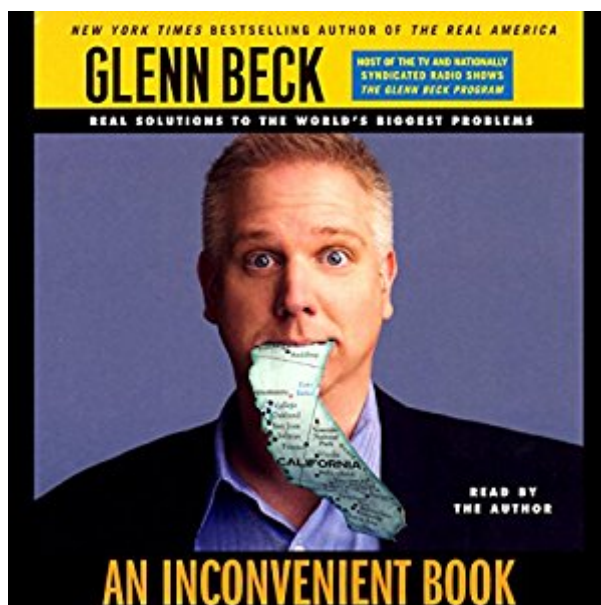


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# An Inconvenient Book: Real Solutions To The World's Biggest Problems (Unabridged)



## Synopsis

Now available in trade paperback, the #1 bestselling New York Times author Glenn Beck tackles some of our country's biggest problems in this funny, outrageous, and entertaining book. Glenn Beck believes that the reason why some of our biggest problems never seem to get fixed is simple: the solutions just aren't very convenient. And as the host of a nationally syndicated radio show and a prime-time television show on CNN Headline News, Glenn Beck doesn't care much about convenience; he cares about common sense. Take the issue of poverty, for example. Over the last forty years, America's poorest cities all had one simple thing in common, but politicians will never reveal what that is (or explain how easy it would be to change). Global warming is another issue that's rife with lies and distortion. How many times have we heard that carbon dioxide is responsible for huge natural disasters that have killed millions of people? The truth is, it's actually the other way around: as CO2 has increased, deaths from extreme weather have decreased. But that would never be shown in an Al Gore slide show. Combining honesty with a biting sense of humor, *An Inconvenient Book* contains hundreds of these "why have I never heard that before?" types of facts that will leave readers wondering how political correctness, special interests, and outright stupidity have gotten us so far away from the common sense solutions this country was built on. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Glenn Beck does his readers a service by suggesting that we get to the facts behind all those opinions and assertions that bombard us daily . . . and the ones we hold that we haven't looked into in about 20 years. He is at his best when pointing out the weaknesses of polls, statistics, and

arguments made to push certain political positions. His idea of humor reminds me in places of the kind of outrageousness that was popular in high school for flaunting authority. The humor works best when he has a sound underpinning of a suggestion for a better idea (as he does in several cases). Otherwise, it's just blowing off steam (a rant, in other words). I find rants (even humorous ones) to be boring so they didn't work very well with me. The parts of the humor that I found very effective were the moronic quotes of people who either didn't understand what they were saying or displayed hidden motives in public. Where he gets into trouble is where he doesn't know enough to take a position apart but thinks he does. I admire him for trying, but arguments based on charts displaying correlations just don't prove anything unless you can also show a cause-and-effect relationship. I suggest he get some people to help him who can take the time to pull these issues apart at a little more fundamental level. I would recommend that those who don't normally question their political beliefs take a look at this book. It's a template for how to check your own thinking by doing a little research . . . something we should all do more of. I had never heard of Glenn Beck before reading his book so I didn't have a prior opinion of him as an on-air performer. I also haven't seen *An Inconvenient Truth*, so I don't know how accurate his satire of Al Gore is.

Picking up this book will give the reader some quick impressions. The book's size and paper texture is more like a colorful high school text. Beck loves to ham up his image either in caricature or photograph, and he does his best to come across as the common sense sage dispensing wit and wisdom like the coverall-ed old codger does from the rocking chair of his front porch. He also seems to think that he possesses a fine sense of humor. He makes a number of "confessions" in his tome, which give me the impression that he is a man who thinks he knows what he's talking about rather than one who does. He states often enough phrases like, "I'm no scientist, but...." or "Now, I'm no economist but I know the law of supply and demand," or "...the Frenchy-French school of economics," (which make me wonder if he has any credentials at all). Then, Glenn spills out his common sense for the reader to swallow. In fact he tells us that his education beyond high school consisted of going to the library to read about one topic, then returning to read about someone with a contrarian's view of the same. Beck proudly announces this as a qualification of some form of evenhandedness. While I admit that I have respect for admission of alcoholism and his continuing recovery from it, it's hard not to be turned off by a man, whose evenhandedness and horse sense resulted in, by his own admission, firing someone for having handed him the wrong pen. He further reveals a lack of imagination in telling us, what is now ad nauseam, the conservative "needle's stuck" about Senator Byrd's membership in the Ku Klux Klan back in 1947. All right, Glenn. We get it

already. Give it a rest, will ya? Move on to Senator Craig and family values, or something.

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