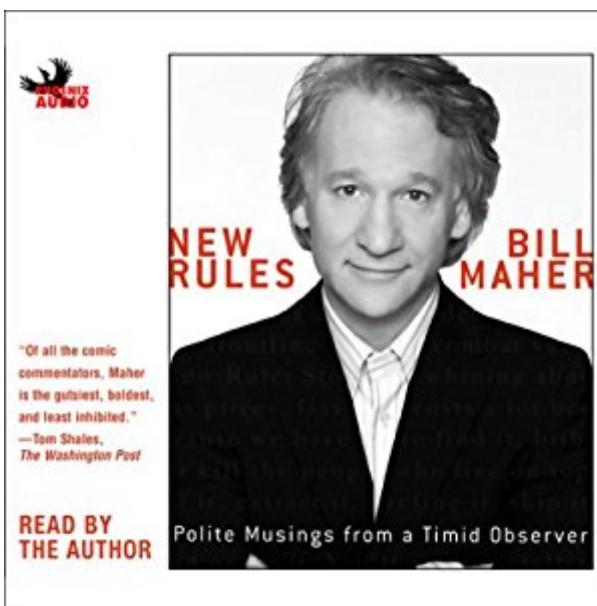


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# New Rules: Polite Musings From A Timid Observer



## **Synopsis**

Bill Maher is on the forefront of the new wave of comedians who influence and shape political debate through their comedy. He is best known not just for being funny, but for advocating truth over sensitivity and taking on the political establishment. Maher first came to national attention as the host of the hit ABC-TV program *Politically Incorrect*, where he offered a combustible mixture of irreverence and acerbic humor that helped him to garner a loyal following, as well as a reputation for being a controversial bad boy. Bill Maher's popular new HBO television show, *Real Time*, has put Maher more front and center than ever before. Particularly one regular segment on the show, entitled "New Rules," has been a hit with his ever-growing legion of fans. It is the part of the show during which Maher takes serious aim, bringing all of his intelligence, incisiveness, wit, and his signature exasperation to bear on topics ranging from cell phones ("I don't need my cell phone to take pictures or access the Internet. I just need it to make a phone call. From everywhere! Not just the places it likes!") to fast food ("No McDonald's in hospitals. I'm not kidding!") to the conservative agenda ("Stop claiming it's an agenda. It's not an agenda. It's a random collection of laws that your corporate donors paid you to pass."). His bestselling book, *New Rules*, brings these brilliantly conceived riffs and rants to the written page. This new edition of the book, in paperback for the first time, also features some brand-new material not found in the hardcover. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Of course it's funny, cutting and ripped from the headlines -- it's Bill Maher!

If you think Bill Maher is funny, you'll certainly find this book funny. I laughed out loud many times. But please note that this book was written in 2004/2005. Bush was still in office and Britney Spears was married and expecting her second kid - pre-meltdown. So some of the jokes and commentary are very dated. And others refer to events that I just don't recall - it's been 6-7 years, and I don't remember every little scandal that made the news back then. But for 2.99 for the Kindle edition, it was a quick and fun read, worth the price. Also note that the pictures don't translate well into Kindle - they are too dark and small to really see.

"Musings" is the appropriate word here. Lots of wit, but pretty typical for Maher. It's fun, relaxing, and a great way to decompress before turning in. But, my guts thinks this book is more a tribute to Maher's writing staff . I paid just a few bucks for the book (plus shipping).....That was just about right.

I love Bill Maher for telling it like it is... and for taking to task people who don't on both sides of the fence. Politicians count on the 47% to keep on being stupid and ignorant, and that's why political humor is funny to the other 53%! Because some of us aren't ignorant, we vote, we debate ideas, and we dislike it when MORONS play up to the dumb side of Americans. It offends us! Thanks to Bill, we still have intelligence in America! And it's ok to be smart! Once upon a time, that was what you hoped for in the next generation! For your kids to go to college, and become smart, productive, and progressive members of society!

This was a very quick read. It was witty, and I found myself laughing out loud at some of the comments. Unfortunately, a lot of the "jokes" were reused over and over and over again, and by the end, I was getting bored. While Bill did make fun of both democrats and republicans, obviously he went harder at Bush, some true, some questionable. The funniest thing I found about the book was the amount of blank space used to make the book bigger. All I could think about was when Bill Maher was on Family Guy, bashing Bryan's book because it had the blank pages in the middle. Not exactly the same, but still funny to me. All in all, decent book - good, quick read. Definitely not the best book I've ever read, but not the worst either. Worth the \$2.99 I paid, but not worth any more than that to me.

I loved it pure Bill Maher

If you're a liberal and just plain like smart comedy, Bill is your guy and so is your book! I've been watching his shows since the 90's and this book was just as good as one! Seriously, several laugh out loud moments!

Great Book!

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