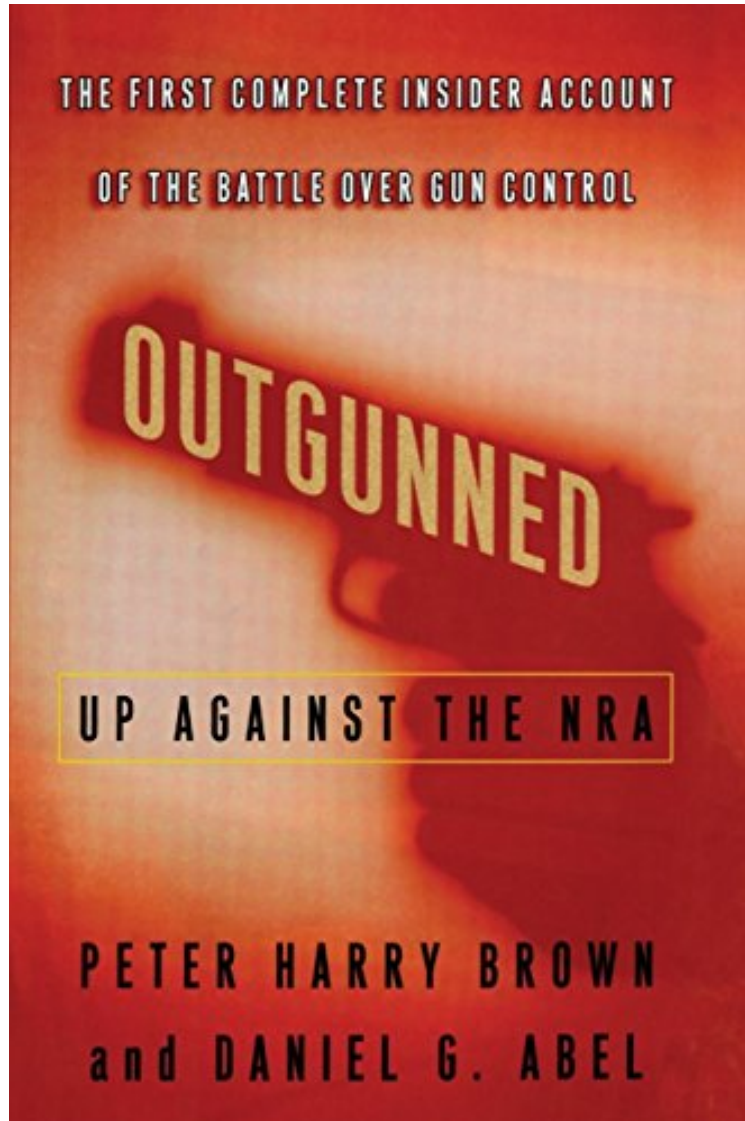


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**Peter Harry Brown, Daniel G. Abel : Outgunned: Up Against the NRA** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Outgunned: Up Against the NRA:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. NRA wins! Give it upBy Clem CadittlehopperGeez... give it up already. You're gonna lose. The NRA and the gun industry are stronger than ever. Everytime you progressives attempt anything that resembles another gun control measure, the gun sales double in the US. Concentrate your efforts on pressuring the courts to strictly enforce existing laws. Gang members and violent criminals commit the majority of gun violence in the US, not law abiding gun owners. Campaign for stricter sentencing guidelines for those convicted of

gun violence. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. This book is poorly written. By Lloyd McDaniel This book is poorly written. The precepts it seeks to promote are unrealistic and vague, sort of the 'I just think!' quality which is a sure sign that the person presenting the idea has long ago made up their mind. One of the hammering points they come to is that Automobiles are far more regulated than guns... they neglect to mention however that even with those regulations, licenses, restrictions we kill each other with the things at a rate of about one hundred to one over guns. 'But those are accidents' a reader might think... 1. not always, automobiles are weapon of choice of a HIGH percentage of murders committed by women! and 2. so are a goodly percentage of firearm deaths... 'but that's DIFFERENT!' No not really. As far as the knee-jerking about children getting killed with guns; they fail as most of these things do to cite the fact that more kids are 'killed' by backyard pools than firearms and no one is advocating removal of those. The anti-gun nuts are every bit as crazy as the gun nuts as this poorly constructed bit of propaganda demonstrates. 2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Outdated By Bulworth This book is outdated Bloomberg spent more money promoting gun control in a year than the NRA spent in 10 years. The fact of matter is the NRA is an organization made up of nearly 5 million members. (2014) The reason they are outgunned is that these nearly 5 million members vote. Additionally, there are many other anti-gun organizations that together spend much more than the NRA.

Ours is a nation in the grip of a strange kind of mania. Why after President Reagan was shot was there virtually no handgun legislation? Why after the Columbine massacre in Littleton, Colorado, was nothing done to regulate the tools that children most frequently use to kill one another? Why was there no legislative response after a six-year-old in Flint, Michigan, shot a classmate with a .32 caliber "pocket rocket"? Tragedy follows tragedy, with twelve children shot dead every day in America, but guns remain less regulated than automobiles. Why? As authors Peter Harry Brown and Daniel G. Abel in this powerful book demonstrate, it is because of the terrible power of the gun coalition. *Outgunned* begins with the story of Wendell Gauthier, the "master of disaster" attorney, who brought down the tobacco industry to the tune of billions and then turned his attention to guns. He struck fear into the hearts of the gun manufacturers as he set out to make gunmakers bear some liability for the killings caused by the often poorly made, inaccurate handguns they marketed to criminals. Coauthor Daniel G. Abel worked for Gauthier, along with other attorneys, as the gun-control campaign gathered momentum. This legal initiative seemed to be about to make history and change the face of violence in America, but sadly, Wendell Gauthier died of cancer before meaningful gun control could be established. More than thirty class-action suits against gun manufacturers now languish in courtroom paralysis while as many Saturday night specials as ever are being made. What happened? Brown and Abel demonstrate how the pro-gun forces once again curbed the will of a nation. This book shows the enormous power of the NRA - how it killed pending legislation in Congress, hijacked the Campaign Act to fund the George W. Bush presidential election victory, and eviscerated the American Shooting Sports Council. That association and the gun m

From Publishers Weekly Journalist Brown and attorney Abel make a compelling case against the stranglehold the National Rifle Association exerts over attempts to introduce firearms regulation. With Congress and many state legislatures in the NRA's back pocket, activists ask, what is a reformer to do? According to Wendell Gauthier, the flamboyant Louisiana attorney who played a key role in suing tobacco companies, the plaintiffs' bar serves as a de facto "fourth branch" of government, achieving by litigation what lobbying prevents through legislation. The authors chronicle Gauthier's last crusade (Abel was a partner of the now deceased lawyer) against America's firearms manufacturers. The book describes how policy is shaped in the legislatures and courtrooms of the country, and the picture is unsettling. As portrayed by the authors, the process is characterized by equal doses of cynicism, ego, pragmatism and money. The story begins in New Orleans with the murder of gospel singer Raymond Myles, which spurred Mayor Marc Morial and Gauthier to initiate the first civil action by a municipality against gun manufacturers. Yet this book is ultimately a story of the NRA's profound political influence. Although some subsequent civil suits against guns remain active, most have been dismissed. Furthermore, as the authors recount, a settlement negotiated with gun manufacturer Smith Wesson by the Clinton administration has been eviscerated by the Bush administration. While hardly a model of journalistic objectivity, the book presents a lively take on how business does, or doesn't, get done in the legislatures of the country. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist It is no secret that gun control has been one of the most controversial political issues in the U.S. for the past several decades. What is less well known, however, is the extent of the dirty dealing that is commonly associated with this hot-button issue. Investigative reporter Brown and attorney Abel have chronicled the battle of the group of attorneys suing the gun industry and the NRA for "knowingly manufacturing and marketing lethal machines to criminals." The Castano Gun Litigation Group has initiated more than 33 city-based lawsuits against the powerful gun industry. During the course of this investigative account of these legal battles, the authors expose a wealth of information detailing NRA strong-arm tactics and the suppression of damaging information by the ever-secretive gun industry. This chilling account will add fuel to the already hot nationwide debate about guns. Margaret Flanagan Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved About the Author Peter Harry Brown is a veteran journalist for The New York Times and the Los

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