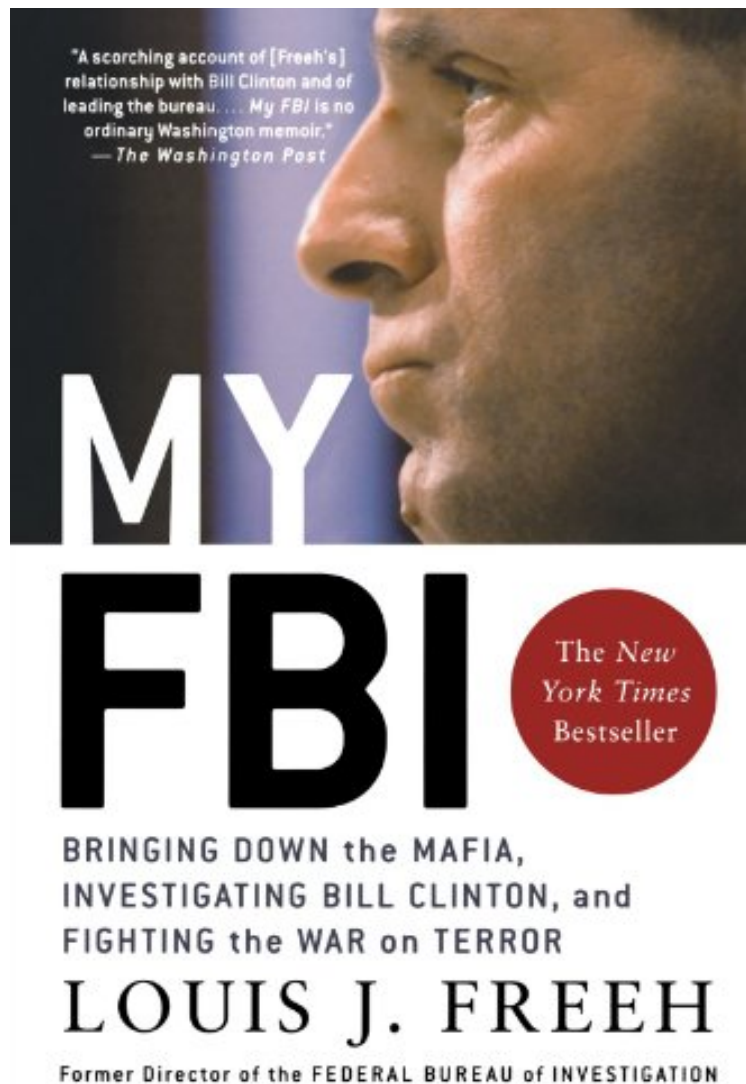


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Louis J. Freeh : My FBI: Bringing Down the Mafia, Investigating Bill Clinton, and Fighting the War on Terror before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My FBI: Bringing Down the Mafia, Investigating Bill Clinton, and Fighting the War on Terror:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. One hard-nosed cop. By SuppressI suppose different people will take away different impressions from this book, but what struck me most is the hard-nosed persona that comes through

in this work. A product of the Midwest, I have scant acquaintance with the culture of our nation's eastern seaboard, but in this book Freeh talks about having been raised in proximity to organized crime toughs. It seems a lot of that macho rubbed off. The good part is that it is comforting to a certain extent to know that men like Freeh populate our law enforcement legions. On the other hand, I don't think I would have wanted to be a defendant in a trial before Freeh, when he was on the federal bench. Is there wiggle room with a man like Freeh? Are there ever shades of grey in his black and white view of the world? Another negative of this title is the introduction, read by Freeh, in which he spends a great deal of time testifying to his own qualities and characteristics. I sense he was pushed into this by his publisher, much as Bob Dole was pushed by his campaign staff into discussing the wounds he received in WWII while campaigning for President. Nevertheless, not only do I believe, but I have learned that what Jesus said about self-testimony is always true - the testimony of a man who testifies about himself is not valid. Beyond the above expressed reservations, I rated it with four stars because Freeh really does deliver the goods in this book. It is substantive - one learns a great deal about the position of Director of the FBI, one learns a great deal about the important cases Freeh worked on, including Khobar Towers and Oklahoma City. And one gains important insights into the personality of Bill Clinton. Perhaps I shouldn't express this last opinion (it borders on cruel), I nevertheless can't close without writing it. I think the thing that troubles me most about Freeh is what seems to be his self-absorption. Sure he was a public servant. But he never really tells us why he got into public service. My sense is that he was drawn to law enforcement for personal reasons, a sort of calling - a destiny. I'm not sure that "serving others" really had much to do with it. My reading of Freeh is that, outside of his family, there isn't a whole lot Freeh truly cares about - a "me first" man. For this reason the book left me unsettled. It troubles me a little that men like Freeh can reach such heights of power in our society. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Outstanding read! By Brian A Martin My FBI is one of the best books I've ever read. It gives great insight to the major events in law enforcement through the Clinton administration through 9-11. Before reading it just know that it has a conservative bias to it but I don't think that gets in the way of most of the facts discussed. Louis Freeh is very hard on President Clinton's stance on law enforcement and he does not sugar coat his feelings towards him. However he does speak highly of Hillary Clinton and Al Gore that's why I don't feel that book is written in a biased way just a one very experienced man's opinion. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Interesting behind the scenes look at the FBI in the 90s By ironman96 "My FBI" was a quick read and a very interesting look behind the scenes at the FBI in the 1990s. Freeh discusses background on the major cases the FBI handled during his tenure. This book gives insight that you didn't get from the news stories. One of the controversial subjects in the book was Freeh's relationship with President Clinton. This subject may turn off certain people, but the bottom line is that Freeh did not like working for Clinton. That is not a result of politics - because Freeh went out of his way to be apolitical. Most of it stemmed from the many investigations into the Clinton administration like Whitewater, Travelgate, etc. Another small part of the book I found to be interesting was Freeh's take on former "Counterterrorism Czar" Richard Clarke. Freeh writes that Clarke was never a major player in national security in either the Clinton or Bush White House. Freeh writes that Clarke was a second-tier player that was rarely at any of the important meetings. This has somewhat of a ring of truth in light of the way Clarke has tried to recast himself as a modern day Paul Revere of terrorism, after the fact. Somehow I don't buy his self-promotion, see - I told you so attitude. Anyway, overall a solid book for those interested in the FBI and national security issues.

A spectacular New York Times and Washington Post bestseller, My FBI is the definitive account of American law enforcement during the Clinton years and in the run-up to September 11. Louis Freeh is clear-eyed, frank, the ultimate realist, and he offers resolute vision for the struggles ahead. Bill Clinton called Freeh a "law enforcement legend" when he nominated him as the Federal Bureau of Investigation Director. The good feelings would not last. Going toe-to-toe with his boss during the scandal-plagued 90s, Freeh fought hard to defend his agency from political interference and to protect America from the growing threat of international terrorism. When Clinton later called that appointment the worst one he had made as president, Freeh considered it "a badge of honor." This is Freeh's entire story, from his Catholic upbringing in New Jersey to law school, the FBI training academy, his career as a US District attorney and as a federal judge, and finally his eight years as the nation's top cop. This is the definitive account of American law enforcement in the run-up to September 11. Freeh is clear-eyed, frank, the ultimate realist, and he offers resolute vision for the struggles ahead. "[Freeh] comes off as the real deal, an honorable, hard-working man, a devoted public servant and father, a gifted lawyer and onetime federal prosecutor." ---The New York Times

From Publishers Weekly The majority of this six hour abridgment focuses on the former FBI director explaining why working for Bill Clinton - the man who appointed him - was the worst job he ever had. Grupper captures Freeh's self-serving, sanctimonious and self-righteous tone of voice (which can be compared with Freeh's own short introduction). Periodically, Freeh breaks from his complaints about how little personal attention he got from the Clinton White House so he can detail a succession of dark moments, including the investigation into the 1996 terrorist bombing of Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia. Freeh says the investigation was stalled by the White House because of possible fallout involving the Iranians. High profile domestic scandals such as Whitewater and Paula Jones clearly embarrassed

Freeh, a former altar boy who carries a worn prayer book in his suit jacket. In between his anti-Clinton tirades, Freeh does find time to describe in some detail what life as an FBI chief executive is like. But the sound which most listeners will come away with is the squeezing of sour grapes. Simultaneous release with the St. Martin's hardcover (review online). Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. A scorching account of [Freeh's] relationship with Bill Clinton and of leading the bureau...MY FBI is no ordinary Washington memoir. The Washington PostFreeh did his country a great service by staying on as FBI director to be a witness--a truth teller, if you will--to all the nefarious goings-on at the Clinton White House. As with most debates surrounding the Clinton presidency, it comes down to this: Do you believe Louis Freeh, or do you believe Bill Clinton? If there remains any doubt, this book forever answers that question. The Philadelphia InquirerAbout the AuthorLOUIS J. FREEH served as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1993 to 2001. He now is senior vice chairman of MBNA.