of Argument ranges from the political squalor of Washington, as a beleaguered Bush administration seeks desperately to stave off disaster and Clinton prepares for power, to the twilight of Stalinism in Prague; from the Jewish quarter of Damascus in the aftermath of the Gulf War to the embattled barrios of Central America and the imperishable resistance of Saralevo, as a difficult peace is negotiated with ruthless foes. Hitchens' unsparing account of Western realpolitik in the end

shows it to rest on delusion as well as deception. The reader will find in these pages outstanding essays on political assassination in America as well as a scathing review of the evisceration of politics by pollsters and spin-doctors. Hitchens' knowledge of the tortuous history of revolutions in the twentieth century helps him to explain both the New York intelligentsia's flirtation with Trotskyism and the frailty of Communist power structures in Eastern Europe. Hitchens' pointed reassessments of Graham Greene, P.G. Wodehouse and C.L.R. James, or his riotous celebration of drinkiness and smoking, display an engaging enthusiasm and an acerbic wit. Equally entertaining is his unsparing rogues' gallery, which gives us unforgettable portraits of the lugubrious 'Dr' Kissinger, the comprehensively reactionary 'Mother' Teresa, the preposterous Paul Johnson and the predictable P.J. O'Rourke. And Yet... Simon and Schuster
Otto, the sage old pup who taught Wilson the ways of the Tao-te Ching, the ancient Chinese book

of wisdom, is finally ready to rest his bones and retire to Boca Raton. Wilson is next in line to take his place as Master of the Taoist put lineage, but before he can assume his rightful position, he must train his own successor, the young pup Homer. Once Homer has learned the lessons of the Tao and earned his yin-yang badge, Wilson can take his place on Otto's throne. Through funny letters and charming photographs, Wilson converses with his apprentice on the subtle wisdom of the Tao-te Ching. But unfortunately for Wilson, Homer's not the easiest pupil to teach. He's more interested in filling his stomach than feeding his mind. And he'd rather nap his way to wisdom. The young pug's path to enlightenment is chock full of surprises, as Wilson is about to find out.

Why Orwell Matters
Penguin UK

"Art of Mentoring" series
In the book that he was born to write, provocateur and best-selling author Christopher Hitchens inspires future generations of radicals, gadflies, mavericks, rebels, angry young (wo)men, and dissidents. Who better to speak to

that person who finds him or herself in a contrarian position than Hitchens, who has made a career of disagreeing in profound and entertaining ways. This book explores the entire range of "contrary positions"-from noble dissident to gratuitous pain in the butt. In an age of overly polite debate bending over backward to reach a happy consensus within an increasingly centrist political dialogue, Hitchens pointedly pitches himself in contrast. He bemoans the loss of the skills of dialectical thinking evident in contemporary society. He understands the importance of disagreement-to personal integrity, to informed discussion, to true progress-heck, to democracy itself. Epigrammatic, spunky, witty, in your face, timeless and timely, this book is everything you would expect from a mentoring contrarian. Letters to a Young Doubter Penguin
Democracy is a matter of degree, and this book offers mainstream empirical evidence that shows how rich democracies would be better off with a few degrees less of it. *No One Left to Lie to*

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 A NATIONAL BESTSELLER
 * A NEW YORK TIMES
 BOOK REVIEW EDITORS'
 CHOICE * A WASHINGTON
 POST BEST BOOK OF THE
 YEAR "An invigorating
 work, deadly precise in its
 skewering of people,
 places and things . . .
 Stylish, despairing and
 very funny, *Fake Accounts*
 . . . adroitly maps the
 dwindling gap between
 the individual and the
 world." —Katie Kitamura,
 The New York Times Book
 Review A woman in a
 tailspin discovers that her
 boyfriend is an
 anonymous online
 conspiracy theorist in this
 "absolutely brilliant take
 on the bizarre and
 despicable ways the
 internet has warped our
 perception of reality"
 (Elle, One of the Most
 Anticipated Books of the
 Year). On the eve of
 Donald Trump's
 inauguration, a young
 woman snoops through
 her boyfriend's phone and
 makes a startling
 discovery: he's an
 anonymous internet
 conspiracy theorist, and a
 popular one at that.
 Already fluent in internet
 fakery, irony, and
 outrage, she's not exactly
 shocked by the revelation.
 Actually, she's relieved--
 he was always a little
 distant--and she plots to

end their floundering
 relationship while on a
 trip to the Women's March
 in DC. But this is only the
 first in a series of bizarre
 twists that expose a world
 whose truths are shaped
 by online lies. Suddenly
 left with no reason to stay
 in New York and
 increasingly alienated
 from her friends and
 colleagues, our unnamed
 narrator flees to Berlin,
 embarking on her own
 cycles of manipulation in
 the deceptive spaces of
 her daily life, from dating
 apps to expat meetups,
 open-plan offices to
 bureaucratic waiting
 rooms. She begins to
 think she can't trust
 anyone--shouldn't the
 feeling be mutual?
 Narrated with seductive
 confidence and
 subversive wit, *Fake
 Accounts* challenges the
 way current conversations
 about the self and
 community, delusions and
 gaslighting, and fiction
 and reality play out in the
 internet age.

*Letters to a Young
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Suggests that President
 Clinton's largest legacy
 may be the weakening of
 the presidency and of the
 Democratic Party.

**Letters to a Young
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Includes never-before-

collected quotes from the
 controversial best-selling
 author on hundreds of
 subjects--from atheism
 and alcoholism to Iraq and
 George Orwell.

**Letters to a Young
 Lawyer** Allen & Unwin

The record-breaking
 gymnast provides a
 firsthand look into the
 world of the female
 athlete as she shows what
 it takes to achieve athletic
 perfection, offering
 inspiring stories from her
 own experience,
 anecdotes, and practical
 advice that reveal the
 mindset of a top
 competitor. 75,000 first
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**Why You Should Trust
 Elites a Little More and
 the Masses a Little**

Less Westminster John
 Knox Press

Recent polls show that
 96% of Americans believe
 in God. Why are people
 turning to religion in
 greater numbers than
 ever before? In *How We
 Believe*, Michael Shermer
 presents the results of an
 exhaustive empirical
 study in which he asked
 10,000 Americans how
 and why they believe and
 about details of their
 faith. The result offers
 fresh and startling
 insights into age-old
 questions.

False Positive Basic Books
 (AZ)

A guide to becoming empowered in today's world addresses a wide range of topics, from establishing a unique identity and confronting racism and sexism to engaging in responsible relationships with the opposite sex and managing finances.

How Religion Poisons Everything Twelve
Here Comes Trouble is Michael Moore's anti-memoir. Breaking the autobiographical mould, he hilariously presents 20 far-ranging, irreverent vignettes from his own life. Moore is his own meta-Forrest Gump, as one moment he's an 11-year old boy stuck on a Senate elevator with Bobby Kennedy, and the next moment he's inside the Bitburg cemetery with a dazed and confused Ronald Reagan. Changing planes in Vienna, he escapes death at the hands of the terrorist Abu Nidal (others weren't so lucky). He founded his first underground newspaper in fourth grade. He refused to be on the CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite at 16 ("There's not enough Clearasil in the world for that to happen"). And he became the youngest elected official in the country at age 18 by

enlisting an "army of local stoners" who had no idea what they were doing as his campaign staff. Before Michael Moore became the Oscar-winning filmmaker and all-round rabble rouser and thorn-in-the-side of corporate and right-wing America, there was the guy who had an uncanny knack of just showing up where history was being made. This book is a wild, revealing, take-no-prisoners ride through his early life. Alternately funny, eye-opening, and moving, this is a book Michael Moore has been writing -- and living -- for a very long time.

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson Simon and Schuster
 The author of *Why Orwell Matters* demonstrates how Thomas Paine's Declaration of the Rights of Man, first published in 1791, a passionate defense of the inalienable rights of humankind, forms the philosophical cornerstone of the United States of America, in an engaging critical work. Reprint.

[The Trial of Henry Kissinger](#) Hachette UK
 In the book that he was born to write, provocateur and best-selling author Christopher Hitchens inspires future

generations of radicals, gadflies, mavericks, rebels, angry young (wo)men, and dissidents. Who better to speak to that person who finds him or herself in a contrarian position than Hitchens, who has made a career of disagreeing in profound and entertaining ways. This book explores the entire range of "contrary positions"-from noble dissident to gratuitous pain in the butt. In an age of overly polite debate bending over backward to reach a happy consensus within an increasingly centrist political dialogue, Hitchens pointedly pitches himself in contrast. He bemoans the loss of the skills of dialectical thinking evident in contemporary society. He understands the importance of disagreement-to personal integrity, to informed discussion, to true progress-heck, to democracy itself. Epigrammatic, spunky, witty, in your face, timeless and timely, this book is everything you would expect from a mentoring contrarian.
How We Believe Basic Books
 "Be original. See what happens." So Todd Gitlin advises the young mind

burning to take action to right the wrongs of the world but also looking for bearings, understanding, direction, and practical examples. In *Letters to a Young Activist*, Todd Gitlin looks back at his eventful life, recalling his experience as president of the formidable Students for a Democratic Society in the '60s, contemplating the spirit of activism, and arriving at some principles of action to guide the passion and energy of those wishing to do good. He considers the three complementary motives of duty, love, and adventure, and reflects on the changing nature of idealism and how righteous action requires realistic as well as idealistic thinking. And he looks forward to an uncertain future that is nevertheless full of possibility, a future where patriotism and intelligent skepticism are not mutually exclusive. Gitlin invites the young activist to enter imaginatively into some of the dilemmas, moral and practical, of being a modern citizen--the dilemmas that affect not only the problems of what to think but also the problems of what to love and how to live.

Fake Accounts Canon Press & Book Service

"If someone says I'm doing this out of faith, I say, Why don't you do it out of conviction?"
—CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS One of his generation's greatest public intellectuals, and perhaps its fiercest, Christopher Hitchens was a brilliant interview subject. This collection—which spans from his early prominence as a hero of the Left to his controversial support for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan toward the end of his life—showcases Hitch's trademark wit on subjects as diverse as his mistrust of the media, his love of literature, his dislike of the Clintons, and his condemnation of all things religious. Beginning with an introduction and tribute from his longtime friend Stephen Fry, this collection culminates in Hitchens's fearless final interview with Richard Dawkins, which shows a man as unafraid of death as he was of everything in life.

Peter Thiel and Silicon Valley's Pursuit of Power
Harper Collins
Pulitzer Prize-winning biologist Edward O. Wilson imparts the wisdom of his storied career to the next generation. Edward O. Wilson has distilled sixty

years of teaching into a book for students, young and old. Reflecting on his coming-of-age in the South as a Boy Scout and a lover of ants and butterflies, Wilson threads these twenty-one letters, each richly illustrated, with autobiographical anecdotes that illuminate his career—both his successes and his failures—and his motivations for becoming a biologist. At a time in human history when our survival is more than ever linked to our understanding of science, Wilson insists that success in the sciences does not depend on mathematical skill, but rather a passion for finding a problem and solving it. From the collapse of stars to the exploration of rain forests and the oceans' depths, Wilson instills a love of the innate creativity of science and a respect for the human being's modest place in the planet's ecosystem in his readers.

Mortality Da Capo Press
A celebration of Percy Shelley's assertion that 'poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world', these thirty-plus essays on writers from Oscar Wilde to Salman Rushdie dispel the myth of politics

as a stone tied to the neck of literature; Norman Podhoretz's 'bloody crossroads'. Instead

Hitchens argues that when all parties in the state were agreed on a

matter, it was the individual pens that created the space for a true moral argument.

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