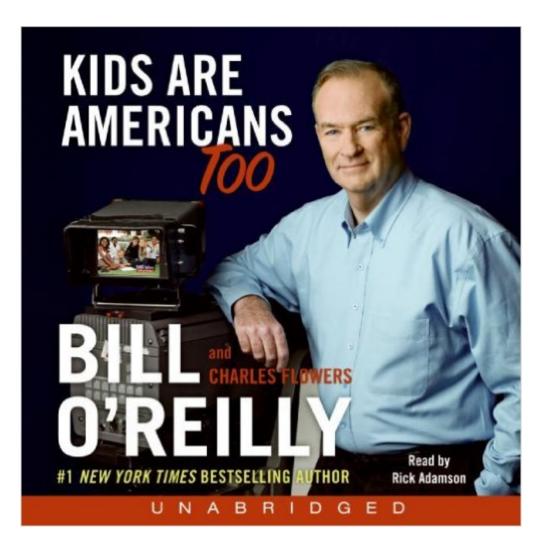
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Kids Are Americans Too CD





Synopsis

Kids Are Americans Too! And that means you have rights just like everybody else. But it's not enough to just say you have them. You have to know what those rights are...and are not! Luckily for you, Bill O'Reilly is back opining for kids on that very subjectâ "your legal rights. O'Reilly and his coauthor Charles Flowers, dole out the kind of blunt, cogent, commonsense commentary you count on them for. Together they explore timely questions being debated in and out of courts today including: Can a kid wear an anti-gay T-shirt on campus? Does a school newspaper have the right to badmouth a principal? Does a mother have the right to eavesdrop on her daughter's telephone conversations? Some of the answers will surprise you. Some will empower you. All will make you think.

Book Information

Audio CD Publisher: HarperAudio; Unabridged edition (October 16, 2007) Language: English ISBN-10: 0061363499 ISBN-13: 978-0061363498 Product Dimensions: 0.2 x 4.8 x 5.5 inches Shipping Weight: 3.2 ounces Average Customer Review: 3.6 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (85 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #1,810,899 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #546 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Government #3775 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Ideologies & Doctrines > Conservatism & Liberalism #24198 in Books > Books on CD Age Range: 11 and up Grade Level: 6 and up

Customer Reviews

While I do not often agree with Bill O'Reilly, I found this book to be a good quick read on the rights and responsibilities of young people in today's society. O'Reilly does a good job of explaining why rights are not absolute and how the Constitution applies to every day situations. Tossed in for good measure are examples of issues that affect kids and he asks them to think about how they would bring the issue to a conclusion, forcing the reader to try to figure out a solution themselves. In addition, a side benefit is proving that there is no "right" answer to many of these problems. Finally, a

third theme of the book is negotiation and compromise. I think that may be the most important lesson of all. He tells kids, in very clear terms, that court is a last resort for disputes and it is much better to work with another party than to fight them.I was impressed that he stayed away from ideology (for the most part) and kept the vast majority of the book to facts. When his opinion was injected, he was sure to label it as such, and in most instances explain that it was only his opinion...not necessarily the answer.My one disappointment with the book was its short length and it's "under" writing to the youth he claims it is for. The writing is rather simplistic and, while he claims this is for "smarter" kids in middle and high school, I think it would be better suited for kids in upper elementary and middle school. As a test, I gave to book to my 16 year old daughter, who read about 30 pages, and then gave it back with a note attached telling me that she learned most of this in 3rd or 4th grade.I recommend this book, but be careful about the age of the reader. Most teens (with a brain) over the age of 12 will be insulted by this book. If kept to the proper age range, however, this could be a good learning tool.

I bought this as an adult. I like Bill O'Reilly and have read many of his other books. I was curious to see what this was like and to possibly pass it on to my nieces and nephews. Very informative and an easy listen. I think it would be great for kids 8 or 10 to 17, depending on comprehension levels and interest level of the kid.

I love Bill O'Reilly's books. I have now bought all but the last e-book. I bought this one as a Christmas gift for one of my Grandchildren, hoping it would peek there interest in our history. I'm not sure it has even been read. I know I would love to read this book.

I am the father of Matthew LaClair, whose case is "discussed" at pages 9-11 of this "book." O'Reilly never bothered to contact us to find out the facts of the case. If he had followed that simple rule that every competent writer is obligated to follow, he would have learned that Matthew did exactly what Mr. O'Reilly criticizes him (bottom of p. 11) for not doing: he kept the recordings private, stated his objections to school administrators, and when they did not act, we took the recordings to the press as a last resort. Contrary to O'Reilly's commentary, we never filed a lawsuit. Even with the recordings in hand, school officials refused to act until The New York Times blew the story wide open and they looked foolish. By contrast, when Chad Farnan's family brought a lawsuit against the Capistrano (CA) school district, they did none of these things but O'Reilly declared the young man a hero. Could it have anything to do with the fact that Farnan calls himself a Christian, while Matthew

does not? O'Reilly's biases and his hypocrisy could not be clearer, even if he tried. There is no excuse for Mr. O'Reilly commenting on what Matthew did without checking the facts first. In essence, he lied by implication about the actions of a sixteen-year-old. That is not the conduct of a man who cares about kids. Why does anyone pay attention to this man?

It is amazing to me how so many people who hate and despise O'Reilly and anyone else like him have the time to write such long and careless reviews. I read the book and so has my 13 year old son and 16 year old niece. Although it may be a little simple at times for them, my niece especially enjoyed the book and said to me that it was one of the more eye opening pieces that she has ever read. To bring up phony accusations of O'Reilly, like the Harlem incident, which was totally taken out of context and a "Media Matters" concoction, where respectable men like Juan Williams are called "Happy Negroes" by other news orgs. is nothing short of despicable! The book is an excellent read, although a little simple for an intelligent adult at times, or maybe it is, but don't write a bad review on a book because you don't like O'Reilly. That in itself is childish!!

This was such a great book. Well thought out, well written, and well presented in every aspect. It raises thought provoking questions that I discussed with my kids to think about what kind of country we live in today, where we came from, and where we are headed. It ignited a great discussion about how kids can help our country grow and are an integral part of our country in every way. They are the future. I strongly recommend this book to Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. While the answers to the questions will likely differ between those three groups, the questions are the same, and they all should go through the conscious process of thinking these things through. I like that the author didn't tell kids what to think, he tells them the questions to ask and the things to think about. Very thought provoking on many levels! Great book!

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