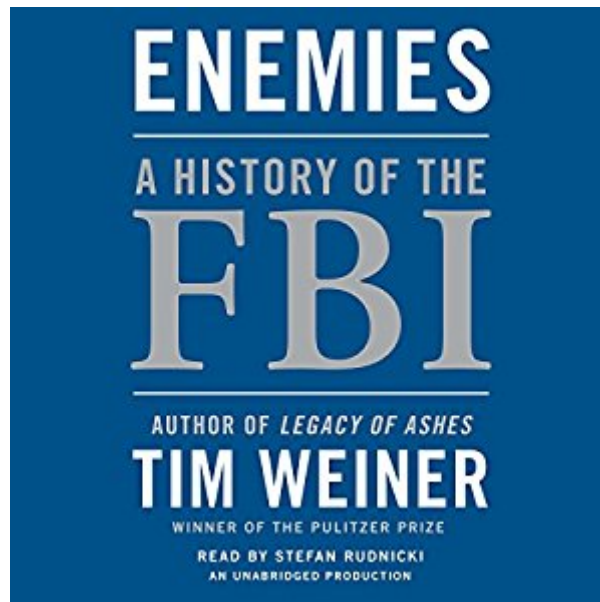




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A real world story about the FBI, where it came from, the man who developed it, the struggles between government officials and the director of the FBI, and its power. Reading it makes you wonder if anything has changed concerning our enemies (terrorist groups) and why America must always be on guard. The book clearly shows that power can easily corrupt a moral and ethical person. Greed is usually the heart of the matter. This book should be required reading in high school.

What a riveting account of what goes on behind closed doors, and sometimes in front of them. The

in-fighting, the scandals, the cover-ups...all presented in a masterful writing style guaranteed to hold your interest from front to back. I could hardly put it down, but had to because my husband was anxious to read it after me. That foreign governments could recruit Americans in high places to pass along classified documents, and do it for decades right under the noses of our intelligence agencies, was shocking. This should be required reading for every American.

I bought this for my step daughter, who is in school for criminal justice. She loved this book.

I have learned so much and am only half way through the book. As current events are happening, I actually know the truth and history. Don't have to take either sides word, because I am reading this amazing, interesting and well written book for myself. Never felt the need to before, now believe this book is a must read for every American.

This is a well written account of the birth of the FBI and J Edgar Hoovers rise to power. The story is a disturbing history of the growing abuse of power and the unwillingness of Presidents, who sometimes benefited from Hoover's power, to restrain him. It is a cautionary tale and is most relevant in light of current conditions.

A true and valid historical account of the strengths and weaknesses related to the evolution of the FBI. One cannot understand current political debates without grasping this magnificent book.

Interesting presentation of the onset of the FBI. Enjoyed remarks and info on Hoover, presidents, and how it has served the country and sometimes hurt. Info appears from Hoover's private notes and notes of presidents and agents etc. I really didn't know the information.

This is an excellent book and very timely considering all of the threats today. I learned so much about the development of the FBI and its role in our political history.

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