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*The Bush Dyslexicon* is a raucously funny ride—whether it's Bush envisioning "a foreign-handed foreign policy" or Miller skewering vociferous cultural conservatives like William Bennett and Lynne Cheney for their silence on Bush's particular "West Texas version of Ebonics." But there is also a strong undercurrent of outrage. Only because our elections have become so dependent on television and its emphatic emptiness, says Miller, could a man of such sublime and complacent ignorance assume the highest office in the land.

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### **Jeremy says**

An exploration of what Bush's mangled speech says about his mangled mind.

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### **Jessica says**

Bought and read before hating Bush was popular.

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### **Zack says**

Mark Crispin Miller breaks a lot of the semantics and speaking patterns of George W. Bush from his initial presidential campaign and his first few months in office.

Aside from the introduction and the afterwards, this book was written before September 11.

Miller notes that Bush is most at ease when talking about punishment and war which further explains his enormous rise in popularity following the terrorist attacks.

It's when Bush talks about anything else, such as health care, the working poor or any sort of problems that someone other the richest of the rich might suffer from does he get flustered, speak in vague terms or just generally makes an ass of himself.

This book is worth perusing just to see the sort of predictions Miller makes in how Bush would handle certain situations such as war and a bad economy. (Miller's fairly dead on)

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### **Michael says**

An outstanding book on the misuse of language and media on the political right. It's disturbing.

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### **Cwn\_annwn\_13 says**

This is a somewhat amusing outdated book that mainly quotes various statements to spew from the mouth of one G.W Bush during the first year of his presidency.

It goes without saying for me that Bush has absolutely no input as to what decisions are made but the real question in my mind is if he has brain damage from the years of drug and alcohol abuse, is he drunk or high on acid while giving interviews and speeches, is he just that dumb or is he a great actor that is intentionally

playing the role of inept moron in order to create a scapegoat to divert attention away from the real controllers?

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### **Matthew Matheson says**

Read other Mark Miller books

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### **Kelv says**

First third of this book was garbage (100 pages or so) - I almost gave the book up due to it being highly complex, lacking cohesion, lacking in consistent theme, and simple things such as an introduction. I found myself trying to figure out the point of long paragraphs of text. It did not help that author was not consistent in the use of Bush Senior, Elder Bush, Bush, etc. I think that the first third was somewhat a background into Bush's is important but a systematic introduction would have been an easier and better way of getting across the points.

The rest of the book was good, I could see clearly the points made. The comments by the author on Bush's dialog was especially useful, particularly when Bush's slip was only subtle or hard to understand since I am not familiar with US politics.

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### **Deborah says**

Thinking back on this book, Crispin Miller is a genius- and really got Bush spot on at a time that everyone thought he was just a bumbling idiot- not a ruthless astute man who pretends to be an idiot for just appeal.

The book is just a really interesting read.

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### **Ted says**

As somebody else mentioned, the author was right on in his assessment. Bush is no idiot--he just shares the complete disdain and disinterest of the poor and middle class of other absolutely spoiled, rich brats. So when he has to speak on things he cares nothing about, he flubs up big time.

I wanted to dock this book another star just because I can't stand looking at this man's face on the cover!

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### **Tom Darrow says**

A very strong argument against Bush and the people and powers that got him into power. The intro section was a bit verbose and some of the author's points are more fully developed in more recent works. I would classify this a the forerunner in anti-Bush writing, however. Hopefully, Miller will write a follow-up now

that Bush is out of office.

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### **William Becque says**

If ever you want to feel as like the President of the free world was dumber than you, this books for you. Bush admits to having dyslexia, as he says in an interview "That woman who knew I had dyslexia- I never interviewed her."

Book is also chalked full of Bushisms; my favorites

"Well, I think if you say you're going to do something and don't do it, that's trustworthiness."

"Families is where our nation finds hope, where wings take dream."

"My opponent won't tell you where he stands on this issue. He is afraid to offend somebody, but that's not what a leadership is about. You got to stand strong. If you don't stand for anything, you don't stand for anything. If you don't stand for something, you don't stand for anything."

"Discussing terrorism and other foreign threats, Bush vowed to 'use our technology to enhance uncertainties abroad."

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### **Amanda Patterson says**

You have to read this book. You will be left speechless and gobsmacked and really perturbed that this man was president. It's unbelievable. I don't think anyone will learn not to vote for someone like him again but you will be entertained.

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### **Peggy Euteneier says**

The author is a professor of media studies at NYU and makes a serious point that "only because our elections have become so dependent on television and its emphatic emptiness could a man of such sublime and complacent ignorance assume the highest office in the land." He spends a lot of time analyzing television and the media in general and skewers them completely. The quotes of Bush (and his father) are stupifying, and I am left shaking my head that such a person could twice become president of the US -- once anointed by the Supreme Court and once actually elected.

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### **Janel says**

Thinking back, this is a strange book I don't think I fully appreciated when I read it. Maybe it's worth a re-read at the end of W's term.

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### **Amy says**

Although this was marketed as a goofy Bushisms collection, Miller actually makes a thought-provoking

analysis of why the President can't speak properly, especially when he has to seem compassionate or empathetic. (Hint: it's because he doesn't give a shit about people.)

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