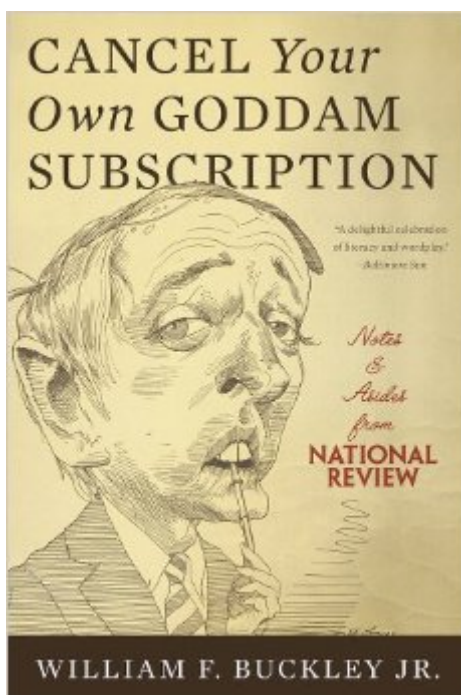


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Cancel Your Own Goddam Subscription: Notes And Asides From National Review



Synopsis

National Review has always published letters from readers. In 1965 the magazine decided that certain letters merited different treatment, and William F. Buckley, the editor, began a column called "Notes & Asides" in which he personally replied to the most notable and outrageous correspondence. Culled from four decades of the column, *Cancel Your Own Goddam Subscription* includes exchanges with such well-known figures as Ronald Reagan, Richard Nixon, John Kenneth Galbraith, A.M. Rosenthal, Auberon Waugh, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., and many others. There are also hilarious exchanges with ordinary readers, as well as letters from Buckley to various organizations and government agencies. Combative, brilliant, and uproariously funny, *Cancel Your Own Goddam Subscription* represents Buckley at his mischievous best.

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For much of its existence, William F. Buckley's "National Review" had a department designated as "Notes & Asides." The contents might include excerpts from speeches, journal entries, obituaries, snippets from articles or news stories, NR interoffice memos, but most importantly correspondence from readers, critics, and just some colorful characters taking Buckley to task for one transgression or other. Fortunately, much of the contents of the book consists of letters to Buckley and his usually very short responses. The most fun are those letters where the correspondents are heavily critical of Buckley; and his witty and sometimes deadly ripostes in response. The man had a fantastic sense of humor. There are serious letters as well, including several from Ronald Reagan. Buckley was not

one to let any slight in the press go unanswered, and some of the biggies in the media are represented here as well. The interoffice memos certainly suggest that the NR was a fun place to work (although intensive grammatical debates could ensue as WFB was somewhat of a stickler on correct usage), with Buckley's own humor being confronted by that of the senior staff. So the reader gets at least a fragmentary picture of how the NR was organized and the magazine put together. WBF may be gone, but at least some of his humor remains between the covers of this unique book; given the sorry economic conditions, I can't think of a better time to dip into the book and have some laughs.

This is a great compendium of letters and responses over the years at National Review. Mr. Buckley, Jr. was an incredibly intelligent man with an impressive grip on language and how best to employ it in speech and writing. Highly recommended to anyone who enjoys conservative opinion and/or talented writing.

When you are missing the Wit and Wisdom of Bill Buckley.....this is the book to pick up again and again. This guy is irreplaceable! Years of National Review letters to the Editor are answered by "himself". This is a great insight to the real-life guy he was. I won't even lend out my copy!

One of my all-time favorite reads. Buckley here is, as always, quite the character. I laughed out loud reading this gem. If you like politics, enjoy dry witty humor, or love the English language -- this book's for you!

This book is funny if you remember the era at all. If you did not live thru the 60's much of the humor will leave you scratching your head. At times the back and forth becomes rather hard to follow; but all in all a good read.

You don't have to agree with his political positions to enjoy and appreciate use of the English language. Glad i read it on a kindle as i needed to use the dictionary feature frequently. For those who like good debate and thoughtful essay, liberally (liberal?) salted with tongue-in-cheek humor, this collection will not disappoint.

william buckley lives on with this compilation of his notes and asides column from the national review. a light, fast read when you are looking for something to be entertaining. it fit perfectly over

the christmas and new year's holidays.to eliminate the possibility of upset to visitors, i used white-out to cover over the offensive title word on the front cover and spine.my favorite entry by far is borrowed from another magazine or journal and is from a young college gentleman who is debating the various and relative merits of thermodynamics and theology.very worthwhile!

Willam F. Buckley was a Genius, Hilarious and intellectual. A Conservative Pioneer and A Catholic hero for me.Although I am 27,I sense these modern times can use Someone Like Mr.Buckley,His wit and Wisdom along with Replies to readers of National Review are in this book.Nevermind Chomsky,Mailer and other washed out so-called intellectuals.

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