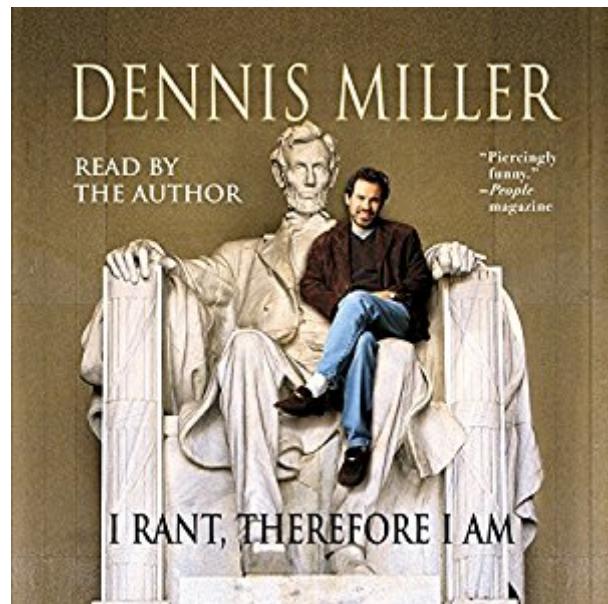


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# I Rant, Therefore I Am



## Synopsis

Performance by the authorThree CDs, 3 hoursOnce again there's good news for those of us who rage at the evening news, shake our heads at Washington's business as usual, or watch as politicians carom helplessly between political crises to sex scandals: Dennis Miller is back, with RANTS III.Dennis Miller first gained national acclaim as the wise-guy anchor of Saturday Night Live's "Weekend Update." In April 1994, HBO premiered his weekly talk show, Dennis Miller Live, and both critics and fans enthusiastically agreed: Dennis Miller Live was one of the most refreshing talk shows on television.The accolades continued to pour in. In September 1994, Dennis and his staff won an Emmy Award for writing, confirming his status as the hottest talent in town. When he takes the stage, the audience demands, "the rants, the rants, the rants." Dennis Miller delivers the goods. Fans of Miller's smart, quirky, irreverent style of humor are in for another treat. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

I Rant, Therefore I Am is the third of four "Rant" books from comedian and one-time HBO show host Dennis Miller. For those uninitiated with this series, it comes from a segment on the show Dennis Miller Live where there was a topic Miller would rant on. A rant from Miller usually consists of some kvetching, political opinion, referencing historical, literary or popular cultural items in a metaphorical and satirical fashion to the topic at hand and loads of jokes and profanity (Miller tastefully drops melon farmer bombs throughout his rant books). While the audio-book version is more enjoyable since it captures Miller's talent and zest as a performer and a comedian, the printed book is not to

be ignored. An example of this is the rant "The Extinction of Customer Service," where Miller comments on his theory of no supervisors at retail establishments. "There are no supervisors. There are only two people in the room and the imbecile you're talking to and his imbecile buddy take turns pretending to be supervisors." In the rant "Faith," the cynical and skeptical Miller writes that he does have faith and that he sees the Lord's work every day; he then cites an example being the miracle of the Range Rover driver who cut him off being pulled over and cavity searched by the highway patrol. Dennis Miller was a brilliant comedian at this time; he shreds the cultural trends of the 1990s like a cheese grater. On the topic of talk shows, particularly the day time variety, he explains their popularity as they answer the question, "What do the people we see being arrested on 'Cops' do during the day?" When it comes to an over-dependence on technology (this was during the Y2K scare), Miller writes "The average American is so enamored of high-tech toys that he makes Inspector Gadget look like an Amish elder in a power outage." When one sees days-long waits and stampedes over overpriced iPhones today, Miller looks like an oracle, although his sentiment here is nothing original despite its verity. When it comes to the Republican Party and the growing influence of the extremist Religious Right, Miller jokes, "You know, God has no place in politics...If God saw the way some Republicans invoked His name, He'd turn atheist." When it comes to "Super Consumers," I share Dennis Miller's righteous hatred and dislike of shopping. Instead of seeing euphemistic and pompous clothing sections such as "Active Gent" or "Youthful Elegant," Miller request a men's department section called "LATE, DOUBLE-PARKED, AND PISSED OFF." Right on! Like all of his "Rant" books, "I Rant, Therefore I Am" provides a great ragbag of humor, wisecracking, common sense, laughs and political and cultural commentary. If you can appreciate humor with some cynicism, then you will probably enjoy this book.

Dennis Miller's early Rant books were most excellent and concise. When he rants, America listens, or hopefully is listening. I'm expecting a new, more clear headed rant-a-rama in the future, now that he has honed his political thinking on uncovering the self-contradictory and ridiculousness in "progressivism".

Dennis Miller's writing is timeless - just as appropriate now as when written. He's great and wish he would write more and more.

This book actually had me laughing aloud. His observation of every day life is 20/10 combined with a quick, sharp tongue lets you see today's headlines through a prism. MONEY/GREED: "...just as

guilty as the next guy. While looking at the video monitor during my last colonoscopy, I asked the doctor if he could run the Dow Jones ticker across the bottom of the screen." REPUBLICANS: " The Republicans had no idea of who they were up against when they took on Clinton. And as any intern who's encountered [him] in...hallway can tell you, [he] does his best work when his back is to the wall." Great read. But that's just my opinion.

my husband really likes this

First, I should admit that I am a fan of Dennis Miller. I think he is intelligent and funny. His comedy takes at least a certain amount of intelligence and education to understand. I appreciate having to think and be somewhat aware of my culture and environment to get many of the jokes. I think Miller's ranting style is funny, too. I can hear his voice as I read the rants in his various books. I even occasionally laugh out loud reading him which is very rare for me. This particular volume of rants (his third) is classic Miller. If you like his style then you'll like this book. Its one weakness was the Clinton/Lewinsky joke came up way too many times. His ability to come up with a unique skew on things is too good to fall back on this chestnut as many times as he does. This is a small complaint, though, about what is generally a very funny book.

Dennis at his usual but very good material in this one, He seems to cover it all, Most conservatives will like.

Dennis Miller is very funny, and honest in his opinions. His books are can't miss reads. Good value for the money.

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