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Or, to be precise, 11,283,000 people.

Andy Andrews believes that good answers come only from asking the right questions. Through the powerful, provocative question, “How do you kill eleven million people?”—the number of people killed by the Nazi German regime between 1933 and 1945—he explores a number of other questions relevant to our lives today:

Does it matter that millions of ordinary citizens have checked out of participating in the decisions that shape the future of our country? Which is more dangerous: politicians with ill intent, or the too-trusting population that allows such people to lead them? How are we supposed to tell the difference between the “good guys” and the “bad guys”? How does the answer to this question affect not only our country but our families, our faith, and our values? What happens to a society in which truth is absent?

Andrews issues a wake-up call: become informed, passionate citizens who demand honesty and integrity from our leaders, or suffer the consequences of our own ignorance and apathy. Furthermore, we can no longer measure a leader’s worth by the yardsticks provided by the left or the right. Instead, we must use an unchanging standard: the pure, unvarnished truth.

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Kevin Hanks says

This book was more a published short-essay than a book. I was slightly annoyed when I got it that it was so small and it still cost me \$10 on amazon. After I got over that knee-jerk reaction though, it was a good essay and posed some thought-provoking questions. It was a quick read (20 minutes) that convinced me to be a more informed voter.

Shaun Kenney says

Save your money and an hour of your life. This book is little short of a marketing scam, designed to be bought and loop you into a "personal brand" (formerly known as a cult of personality).

The point of this book? Distrust your leaders. Gee... how novel. Who should you trust? The author -- a fellow skeptic just like you -- who has the insight and life experience to guide other skeptics through the pitfalls of American life.

If I could get my money back, I would. But I can never get my time back. This book belongs in the Harlequin section... if only so the cheap tawdry novellas surrounding it can feel better about their place in society.

Sharon says

This small slender book can be read in a hour. It's profound and should be read by everyone. The book is especially important now, today. It's meant to urge us to think about how we affect the world, our country, our families and more. It's a lesson and isn't to be missed or glossed over. Truth matters. History has lessons for us and, no, your little world isn't the only thing that needs attention. Teach your children well.

Sharon says

[I also reviewed this title on my blog: Ishari's Bookshelf]

This book is a waste of money.

It's a glorified pamphlet in hardcover form with large type, double spaced paragraphs, and huge margins. Easy enough to breeze through it before your coffee gets cold in your mug. Oh, and every other page is either dominated by an illustration or a quote blown up to take the whole page. And to add insult to injury, almost half of the book is an interview where the author basically interviewed himself...oh, and there are

book club questions for some reason.

The only thing I took away from this book is a feeling of impending doom. Not an "Americans are sheep to the slaughter" feeling of impending doom. No...rather, it's alarming that Americans (or whoever reads this book) can find the material in this book **new or a revelation** to them.

I mean...

Have they not paid attention in history class?

Have they not asked **before now** how something like the Holocaust could have even happened?

Have they not had the (not so) earthshattering revelation that **politicians lie to you** and that it's up to them as a conscientious voter to make an educated voting decision?

This "book" is just a glorified pamphlet of regurgitated and common sense revelations and not worth the retail value of \$14.99.

Christie says

Everyone should read this book! The book is apolitical in terms of political parties but Uber-political in terms of involvement in policy and elections. Andrews pushes us to, if not get involved, at least get educated, as to the political agendas of those running the country. He warns:

"Why did he ages of our world's civilization average around 200 years?"

Scary? And....

"Why did these civilizations all seem to follow the same identifiable sequence—from bondage to spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to cruelty, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependence, and finally from dependence back to bondage?"

Tracing our history, it would appear we are heading toward bondage unless as a people we get involved

While Andrews may have oversimplified how 11 million people were killed by Hitler's regime, ("How do you kill 11 million people. Lie to them."), this treatise serves as a breathtaking warning for all, and yet, I felt, the book moved me to action and is not a downer.

Kels says

"How do you kill eleven million people?

Lie to them."

Eh... 2.5 ish. I'm a fan of a lot of Andy Andrews' popular fiction, my personal favorite being *The Traveler's gift*, so when I stumbled upon this short book, I picked it up without hesitation. Now I don't regret reading

this, or even feel like it was a waste of time, but the question I feel I must answer is this: Do I think this book is worth buying? Personally, no.

I wouldn't classify this novel as a bad one, but I do think it's entirely too brief (I read this in about 20 mins) to go beyond anything superficial. There are a few sentences worth highlighting and ruminating upon, also some historical and political facts that I thought were pretty darn intriguing, but at its core this is purely a highly opinionated work designed to make you question your government, seek out and speak out truth, and also get more actively involved in politics (which I do agree is a brilliant, yet an oversimplified idea). But these are all ideologies that add more questions than it does answers. They are roughly mere talking points, and the content does little for personal empowerment or growth, and by no stretch would I label it as an eye opener.

Included at the end of this novel is a short (and at times vague) question and answer with the author, and also reader questions to go over. If you can obtain a free copy from your local library then it wouldn't hurt to pick this book up, but if not, trust me you're not missing out on much.

"Those are probably the most famous words ever spoken on the subject of truth. Most of us accept that particular sentence at face value. It certainly resonates with our spirit. It just feels right. But what does it mean, really? And have you ever contemplated the meaning that comes to light by inverting this principle?

If it is correct that "you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free," then is it possible that if you don't know the truth, its absence can place you in bondage?" --pg 2

Derrick Jeter says

As rivers go the Jordan River has the best PR of them all. It sounds impressive when you read about in Scripture but it's anything but when you see it in person. So it is with Andy Andrews book "How Do You Kill 11 Million People." Andrews has a compelling personal story and is a New York Times bestseller, but this book disappoints. It tackles a big question -- state-sponsored lies and how destructive they can be to a nation -- but fails to offer answers beyond the trivial. He succeeds in accomplishing his goal of writing on a subject that would receive common ground for the future of America (truth telling), avoiding political labels (Democrat and Republican, liberal and conservative), and is concise enough to be read in 15 minutes. But a 15 minute read doesn't get to the root of, much less offer solutions to rooting out, an issue that has become ingrained to modern American politics -- lies, spin, and obfuscation. Besides, who needs to read a book on whether truth telling, as opposed to lying, is best for our country -- especially if that's all you're really going for. The Reader's Guide at least offers some hope that the feather weight treatment of a weighty problem might allow Andrews' words to penetrate beyond the surface, though it would have been nice to have had some heft in the argument to begin with.

Jeff says

2.5 stars

I think this would have gotten a better rating if it had been longer and developed more. It's only 83 pages, so just about the time it has pulled you in.....it's over.

Bob Sorrell says

Where lack of skepticism in our sources of information and trusted authority figures has led in the past. Throughout history, victims of lies want to believe that THIS can't happen here or now because their neighbors and their leaders are civilized. Study the writings of the past and take a hard look at the world now and you will find that the human capacity for good and evil hasn't changed in written history. Reasons for seeking power rarely excludes personal benefit, but narcissists convincing their victims otherwise is almost a proverb. The founders understood that over 2 centuries ago, and tried to limit power (including their own), but many expected the experiment to be short-lived. People want to believe that their leaders take from one and give to another to make things fair. Because perfection is impossible, retaining personal liberty has always resulted in maximum "fairness" throughout history. If (or when) enough people are willing to ignore that truth, and it is always for self centered reasons, this experiment in history will be over.

Veljko says

This book seems like a collection of statements, ranging from the common-sensical to the naive oversimplification, roughly organized around the idea that politicians lie - and that electors are too passive to hold them accountable.

Yet, some oversimplifications border on the absurd. Stating that all problems (ALL problems) are due to the actions of US congressman is plainly absurd. Claiming that Hitler managed to implement the holocaust simply by misleading his own people is historically inaccurate and dangerous - we hopefully know by now that the full story is much more complex.

The saving grace of this book(let) is that it is brief - and it ends before your intelligence is fully offended.

Chris Gallagher says

When I told me wife what I was reading, her slowly turned around with her eyebrow raised and she said, "What?" The sound of the title is sure to true some heard, but the message of the book is direct as the title.

Usually, Andy Andrews is the motivational speaker and writer of such works as "The Noticer," "The Island of Saints" and several others. Mr. Andrews new book, "How to Kill 11 Million People" might seem like a break from his normal writings, but not so. While the book may not be as motivational as some, his point is well made and should cause each of us to take action.

Mr. Andrews presents the way on "How to Kill 11 Million People" with evidence from years past. In fact, Mr. Andrews asks you not to believe his writings, but to research the sources yourself.

Once I began, I could not put this brief text down. It is well worth the read and definitely worthy to be shared

to others.

So, how to you kill 11 million people? Read the book and find out. It is worth it. But once you read it, will you do something about it?

"How to Kill 11 Million People" is about lying. Pure and simple lying. Andy takes you, as a reader, through the atrocities of the Nazi regime upon the Jewish people. How were a small group of Nazi's able to kill over 11 million Jews? Simple, they lied to them.

Andy Andrews discusses how lying and drastic effects and even we might be lied to today.

Enjoy the book.

Chris Gallagher

Cindy says

This book was recommended to me by my sister as a suggestion to pick for my turn to pick a book for my book club. I would classify this book more as an essay than a novel. Since I bought it for my kindle I didn't realize it was such a tiny book. Although tiny and can be read in about an hour, it would make a huge book club discussion. The underlying theme of this book is how we are lied to by our politicians especially while campaigning for election. The example the author uses is the tactics that Hitler used in killing 11 million people. We touched on this subject briefly recently in Book Club when we were discussing the book "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay. How such a small percentage of Germans were Nazi's and how almost the entire population turned a blind eye and allowed the murder of millions of people in not just Poland and Germany but other countries as well.

Some of my favorite lines in Andrew's book are:

"How fortunate for leaders," Hitler said to his inner circle, "that men do not think. Make the lie big, make it simple, keep saying it and eventually they will believe it."

"Any country can survive having chosen a fool as their leader. But history has shown time and again that a nation of fools is surely doomed."

"The most dangerous thing any nation faces is a cizezenry capable of trusting a liar to lead them."

And I say if we had more honest people with strong values in our government our country would be even greater than it is. I wish I had this book in hard copy so I could share it.

Ella Burakowski says

Short and sweet. Okay, maybe not so sweet. How can killing 11 million people be sweet? Andy Andrews doesn't sugarcoat this 112 page novella. Actually the meat of the book is all done in the first half. At the end of this short read you will come to realize that complacency is akin to murder. During the Holocaust it was

the murder of 11 million people, 6 million were Jews. Today complacency is the murder of lifestyles, freedom and security and choices. Democracy is only as good as the voters and the leaders those voters put in power. Following and believing our politicians blindly can and did lead to the death of millions of people throughout our world at different times and in different countries. This timely book, albeit small, has a giant message to tell "The Truth Matters More Than You Think".

Asho says

This isn't so much a book as a tract (although it's not particularly religious in nature). I think Andrews makes a good point about lying leaders and foolish followers, but I don't think he said anything that isn't common sense. Of course you should not believe everything you are told by those in leadership positions. Of course you should do your own research. (I wouldn't necessarily rely as heavily on un-vetted internet websites for that research as Andrews seems to want us to, but I agree with him on principle). Of course you should be engaged and informed and think critically. Then again, there may be people out there for whom it isn't common sense, in which case I hope they read this book.

I wonder if perhaps this book is more effective when accompanied by one of Andrews's lectures, which I have never seen. Overall I think he makes some important points and asks some interesting questions, but not all of those questions are answered here and it is a very cursory overview, full of generalizations, of what could be a really fascinating in-depth study. I know Andrews wrote this specifically to be read in 15 minutes, but it left me feeling like I'd read the prospectus and wishing I could read the whole dissertation.

Carol Smith says

Preachy claptrap. With all the reviews, I was expecting a Thomas Paine missive for modern times. This is a third-grade reading level cow patty.

Save yourself 30 minutes of the trite and obvious, and just read this:

Truth matters. Those who believe lies are sheep to the slaughter. Politicians lie. Rise up.

Actually, kudos to A.A. for a clever in-joke. The book itself is a lie and people are sopping it up. Just because it's packaged as a transformational book, they believe it to be so. Just because he actively suggests people give copies away (p. 61), they do, creating a bestseller out of something better suited to a blog entry. Sheep.

My favorite parts include 23 pages (that's 29% of the book) of an interview with himself(!) and 6 pages of dorky book club discussion suggestions (that's 7.5% of the book).
