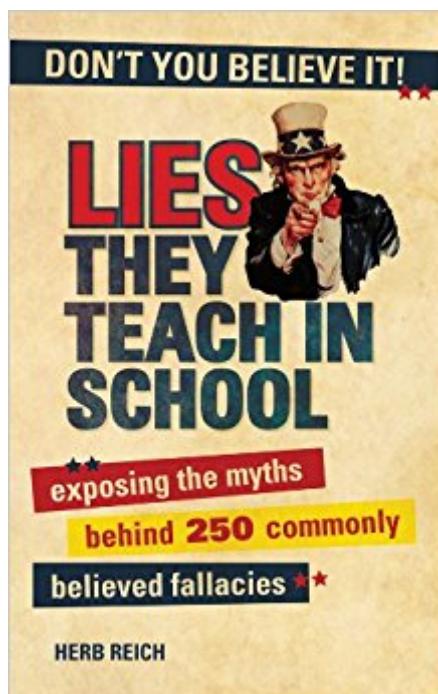


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Lies They Teach In School: Exposing The Myths Behind 250 Commonly Believed Fallacies



Synopsis

It is a clichÃ© that history is written by the victors, but what we accept as history is replete with stories of great men and events that either never happened or didn't happen the way we were told they did. Such items are taught in schools. They are passed down to us by our families and friends and have become part of our shared cultural knowledge. And they are wrong. Touching on a number of topicsâ " including history, current events, government, sports, geography, and popular cultureâ "Lies They Teach in School exposes errors that have been perpetuated for far too long. It will enlighten and entertain. It will certainly start a number of arguments, and settle a few others.

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Customer Reviews

This book has several interesting tidbits, but it is marred by two serious flaws:1. He doesn't list any sources for his assertions - not one footnote! For a book urging people to take nothing at face value and check everything, it'd be good to know where he got his information, so we could, you know, check everything!2. Many of the "facts" in the book are inaccurate. For example, on page 50 it says the cure for the common cold hasn't been made because "drug companies have not directed much

research toward developing an antibiotic." However, the cold is caused by a virus, and antibiotics are useless against viruses.. Another example on page 129 is the assertion (in the midst of a long and inaccurate anti-Catholic diatribe) that people in the dark ages believed the earth is flat, when in fact no one at this time thought the earth was flat [...]Such flaws make you wonder what else is wrong in the book.

A not entirely reliable source of "The Facts".The author perpetuates more myths and misinformation in this poorly researched and highly biased work.I stopped reading when I came to the chapter on the Edsel car.While, indeed, the Edsel was, as reported by Time magazine "The wrong car for the wrong market at the wrong time", its engineering, styling and manufacturing quality control was no worse, or better, than any other car of the time.Under its sheetmetal "skin", the Edsel was the same as any Ford or Mercury (depending on the model). The Edsel was built on the same assembly lines alongside its Ford and Mercury cousins, using (largely) the same parts and techniques for every "job" coming down the line.The anecdotal horror stories of the time of ill-fitting doors and trunk lids etc, hood ornaments flying off, confusing turn signals, etc. were originated by comedians, wags in the press, and office water cooler conversations. (The truth is that every American car of the era was a poorly designed, under-engineered, shoddily-built, rust-bucket-to-be.)Although taste being completely subjective, the Edsel was no more homely or ridiculous looking than most of its contemporaries.Had the economy not experienced a recession in 1958, the Edsel may well have been a modest success (although, probably not in the long run due to the coming "economy car" craze, which didn't begin with the American public until the hugely successful Ford Falcon of 1960, followed by "compacts" from the other car makers.)

This was an interesting read. However, the author was politically biased in some of his statements. This makes me wonder if some of the other the other information he presented that I knew nothing about might also be tainted with misinformation. Otherwise, this book was entertaining.

Some very interesting stories and some very political, worthless junk. The author should have stuck with the school lies and not created his own "fact checking" truths which weren't true.

It's an interesting collection of odd facts. It's not necessarily "lies", such as in "you've been deliberately misled by the prejudices and interests of the powers-that-be", although there's some of those, to be sure. Some of it is more like bar bet material - still interesting, but as trick answers.

Lying implies an intention to deceive. Is Mr. Reich saying our parents and teachers DELIBERATELY deceived us? This was an entertaining book with some eye-opening corrections, but I think it could have used a little Reader's Digest treatment and been shortened a bit. But it was good, and I'm glad I read it.

Mildly interesting. Information mostly already known to me or not interesting.

Quick read. Easy for slowing down time. Some interesting "history myths" clarified. Some interesting historic facts. Some far out facts that we should believe too. Few "Lies". Nice set of things to talk with your grandkids about.

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