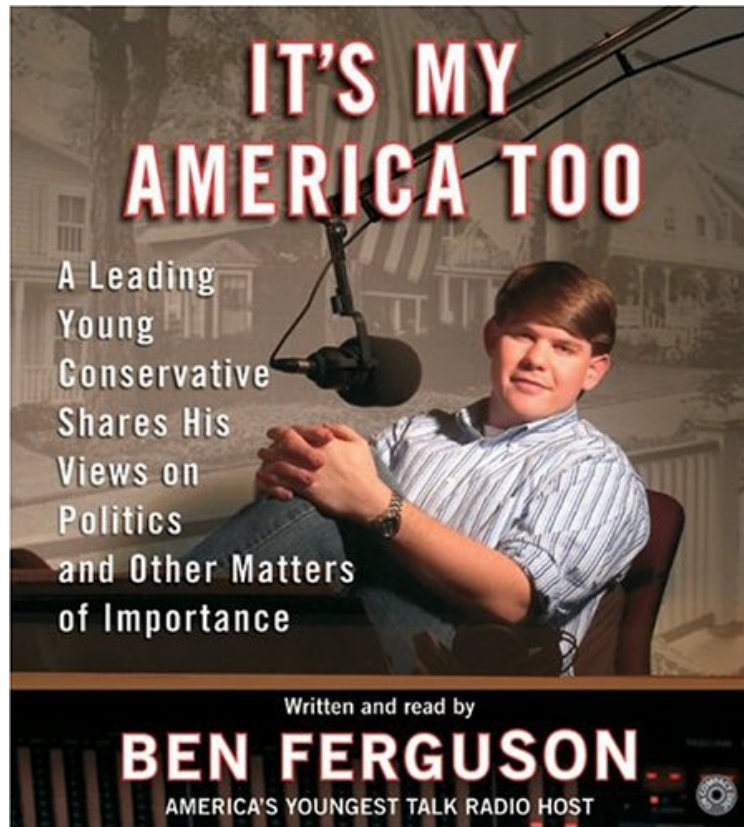


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Ben Ferguson : It's My America Too CD: A Leading Young Conservative Shares His Views on Politics and Other Matters of Importance before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised It's My America Too CD: A Leading Young Conservative Shares His Views on Politics and Other Matters of Importance:

19 of 25 people found the following review helpful. Trying to avoid stereotypes by showing that he is oneBy A. KabirI'm a 19 year old democrat who spends a great deal of time studying politics...for fun. I picked up this book to see if my views could be changed by another young man who actually had a book published. I was dismayed.I don't know how to put this except that it seems that this kid hasn't had any difficult ordeals in his life. He's sheltered and proud of it! He stands by a bunch principals which don't hold any real value for most Americans. Absolutely none of his arguments were new (espeacially the ones against gun control) and he supports leaders such as Rumsfeld and Bush simply because he can relate to their good old southern values, even calling Bush a "hick" he can be proud of because he knows how to speak to a man about fixing a tractor (but he's sure good at dividing a country and destroying the

people of Iraq). The book is simple to read because it offers nothing new to anyone who actually has the desire to read it. A young middle school student might be able to appreciate it, but they are going to be quick to realize Ferguson is a child of homeschooling (oh! but he does play tennis!) and not someone they can relate to at all. I might not have a radio show, or book, but the only people who can use a role model like Ben Ferguson are the ones who tune into Fox News for their nightly return to conservative comfort. 7 of 11 people found the following review helpful. An Essay in Red Neck Certitude By Marvin Fretwell If you are looking for a book to reinforce your prejudices, without your mind having to be challenged at all, this is a great book. It offers standardized drivel for the masses. If, however, you are looking for a book to challenge your views with compelling argument and convincing logic, save you money and buy some other book. This one is bereft of logic or new ideas. I try to read books that will help me understand the thinking that drives both ends of the spectrum of political viewpoints. This helps me gain real understanding of the issues and empathy with the viewpoints of the other side. It also helps me think "outside the box" of my natural inclinations. We can't, you see, really be sure we are thinking carefully until we can respond to contrary viewpoints with cogent rebuttal -- which does not include "that's dumb," or "you're stupid" as the rebuttals. Real rebuttal requires responses that logically answer the ideas instead of attacking the individual's intelligence. On the right end of the political spectrum, I've read Sean Hannity's book, "Deliver Us From Evil" and this book, by Ben Ferguson, "It's My America Too". On the left end of the spectrum, I have read Arianna Huffington's book, "Fanatics and Fools", and Alan Colmes' book, "Red, White and Liberal." From three of these four books I learned something new; ways of thinking about issues that I had not considered before. This is not to say all these books are great books. Two of the four books are pretty bad. I'll deal with the other three first, and Ben Ferguson's book last. -- Arianna Huffington's book "Fanatics and Fools" is mostly a left-wing rant -- loud yelling that there is only one way to see a situation; her way. But it does have occasional flashes of inspired thought, made all the more precious by their rarity. -- Sean Hannity's book, "Deliver Us From Evil" clearly and compellingly articulates why he is a right winger, and makes some excellent points I had not considered before. He changed my mind on a couple of issues. He is bright and compelling. It would have been an excellent book, but it has one major fault. He lies about history to make some of his points. It gives me pause when someone is passionate about their political position, but has to lie to make their case. (There are reasonable differences in how persons interpret history. Hannity, however, goes beyond the reasonable, and dissembles.) -- Alan Colmes' book, "Red, White and Liberal" is logical, brings new insights, and makes many good points. Besides being compelling, Colmes is truly funny, even charming. He neither rants nor lies, and displays immense tolerance for those who bitterly oppose his viewpoints. Like or dislike his very liberal politics, you can't help but respect him as a thoroughly tolerant, compassionate American. I enjoyed his book even though he doesn't convince me on many points. He did force me to think more thoroughly. Not so with Ben Ferguson's book, "It's My America Too," the real subject of this review. It has no precious moments, no new insight, no flashes of inspiration. It is all old drivel, a regurgitation of the shallow, illogical, one-sided platitudes so familiar to all those who have red neck acquaintances. It presents no new arguments, nothing that might cause you to rethink your own natural political leanings. The most complex of social issues are "analyzed" in one dimension; Ben Ferguson sees the world only one way, and refuses to acknowledge that there are other ways of thinking about any issue except his way. This means he does not have to challenge his mind (or the readers) to refute the alternative ways of thinking. Just insist that there is only one way to see the issue. And he resorts to ridicule by postulating so-called logical ends of certain actions; and his postulates are utterly fantastic in their extremes. Using his methods of ridicule, it would easily be possible to "show" that careful thinking is the very thing that will undo our society. He knows no bounds in his ridicule. He and Arianna are birds of a feather -- the fanatic right and the fanatic left -- they see the world through the distorted lens of radical idealism that will not allow their minds to admit that rational people can come to contradictory conclusions as to what is best for America. Their only difference is that Arianna is a bright fanatic. Ben is a mediocre thinker and apologist at best. If you want to know why you should be right wing in your politics, read Sean Hannity's book. Sean is a good apologist, and will make you think. 27 of 32 people found the following review helpful. Did he have an essay due? By Tom C. The biggest problem with "It's My America Too" is that it's horribly written. Ferguson often sounds like he's writing a paper for one of his college courses, and needs to get to a certain word count to get a passing grade. Didn't he have an editor? Putting that aside, there's not much here to recommend. Ferguson contradicts himself a few times (saying how he dislikes blanket generalizations about conservatives [page 47] even though he does the same thing with "liberals" throughout the book. He makes several factual statements without offering his source of information, particularly in the gun control chapter. His ideas are hardly novel; anyone could listen to talk radio for a week and hear pretty much anything Ferguson says here. To be fair, I agree with Ferguson's take on parents who homeschool their kids for the wrong reasons (the author, who never attended public school, still manages to malign it), and it's nice to see a conservative criticize the "with us or against us attitude" that preceded the war in Iraq. Still, Ferguson's writing, combined with his tired (and dishonest) "conservatives have it rough" argument, make "It's My America Too" a tough read.

With *It's My America Too*, Ben Ferguson, the voice of America's youth and the host of *The Ben Ferguson Show*, one of the country's fastest growing syndicated radio shows, delivers his views on all the issues, from politics to current

affairs to popular culture. Everyone wants to know what Ferguson will say next -- and here's your chance. Ben Ferguson is a conservative who is also an independent thinker unafraid to take contrary positions. In *It's My America Too*, the twenty-two-year-old media star shoots from the hip and the lip on numerous topics. Ferguson's message is clear. He is not on a campaign to reform liberals and turn them into right-wing Republicans. He is presenting his views on American society and challenging those who do not agree with him to an open debate. Ferguson's pride in his country, in his religious beliefs, and in his choices reflects his vision of the American dream. He is informed and determined to make a difference. Youthful as he is, he has a unique perspective not only on America and its history, but also on current events and issues. You may applaud his opinions, or perhaps you will disagree with them. But for those of you who are angered by this audio, Ferguson instructs "don't just get mad. Do something about it."

From Publishers Weekly Having gone from a weekly stint on a major Memphis radio program at age 13 to 120 stations and counting for the Ben Ferguson Show at 22, the syndicated conservative wunderkind takes a stab in print at being the voice of conservative youth. On a host of political issues (gun control, school prayer, etc.), Ferguson's approach is "telling it like it is." His positions are to the right of center (for school prayer, against gun control), but Ferguson presents himself as a contrarian. As proof of his independence, he criticizes Republicans for their complacency and lack of concern for average Americans and even urges them to learn from Bill Clinton's "I feel your pain" populism. A light polemic, Ferguson's book is not closely argued; the writing is unsophisticated and the ideas are simplistic. But the book dedicated in part to "those who hope I fail" is just as much about pointed revelation ("Some people laugh when I tell them I am twenty-two and have never had sex," begins the chapter "Why I'm a Virgin") and Ferguson's stocktaking of his career so far, which will be of just as much interest to fans. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author Ben Ferguson is the youngest nationally syndicated radio talk show host in the country and has been hosting talk radio programs since he was thirteen. He lives in Memphis, Tennessee.