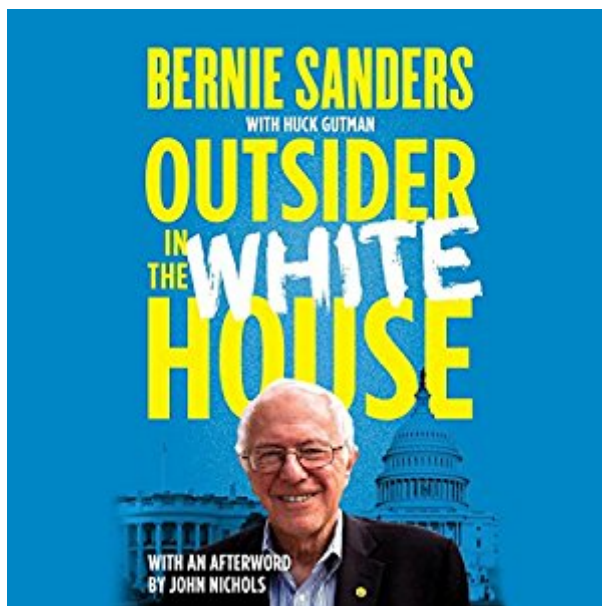


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# Outsider In The White House: Special Audio Edition



## Synopsis

Bernie Sanders' campaign for the presidency of the United States has galvanized supporters all over the country, drawing attention to issues of economic, racial, and social justice and spotlighting one of the most interesting and unconventional candidates in decades. In a special afterword, Nation editor John Nichols assesses Sanders' Senate career and describes how it led to a presidential campaign that is changing the American discussion of politics and the presidency. Sanders tells the story of a passionate and principled political life as well as his blueprint for the nation that works for everyone. He describes cutting his teeth in the Civil Rights Movement, building a grassroots political movement, and becoming the first independent elected to the US Congress in 40 years. The story continues into the US Senate and through the dramatic launch of his presidential campaign.

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## Customer Reviews

Bernie Sanders is the Little Engine Who Could. When nobody thought an Independent could win a mayoral election in heavily-Republican Vermont, Bernie did. When nobody thought a self-avowed socialist could win a seat in the US House, Bernie did. When nobody thought an outsider without family money could win a seat in the US Senate, Bernie did. As Bernie says, "Don't underestimate me." And now he's running for president. Not just "president," but a transformational president, who will take apart the status quo which favors the rich at the expense of the poor. The media and

establishment are fond of pointing out Bernie's outsider status, and proclaiming that he has no chance to motivate poor voters to vote for him. But Bernie is The Little Engine Who Could. He doesn't need as much money as the other candidates. He only needs the most votes. This book, a 1997 political autobiography, is a bit dated and anachronistic but John Nichols' afterward does a tidy job of bringing it into the 2016 race. It proves that Bernie has been absolutely consistent since he first entered politics in 1972. He's the real deal.

I read this book when it first came out in the 1990s. It was an exhilarating read then, about an honest public servant committed to social justice and having the government solve problems for all the people, not just the wealthy few. Obviously, in Washington in the corridors of power that made him an outsider. (Just compare Bernie's net worth to Hillary Clinton's and ask where and how did Hillary get that \$30 million.) The book reads just as well today and has been updated so it captures Bernie's campaign for the presidency in 2016. John Nichols does a great job in his new afterward. The book is a must-read.

As a young person, I am deeply touched that such a noble man of the older generation is stepping forth with such progressive leadership. As a young person, it is hard for me to put my job opportunities and schooling on the line to protest, and I feel angry when older generations say, "You all will have to clean up this mess we made. It will have to be your generation- you will be the heros." Bernie is stepping up NOW in a way that has touched the hearts of all young people. Thank you.

I've never cared about politics and I've never voted, but I've come around thanks to Bernie Sanders. I'm 32 years old and I just registered to vote for the first time not long ago. Bernie is already having a positive impact on my life and that of many others. The first edition of this book, just *Outsider in the House*, was written 20 years ago, long before he would ever think of running for president. But amazingly he had many of the same views and goals that he maintains today. Talk about sticking to your guns. Bernie is the guy you want fighting for you. This book is essentially Bernie's journey in politics, from being a mayor in Vermont to a member of the Senate and House. I wouldn't say it's riveting reading, but I found it interesting and learned quite a bit about what goes into running a campaign. As a democratic socialist he accepted being called an outsider for decades, but there are a lot of outsiders out there. I've seen him referred to as the little engine that could, and it's a fitting nickname. His grassroots efforts have propelled him into the spotlight - once a huge underdog to

Hillary Clinton, he's biting at her heels now. Bernie is organizing for a \$15 minimum wage, for the reconstruction of infrastructure and creation of millions of jobs, and for reform of a broken and racist criminal justice system. He's also organizing for free college education, and while I don't envision that ever happening across the board, I think he has the right idea and at the very least will address the rising costs of tuition. The biggest issue that Bernie is passionate about is the disparity in wealth - "There is something profoundly wrong when the top one tenth of 1 percent owns as much as the bottom 90 percent." We live in the wealthiest nation in the world, but tens of millions of us struggle to get by. We should all be standing by Bernie Sanders to take back our country from the billionaire class.

This book was written, originally, after Bernie was elected to the U.S. Senate and looks back over his career as both mayor of Burlington, Vermont and as his terms as a member of the House or Representatives. It offers good insights as to how Bernie operates and what he believes in. Bernie, although labeled as a socialist, is in my way of thinking a realistic politician who believes that the US should take care of itself and its own people before we spend trillions of dollars overseas. He also believes that the rich, who benefit heavily from the public good, should pay their fair share of taxes. Most remarkable about Bernie is that he refuses to run dirty campaigns. He believes, strongly, that people want to hear about issues and not about whatever dirt a campaign investigator can find against his opponent. A novel idea! I don't worry about issues! If you are interested in Bernie and how he might govern as President, this is the perfect book to read. Bernie's beliefs haven't changed much since he first ran, and won't be likely to change now.

As a life long conservative, I've always voted Republican. I believed I was an informed voter; I was not. I didn't trust mainstream media (still don't), so I got my news from Rush, Beck, Savage, the radio nuts. What I had in common with everyone, is that I was sick of the same mundane policies, the lies and that fact that nothing changed! This is why Bernie resonated with me. Not only was he speaking out against the grain, but his actions clearly reflected his beliefs and that he cared about the poor and middle classes. His 30 years of voting history reflects this! I bought this book to get a better understanding of the man himself, and I was impressed. I will be voting for Bernie in November and I look forward to the new horizon.

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