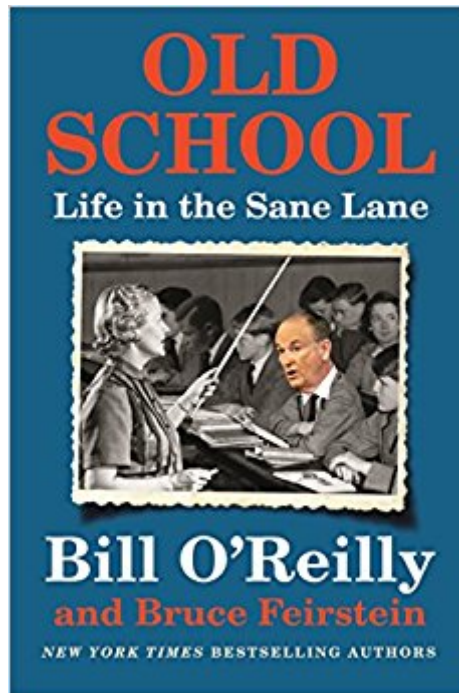




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Old School: Life In The Sane Lane



Synopsis

Old School is in session....You have probably heard the term Old School, but what you might not know is that there is a concentrated effort to tear that school down.It's a values thing. The anti-Old School forces believe the traditional way of looking at life is oppressive. Not inclusive. The Old School way may harbor microaggressions. Therefore, Old School philosophy must be diminished.Those crusading against Old School now have a name: Snowflakes. You may have seen them on cable TV whining about social injustice and income inequality. You may have heard them cheering Bernie Sanders as he suggested the government pay for almost everything. The Snowflake movement is proud and loud, and they don't like Old School grads.So where are you in all this?Did you get up this morning knowing there are mountains to climb and deciding how you are going to climb them? Do you show up on time? Do you still bend over to pick up a penny? If so, you're Old School.Or did you wake up whining about safe spaces and trigger warnings? Do you feel marginalized by your college's mascot? Do you look for something to get outraged about, every single day, so you can fire off a tweet defending your exquisitely precious sensibilities? Then you're a Snowflake.So again, are you drifting frozen precipitation? Or do you matriculate at the Old School fountain of wisdom?This book will explain the looming confrontation so even the ladies on The View can understand it. Time to take a stand. Old School or Snowflake. Which will it be?

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Bill O'Reilly's success in broadcasting and publishing is unmatched. The iconic anchor of The O'Reilly Factor led the program to the status of the highest rated cable news broadcast in the nation for sixteen consecutive years. His website BillOReilly.com is followed by millions all over the world. In addition, he has authored an astonishing 12 number one ranked non-fiction books including the historical "Killing" series. Mr. O'Reilly currently has 17 million books in print. Bill O'Reilly has been a broadcaster for 42 years. He has been awarded three Emmy's and a number of other journalism accolades. He was a national correspondent for CBS News and ABC News as well as a reporter-anchor for WCBS-TV in New York City among other high profile jobs. Mr. O'Reilly received two other Emmy nominations for the movies "Killing Kennedy" and "Killing Jesus." He holds a history degree from Marist College, a masters degree in Broadcast Journalism from Boston University, and another masters degree from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Bill O'Reilly lives on Long Island where he was raised. His philanthropic enterprises have raised tens of millions for people in need and wounded American veterans. Bruce Feirstein is a screenwriter of the James Bond films GoldenEye, Tomorrow Never Dies, and The World Is Not Enough and the New York Times bestselling author of Real Men Don't Eat Quiche. He has written for The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal and has been a contributing editor at Vanity Fair since 1994.

I thoroughly enjoyed the book. It brought back memories of my childhood. My parents were working folks, and dad a WWII vet. My brother, sister and I were taught manners, we were disciplined, we learned responsibility, and accountability. We were also taught that life was not fair, and there were consequences for our actions. Even though there were times I did like them, my parents never lied to us. They weren't overly concerned about our self esteem, "if you wanted to trophy, maybe you should have practiced more, tried harder." O'Reilly and Feirstein have struck the nail squarely on the head. My parents were parents, they did not try to be our friends. Great read! Gary Moore

have never read a book by Bill O'Reilly and Bruce Feirstein. I really didn't know what to expect but the first half had me laughing out loud. It was very similar to my childhood in many ways...thus "old school." At one part I thought, wow, this is like something out of the last century and then realized that it WAS from the last century. The century I grew up in. The book flips authors from chapter to chapter so a bit of a different perspective comes through but more similarities than not...one raised Catholic and one raised Jewish. Both from working class families with parents who grew up in the depression and WWII. They knew right from wrong and expected you to as well...not be taught, just know. The value of a penny was ingrained as well. As the book progresses it tells and shows society

changing and the things that influenced the changes. Some changes were good and some not so much but all culminating in a (hopefully) subculture of youth that need safe spaces , trigger warnings, live with or are supported by their parents well into their 30's. They label words macro or micro aggressions --yes we are talking about WORDS. The people who believe in the first amendment...well for themselves and those that agree with them 100%Anyway, I think age might determine if you like or hate this book but I enjoyed it very much.

As pure literature, I probably should have rated this somewhat lower. However, given how disgusted I am with a generation of whiners, this should be required reading for every parent. If I had acted the way the current crop of college "students" does, my tuition would have been cut off and I would have been given a boot out the door by my dad to go find a job and learn to deal with reality. Micro-aggressions, trigger warnings and the like should really play well when trying to earn a living. NOTTTTTTTTT!

As the headlines describes, this is a book about life in the Sane Lane. Where people recognize that there is a right and a wrong to do things, where movies don't have to carry warnings about "triggers" that they might contain, that we didn't have to spend time worrying about what restrooms people should be using, etc.O'Reilly, while a controversial figure himself, draws a noncontroversial conclusion. More specifically, as he explains so clearly in this book, old school thinkers have got to push back against the "snowflakes" that increasingly are corrupting the way we think and do things in the name of political correctness.I think he is right. This book is an important read for those of us who want to keep our heads on straight!

This is a very quick read, as the theme is pretty straight-forward--albeit oft-repeated. Bill and his co-author pretty much flog this excellent idea to death. However, the anecdotes are funny, familiar for some of us, and delivered quickly. Their ping-pong, taking-turns style is interesting. Not Bill's best book, but a fun read for a couple hours at the beach.

In my opinion, this book isn't nearly as good as the others. I heard it was funny; I can certainly relate to the time and setting of the book, but I found it a little dull.

Being "Old School", I loved it. Learned so much about "Snowflakes" I did not know. Found the definition of terms extremely interesting and helpful. Found it not only so informative but also very

entertaining, I gifted it to two friends. Great read!

Easy., quick read by O'Reilly and Fierstein extolling Old School values and bemoaning Snowflake culture. Their alternating viewpoints and humorous anecdotes work for the most part. It's light reading, you won't learn all that much but you'll be amused. Occasionally, the book lapses into triteness, but the humor saved it.

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