

Fear

By Ken W. Simpson

WHY WE LIKE IT: *Ken keeps the spirit of the 60's and early 70's alive and is acute perception of the falsehoods around us is his (and out) saving grace. This fearless social critic lives in Australia and gives us a 'down under' POV of WTF is going wrong in the world. A writer with a big heart and a bigger social conscience.*

Fear by Bob Woodward

Clockwork dummies
intentionally obtuse
eating and sleeping
mechanically
unconsciously living.

Woodward's book is easily the worst book I have ever read. It has no literary merit whatsoever and is a commentary on Trumpism in America. It is like a verbal soap opera. It is composed of transcripts of interviews, many of them meaningless - in there to fill up the book. Woodward does describe character as caricature.



He loves Mad Dog Mattis - "ramrod straight and humble". Mattis looks directly at Trump. "We need to change what we are doing," he said. 'It can't be a war of attrition. It must be a

war of annihilation.” Trump liked the concept. Mattis on McCain. “No, Mr President,” said Mattis quickly. “I think you’ve got it reversed.” Woodward on McCain: “



McCain turned down early release and had been brutally tortured and held five years in the Hanoi Hilton.” In reality McCain had his broken limbs repaired and was treated well because he made more than thirty propaganda broadcasts for China. He was known to the other POW’s as the ‘Songbird’.



Songbird McCain.. a spineless politically correct rino puppet!



On Obama: “A land invasion would trigger a North Korean response, likely with nuclear weapons.” This was unthinkable to Obama. In his Nobel Prize winning acceptance speech in 2009 he said. “War promised human tragedy,” and “War at some levels is an experience of human folly.”



Woodward failed to add that Obama had an even greater kill count than the sadistic and brutal George H W Bush, that he had vilified Gaddafi, destabilised Libya, had Gaddafi lynched, vilified President Assad of Syria, recruited, trained, equipped and paid ISIS to slaughter Syrians, and began the genocidal war in Yemen with Saudi Arabia - apart from

standing down the rescue team of navy Seals resulting in the torture and assassination of Ambassador Stevens and his staff at Benghazi.



Woodward quotes Lindsey Graham. "And the next 9/11 is coming from where the first was." This must mean that Dick Cheney will be preparing to demolish another Twin Towers with thermite and pretend it was caused by Islamic terrorists flying aircraft into the walls of the World Trade Center and out the other side.



This is a soap opera in words. It's about characterizations, not real people. Woodward is one of the characters he eulogises.



I think he tried to write a romance about US exceptionalism and entitlement surrounded by Rex Tillerson of Exxon - the disgustingly profane Steve Bannon, Roy Cohn, President of Goldman Sachs, and the Mafia's Rudy Giuliani, as if it were all right and proper instead of a comic opera.



I don't think he meant to pillory Trump but it just happened because it couldn't be avoided, so that Woodward's Trump is a Napoleon with flaws. 420 words.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: *When I bought the book - Fear - by Bob Woodward - I thought I would get an expose - in a satirical vein - of Trumpism in America. I knew of Trump as a bit of a clown - wearing what I thought was a hairpiece. I had no idea it was his pride and joy. I knew he inherited a lot of money - and that his dad was allegedly a KKK.*

I later learned the old man was as crooked as Donald. - who obviously inherited a lot of money along with his deal making scams I was appalled when I realised he was going to be the Republican candidate - who eventually beat Hillary Clinton.- much to her dismay - resulting in her smear campaign that many Americans actually still believe - called Russiagate. In a sense I was pleased he won - because Hillary as president would have been disastrous for America and the world..She scares me. No need to expound on Trump's presidency - except to say it was awful - yet not nearly as bad the Obama and Bush presidencies. Trump is a buffoon - so he is easy to lampoon - but he is also an absolutely ruthless and clever shyster. I have written numerous poems about him - the best of which I have attached in case you can use it - amidst file O..

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