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Today we are at a crossroads. America's entitlement state is threatening to bankrupt us, and new schemes such as ObamaCare are hastening the collapse. What should we do? In this provocative look at America before and after Social Security, Don Watkins argues that the answer is as simple as it is controversial: Abolish the entitlement state, starting with the retirement program that created it. This is not another book for policy wonks about the financial trouble the entitlement state is in. This is the story of the role that Social Security has played in eroding the eagerness, energy, and optimism that once defined America. And it is a guide for fighting back.

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NVTony says

Timely look at what in authors opinion needs to be done for bringing country back on track. Clear position well stated. A read for both sides of political spectrum. Received as winner from Goodreads which did not influence my review.

Ron Shoemaker says

Excellent explanation of how the US turned into a welfare state and why our economy is on its last leg.

Dwayne Roberts says

This is an important book for advocates of liberty. It's convincing and quite well written. Cheers to Mr. Watkins.

Frank Cahill says

Many Americans today, especially younger citizens, don't realize the loss of personal freedom caused by the progressive income tax, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and the Affordable Health Care Act. Don Watkins exposes the start of the welfare state in the US with a history of Social Security and how it was passed. Even more revealing is his description of the true purpose of progressive politicians and their aim to progress beyond the limits of our national contract, the US Constitution.

It's election time again, and voters who treasure personal freedom should be on their guard for candidates with progressive ideals.

Fredrick Danysh says

Rooseveltcare examines the roots of Social Security and how it has evolved a nanny sstate while driving up the national debt. This is a thought provoking read. This was a free review copy.

Connie says

FTC disclosure: I received this book free from Goodreads hoping I would review it.

Ietrio says

The book is relevant, but the text is a hard read. To make things worse, it is oozing nationalism: Americans did that, Americans are this. At one point it became unpleasant and I stopped reading. It's a pity, as Watkins seems quite articulate in his speeches.

Charlie says

A nice history of Social Security.

Jeffrey Falk says

This is generally very good (and certainly trenchant and devastating). If anything, the author underestimates the dire consequences of the twentieth-century entitlement state (though he covers much of that ground in a low number of pages) and overestimates the prospects for the future (though the publication of this book is something, I suppose).

Teri says

Don Watkins' Rooseveltcare was an intense book; it took me a while to get through it. That said, is certainly a provocative read whether or not you agree with Watkins' opinion.

NOTE: I received the book for free through Goodreads First Reads.

Ron Housley says

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(A short Book Report by Ron Housley)

The Abolitionist movement grew slowly for over 50 years before it finally culminated in the Civil War.

But, the Abolitionists succeeded because they had right on their side; because they commanded the moral high ground; because their cause was clearly stated in moral terms.

Don Watkins is contending that no less of a moral crusade is what it will take for the new Abolitionists to end our decline into national welfare state suicide.

These new crusaders will have to convince the world how current-day slavery is immoral; they will have to

color in the details of what a self-reliant nation would again look like — all the while maintaining awareness that they are only in the raw infant stages of any would-be crusade to resurrect the America which we have lost.

As noble as their cause may be, this time it will take a miracle to wake the sleeping giant, because this time the giant has been heavily sedated with a steady diet of welfare handouts. Millions of low information voters are not ready to even consider that they may be caught up in an immoral nightmare.

The basic message of Roosevelt Care rings true: that only some sort of moral crusade can make any difference.

The crusade needs a few basic talking points; I agree that they need to be MORAL talking points; and if a real cultural movement is to develop, a strategic plan wouldn't hurt.

The moral crusade against entitlement slavery needs its own counterpart to Saul Alinsky and to Cloward & Piven. No movement will get off the ground without a driving passion, without a way to move beyond the massive dismissiveness and derision with which it will be met.

The odds against digging out from under the avalanche of entitlement slavery are daunting. As individual rights to liberty and life approach extinction, it will take not only Watkins' moral crusade, but (I fear) some traumatic wake-up call.

The 19th century Abolitionists were products of the Enlightenment; the 21st century Abolitionists are similarly schooled, but this time they are only a very tiny minority, with a very tiny voice; and they are up against millions who have been indoctrinated into altruism by the government schools.

Watkins has room to expand upon the story of America before the welfare-entitlement state. My own sense is that the average student of American history is presented an out-of-focus picture, one with a gigantic void where self-reliant America prior to the welfare state should have been shown. My hope for a future book includes showing a full portrait of pre entitlement America, before the statists were allowed to completely dismantle our once enviable culture. Watkins' current book gives us a pretty compelling preview.

Ms. Reader says

I received this book for free off of Goodreads First Reads. I'm not a very politically-minded person due to my strong dislike in conflicts. I do admire the authors care and concerns for today's financial issues, but there are always two sides to every story and situation. This book falls into the many categories of narrow-minded, one-sides opinionated books. They think that they can solve the Americas problems if it did just as they think should happen, not realizing that every situation has it's pros and cons.
