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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Anyone looking for a catalogue of religion's darkest moments will find it in this angry volume by the Berkeley-based cultural critic and activist. A New Atheist in the mold of Christopher Hitchens, Sam Harris, and Richard Dawkins, Parenti spares no adjectives in describing the evils of religion, be it creationism or televangelists. He claims he does not want to destroy other people's beliefs and that his book is not addressed to religious progressives, whom he finds tolerable. But he writes about religion, whether Christianity or Islam, with unconcealed scorn and derision. Parenti makes no clear argument, nor does his polemic offer an introduction or conclusion. Instead it might be understood as a call to arms against what he calls religionists the world over. He complains that progressive dissidents usually are denied access to mass media audiences, a charge that might confound his publisher and the industry that has made leading New Atheists household names. His condescending tirade is directed not so much at religion as at human beings whom—one gets the impression—he can barely suffer. (Mar.)

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Review

"*God and His Demons* is filled with sparkling insights, sly wit, and beautiful writing of a kind we have come to expect from Michael Parenti. He strips away the virtuous pretenses of self-proclaimed religionists throughout the world, and he does it with evidence and arguments that are historically and biblically informed. **A riveting read that I recommend to all.**" --Julia Scheeres, author of *Jesus Land*

"Michael Parenti's *God and His Demons* is wonderfully irreverent, institutionally challenging, and humanizingly relevant -- **a recommended read for believers, agnostics and atheists.**" --Peter Phillips, professor of sociology, Sonoma State University, editor of Project Censored yearbooks

"*God and His Demons* picks apart the teachings and practices of organized religions with **characteristic wit, humor, and incision: vintage Parenti.**" --Jacques R. Pauwels, author of *The Myth of the Good War* and *Beneath the Dust of Time*.

"Pharisees and charlatans beware. In *God and His Demons*, veteran scholar Michael Parenti turns pen to sword with acumen and rapier wit; slaying the sacred cows of organized religions. *God and His Demons* is vintage Parenti. **A great book, much needed**, which will hopefully be widely read. Parenti defiles the true religious defilers like no one else can -- with stunning underreported facts, a wry smile, and world-class wit." --Mickey Huff, associate professor of history, Diablo Valley College, co-editor of *Censored 2010*

About the Author

Michael Parenti (Berkeley, CA) is the acclaimed author of more than twenty books, including, most recently, *Contrary Notions: The Michael Parenti Reader*; *The Assassination of Julius Caesar*; and *The Culture Struggle*. The New York Times Book Review, Washington Post, New York Review of Books, Harper's, Nation, and Antioch Review are among the countless publications that have praised Parenti's work. Visit him at www.michaelparenti.org.

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