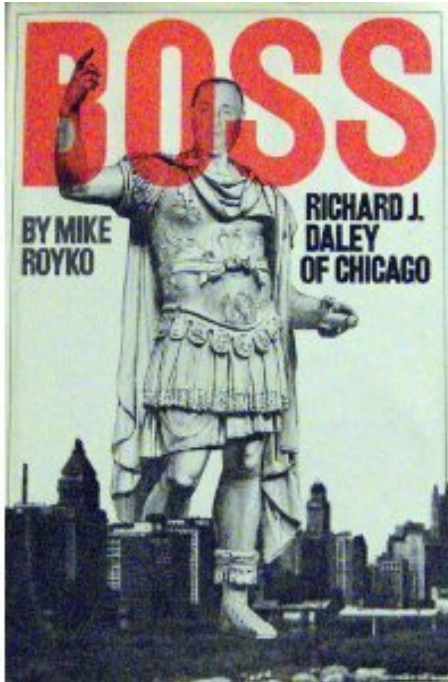

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Description

"Fortunately, nothing can stop a book whose time has come. Mike Royko, Chicago's most incisive & impertinent journalist since Finley Peter Dunne, has produced such a work. It is an occasion for celebration...It is a stunning portrait of a clod, his resistable rise, & fortuitousness; of that psychic frontier where the man leaves off & the Machine begins. Daley's pomp & presence are a tribute to doggedness, good bookkeeping &, most important, being around."--Studs Terkel, NY Times Book Review, 4/4/71

Insightful reviews

Cynthia: Royko is so amazing, every sentence is funny, informative and loaded with hidden meaning. I read this book maybe 20 years ago while I was still living in Chicago, when Royko was still alive, when Daley Sr. was still fresh in my memory; it was great then, but is even more interesting to me now that I live far outside the city limits, Royko is gone and Richie Jr. is in charge of the city.

Back then, reading *Boss* was a little like reading the newspaper; now it feels different, more like reading history — but history that I lived through and didn't really understand while I was living through it, and about people that I knew or who were still alive, but who I didn't really appreciate.

Well, having finished it... the book starts out GREAT but devolves after the first few chapters into a pure rant by Royko against Daley. The rest of the book lacks the subtlety and finesse of the first few chapters; it turns into a long listing of reasons why Daley is the American answer to Stalin. But it's like, ok, we get it.

Still, very much worth reading if you've ever wondered what everyone's talking about when they talk about the 1968 democratic convention...

Kenny: Mike Royko was a newspaper columnist in Chicago while Richard J. Daley (middle initial J. = *pere* M. = *fils*). was "da mare" of Chicago when it was, under Daley's Democratic political machine, the original "city that works." Royko was *persona non grata* in City Hall and he seemed to relish that status. The man could certainly stir the pot! While this book lays it on pretty thick, it's well grounded in fact. I grew up in a Chicago suburb and lived there during the Martin Luther King, Jr. march on the SW side, during the 1967 Democratic National Convention when out of control demonstrators clashed with out of control cops in the Loop, along with many more signature events. Royko's column was often inconvenient for Daley and usually incisive in its criticism of him. Royko's book uses that tool set well. You get some history and a modicum of biography but the sharply analytical writing makes this now-dated book still worth your time.

If you read this book, by all means, read what I consider its companion piece, *Clout: Mayor Daley and His City* by Len O'Connor.

Tom: This book made me quite nostalgic, not for the Daley administration, but for reading Mike Royko's daily columns in the Chicago newspapers. There is no figure on the Chicago journalism scene (such as it is) who comes close to his knowledge of the city and its political machinations. This book provides a quick primer on Chicago politics. There really is no way to understand the

current political landscape in the city without understanding its antecedents.

Kay: good researched, detailed, pleasing tale of the increase of Chicago's longest serving mayor and the way he used the workplace to make and remake Chicago in his image.

Ebookwormy: I obtained this publication out of a stack from my mom. It used to be basically after i began examining it, and was once ended in perform a little outdoor examine that i found it is a vintage of urban journalism. this tough hitting account of the reign of Mayor Richard J. Daley rather opened my eyes to plenty of items in regards to the nice urban of Chicago. It positioned into point of view many of the issues happening now, and made me examine our present mayor, Mayor Richard M. Daley, a bit extra sceptically. It additionally replied a few questions i would had for a very long time (why is Mr. Luther King, Jr. force tucked away at the South Side?). Interestingly, Royko notes that Richard J. had located his sons good in politics, and the references to Richard M. have been in particular fascinating as Royko didn't understand on the time that Richard M. may carry the mayoral workplace even longer than his father. The tongue in cheek style, the sarcasm with which this can be written made for chuckle out loud moments, and that i could not face up to studying yes paragraphs to my husband. a simple read, Royko does not spare you the main points and tells it not just love it is, yet how Mayor Daley wishes you to work out it, and the disconnect is concurrently hilarious and outlandishly horrifying. even supposing Royko is obviously serious of the Chicago Democratic Machine, and possibly did not make any buddies within the Daley family members with this book, he's generous adequate to indicate their successes, that have basically turn into extra visible with time as extra towns within the Midwest rust away and face demanding situations that by no means materialized in our reasonable urban (such as a dirth of downtown residents). a good read. hugely instructed for these attracted to Chicago. My basically remorse is that Royko will not be round to write down an analogous account of our present mayor. with a bit of luck one other Chicago insider (with a wish to dwell out their years in one other country) could have the heart to put in writing "The Boss' Son". If so, i would like to learn that too.

Jason Smith: This devastating account of the 1st Daley regime works as one of those background of Chicago background of the fifties throughout the sixties. I say that simply because Daley had a wish to have absolute keep watch over while attainable and domineering impact while the former proved difficult. Its no longer challenging to determine why Daley sought after the publication banned and his spouse used to be going round vandalizing copies in e-book stores. this can be a actually damning e-book if ever there has been one. yet on the center of all of the vitriol being piled on by way of Royko is his the reminder of the truth that humans stored on electing this authoritarian virulently racist guy time period after term, it doesn't matter what scandals appeared, regardless of what percentage younger black males have been being murdered through cops, blameless skulls bashed in, homes razed for insider development, etc, etc, etc. you could point the various blame at the machine's "get out the vote" patronage schemes, or Daley having the entire media shops in his again pocket (the Tribune sucked again then, too), or people's worry of the price of having to alter the identify of hundreds of thousands upon thousands of placards, indicators and labels that lined the whole city. yet on the middle of this tale is a dismal attention that democracy is well manipulated, and other people will all to occasionally vote for a decision that's against their good being. Great learn though.

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