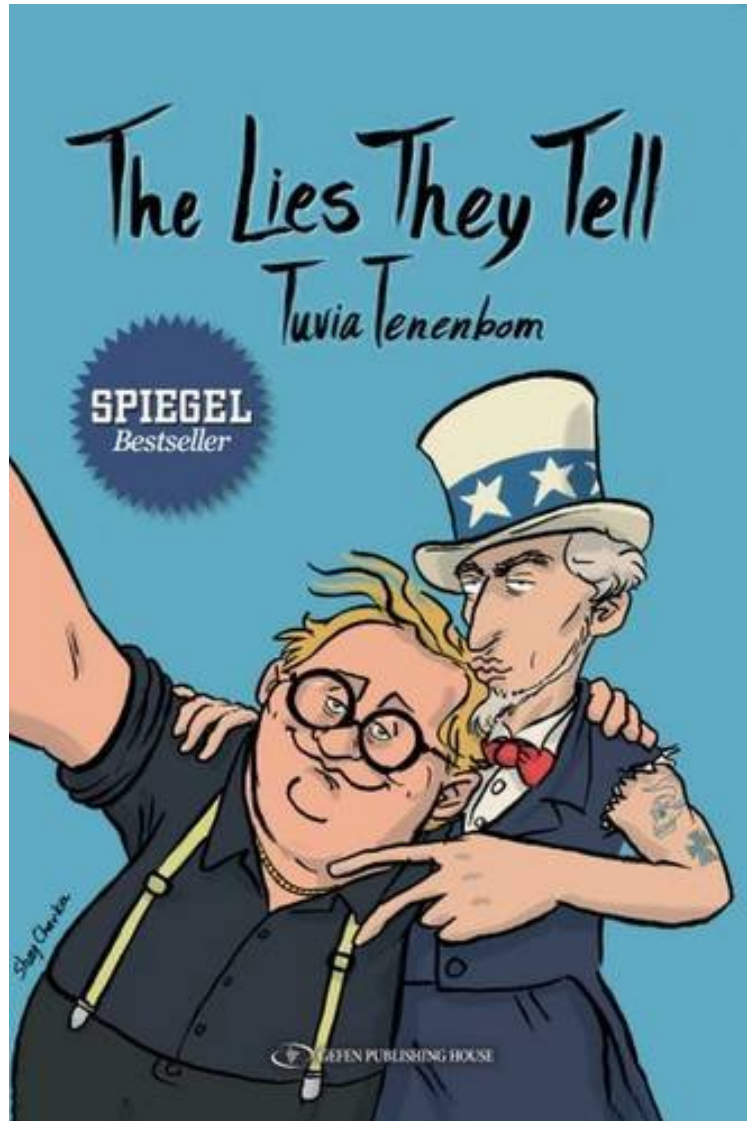


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Tuvia Tenenbom : The Lies They Tell before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Lies They Tell:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Serious Book laced with HumourBy Shimon Z. KleinThis book is written in a very serious vein but at the same time is laced with a certain amount of humour. There are a number of chapters which brings a smile to the reader.The author writes in the first person and relates the meetings that he had with Americans of all classes – from the wealthy to the poor as well as with black and white Americans. He had travelled the length and breadth of the US and visited most of the states. Each state seems to be an island within itself

and the people living there were interviewed by the author. All the interviews were spontaneous and in many cases surprising. Tuvia Tenenbom kept an open mind during all his interviews and has the gift of gaining a certain amount of trust from the people he interviewed that allowed them to open up and express personal views and life experiences they had, which they kept secret even from their closest friends and relatives. All his the interviews are anecdotal and laced with cynicism when it comes to judging his interviewees. He always introduced himself as a journalist with another identity, never saying that he is Jewish and that he is from Germany in most cases. Many of the people that he had interviewed seemed pleasant enough until he asked them about their views on climate change, Israel and the Palestinians. Those who were against climate change were, strangely enough, also against Israel concerned about the Palestinians. Some even expressed anti-Jewish sentiments. The book is quite a fast read, entertaining and humorous in parts. It is deserving of four stars and I would recommend it to those who are interested in the heterogeneous population of the US and its characters. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Tell it the way it is...By CustomerI gave it five stars because Tuvia didn't hold back. He mentioned near the end if the book how all and nations are of the sane "Ilk". That's just the way it is friends, homo sapiens. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. He is calling it like he sees it!By CustomerGreat book. It is very tongue in cheek and unfortunately so much of it is true. I love the USA but there are some very real problems.

Welcome to the real America, a place you call home but don't yet know! The USA is the world's empire and its actions will influence us all for generations to come. But who are the Americans, the people who make up America? Tuvia Tenenbom travels through America to find out. His wanderings take him across regional frontiers, partisan lines, and socioeconomic boundaries in a fearless quest for the flesh-and-blood American. He visits black ghettos and white gated communities, megachurches and Indian reservations. He schmoozes with robbers who teach him the true meaning of love and meets Jews who dedicate day and night to hatred of their brethren. He finagles his way into a prison where skinheads pray, goes to the Senate where no Senator seems to be working, experiments with drugs on American streets and ponders the deeper meaning of life with rednecks. He mingles with soldiers who teach him how to invade foreign countries and intellectuals who teach him the beautiful nature of Mother Earth, the goodness of man, and the sadism of the Israeli. The characters he encounters, the adventures he eagerly embraces and the findings of his journey are always unique and often unexpected.

Israeli-German journalist Tenenbom (Catch the Jew!) employs his not-so-subtle sarcasm to expose the hypocrisy, contradictions, and delusions of average Americans. Following his assessment of Europeans in his previous books, he now endeavors to meet as many people as possible and portray the character [of America] and its people. He begins his journey in June 2015, the day of the Charleston, S.C., church shooting, and ends after the San Bernardino, Calif., shooting in December 2015. He encounters propaganda and denial, and exposes political corruption in Chicago, gun culture, megachurches, anti-Semitism, polarizing opinions on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, vanishing Native American culture, proud rednecks intimidating African-Americans and Muslims, and climate-change deniers denigrating intellectuals. He reveals the hypocrisy of a nation where international aid organizations are well funded and \$30 million is raised for a Catholic shrine in Wisconsin, yet devastated neighborhoods in Detroit and Chicago get nothing. His outlook may be bleak, but it's hard not to share his incredulity at the levels of laughable self-delusion. For instance, a guide at the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit disavows Ford's anti-Semitism, saying, Here we talk only about positive stuff, not about problems. Brutal, irreverent, and cutting, Tenenbom's riveting book aims to disrupt American complacency. For those willing to look at America from an outsider's perspective, Tenenbom is a sobering guide.-- Publisher's Weekly STAR The Lies They Tell exposes the real America, the one where racism and anti-Semitism lurk just beneath the surface ... Not to worry, Tenenbom knows how to serve his dishes in an easy, palatable manner, which won't allow you to put the book down until it's finished. --Israel Hayom Savage, disturbing, comical ... Tenenbom has again written a book that is unputdownable.--The Jerusalem Post In "The Lies They Tell," Tuvia has turned the guided missile that is himself onto America, the country that has sheltered, housed, fed, and welcomed him, a native Israeli, for nearly four decades. --New Jersey Jewish Standard Tenenbom's latest book demonstrates why a concerted effort should be made to encourage American Jews to emigrate to Israel.--Asaf Shimoni, The Times of Israel Tenenbom had a grim story to share about anti-Semitism in the United States. He told it in a most entertaining way.--Robert Isler, Jewish Link of New Jersey A unique, funny and disarming man gets to the parts of America that Obama seems not to have noticed, even those populated by African-Americans. The Lies They Tell, is about America. Yes, about We, the People. What he found was eye-opening.--Prof. Phyllis Chesler, Arutz 7 The Lies They Tell ranks Tenenbom among the best social anthropologists, like Comte Alexis de Tocqueville and Mark Twain. Tenenbom, too, analyzes America's living standards, democracy, and social contract. This polymath has an interviewing style of disarming exuberance and bonhomie that keeps the reader turning pages to get to the next encounter.--American Thinker The entire book is worth a read, not only for those who are still wondering how the real estate mogul and reality star became president, but for those who wonder, like Tenenbom, what a person might learn from chatting with the locals in 39 places around America. --Lindsey Ellefson, MEDIAite International Praise for Tuvia Tenenbom Highly engaging

and emotional, eminently readable, brutally honest.--Publishers Weekly Irresistibly fascinating...seductive and engaging.--New York Times Illuminating and alarming.Wall Street Journal Read what Tenenbom has to tell us, without bias. We don't have the privilege not to know.--Haaretz (Israel) Tenenbom's laughter touches our soul in places where mere intellect could never reach.--Die Zeit (Germany) One of the most iconoclastic and innovative of contemporary dramatists.--Corriere Della Sera (Italy) Tuvia Tenenbom is Michael Moore and Borat in one.--Die Welt (Germany) A force of nature . . . provocative, satirical, intellectual.--La Repubblica (Italy) A free artist who fights for truth and tolerance.--Le Vif L Express (Belgium) A mystical provocateur.--Le Monde (France) Brilliant.Deutschlandradio (Germany) Tuvia is curious as a cat, sly as a fox, friendly as a Labrador, and is also a man with seismographic sensitivities. Mida (Israel) Tenenbom rides the razor's edge...and goes all the way off.Amsterdam News Hugely entertaining, terribly funny, sarcastic, engaging, powerful, accusatory, judgmental, good! --National About the AuthorTuvia Tenenbom, the author of three bestsellers in a row, is a journalist, dramatist, and the founder of the Jewish Theater of New York. Tuvia studied for his doctorate in English literature at St. John's University, earned his MFA in playwriting at CUNY-Brooklyn, received his BS in mathematics and computer science from Touro, and finished his rabbinical studies in Jerusalem. He also studied Christianity and Islam in Israel and New York as well as journalism, acting, theater, and finance (at NYU).