

Review of Reganland by Rick Perlstein: A Masterful Account of the Reagan Era

Rick Perlstein's Reganland is a sweeping and meticulously researched account of the Reagan era, offering a fresh perspective on one of the most consequential presidencies in American history. Drawing on a vast array of sources, including interviews with key figures and declassified documents, Perlstein paints a vivid and complex portrait of Ronald Reagan and his impact on American politics and society.



A REVIEW OF REGANLAND BY RICK PERLSTEIN: An Historic Account on the Rise of Modern Conservatism, an Insightful and Illuminating Analysis of a Watershed Era in American Politics by Tony Batchelor

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The book begins with Reagan's election in 1980, a moment of profound change for the United States. The country was reeling from the economic and social upheavals of the 1970s, and Reagan's promise of a return to traditional values and economic prosperity resonated with millions of

Americans. Perlstein shows how Reagan's victory was not simply a rejection of Jimmy Carter, but also a reflection of a deep-seated conservative backlash against the perceived excesses of the 1960s and 1970s.

Once in office, Reagan embarked on an ambitious agenda of economic and social reform. He slashed taxes, deregulated the economy, and appointed conservative judges to the Supreme Court. He also launched a massive military buildup, which helped to hasten the collapse of the Soviet Union. Perlstein argues that Reagan's policies had a profound impact on American society, reshaping the economy, the political landscape, and the culture.

However, Perlstein does not shy away from Reagan's flaws. He shows how the president's economic policies exacerbated inequality, while his social policies often discriminated against minorities and the poor. He also discusses Reagan's role in the Iran-Contra scandal, which tarnished his legacy and damaged the reputation of the United States.

Despite these criticisms, Perlstein ultimately argues that Reagan was a consequential president who left a lasting mark on American history. He was a skilled communicator who was able to connect with voters on a personal level. He was also a shrewd political operator who was able to build a coalition of conservatives, moderates, and even some liberals. Perlstein concludes that Reagan's presidency was a watershed moment in American history, and that his legacy will continue to be debated for years to come.

Reganland is a must-read for anyone interested in American history, politics, or the Reagan era. Perlstein's masterful storytelling and meticulous research make this book an essential addition to the literature on one of the most important presidents in American history.

Praise for Reganland

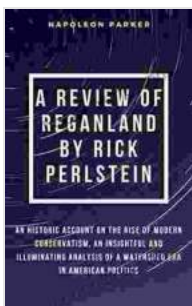
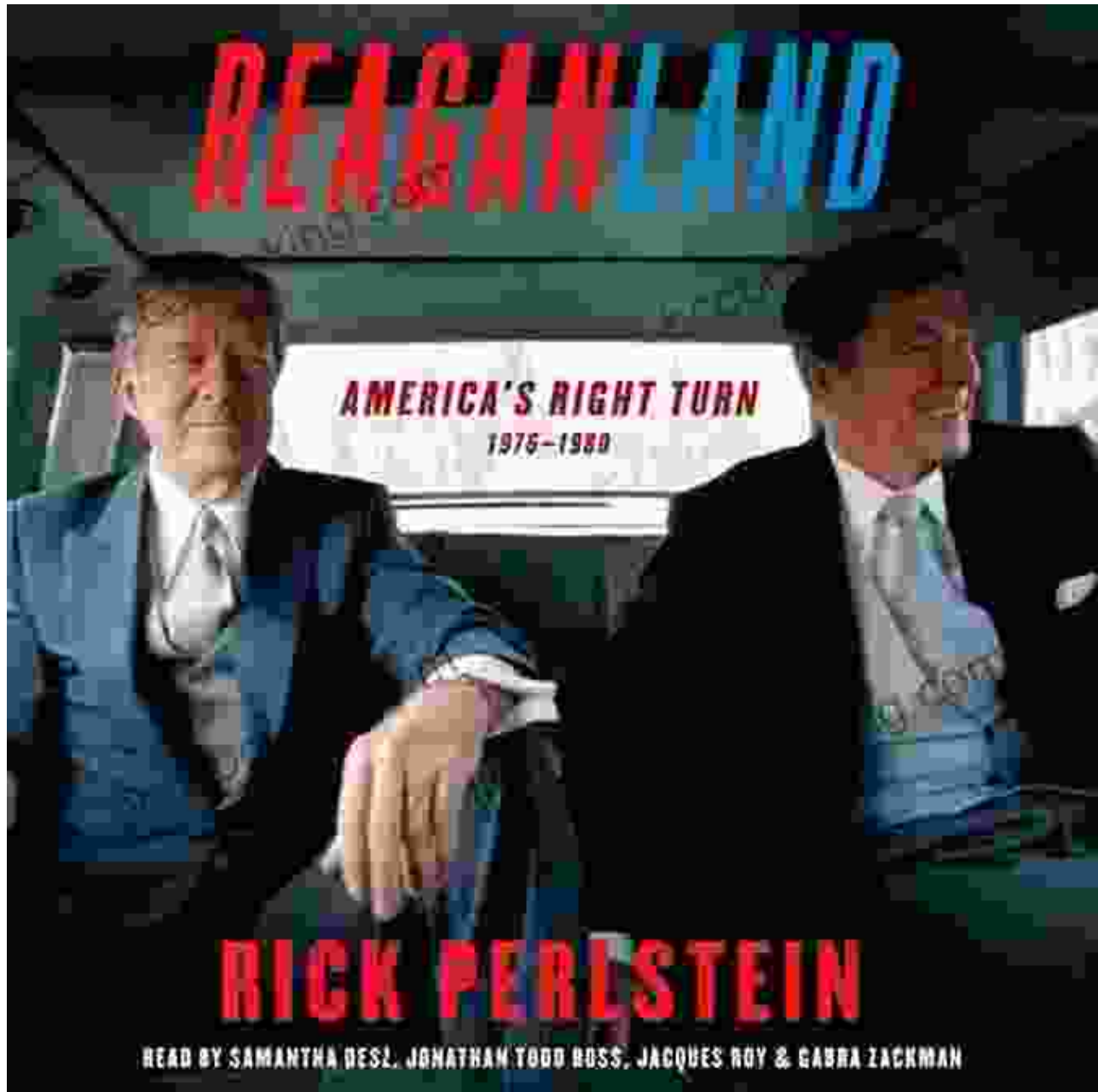
"Perlstein has written the definitive account of the Reagan era. This is a must-read for anyone interested in American history." - Jon Meacham, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power

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