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**"Rall's illustrated work, in the same format as his acclaimed *Snowden*, is an illuminating, clear-headed, straight-shooting argument on why American voters should support and elect Senator Bernie Sanders to president.** The first few chapters are an enlightening mini-course in contemporary American government and economics, tracing the Democratic Party's persistent movement to the right over the past several decades. Sanders, Rall argues, is the only candidate whose passions and commitments favor the American people rather than corporations or big government. Each page is half text and half illustration in Rall's signature caricature style, a format that serves up a large amount of information at an easy-to-digest pace of one idea per page. Unlike the *Snowden* book, this could have a potential short shelf life if Sanders isn't nominated or elected. But in the months leading up to the Democratic Convention, this is **an essential survey and solid political ammunition for Sanders supporters, with appeal to politically minded readers.**"--Publishers Weekly

"More than a campaign biography, this graphic narrative traces the decline and possible resurgence of liberalism within the Democratic Party.... An effective, if unapologetically partisan, primer on a strong voice from the left to counter the Democrats' rightward shift." --Kirkus Reviews

"What sets this book apart is not that it's a cartoon, but that it's an argument for placing Bernie Sanders in a particular position in U.S. history, namely as the restoration of liberalism to a Democratic Party that hasn't seen it since the McGovern campaign. In fact, a huge chunk of the book is not about Bernie at all, but is a history of the rightward drifting of the Democratic Party over the decades. Another big chunk is a history of Bernie's childhood and career. Both of these sections are well done." --davidswanson.org

#### About the Author

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