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Eindrucksvolle BiographieVon M. MuellerArlen Specter ist von sich berzeugt. Das angenehme an seinen Memoiren ist, dass er daran keinen Zweifel lsst. Die Darstellung wird aber immer wieder mit sehr interessanten Quellen und Aussagen von 3. gespeist, so dass man zum Schluss kommen muss, dass Arlen Specter auch Grund dazu hat, diese Einstellung zu sich selbst zu haben.Das Buch konzentriert sich auf die wesentlichen Dinge, aber lsst nicht aus, nicht nur der Politiker, sondern auch der Mensch, der auch Zweifel hatte, wird dargestellt.Ein lohnenswertes Buch, denn es zeigt auch auf, wie gro die parteitaktische Differenz zwischen Republikanern und Demokraten im Senat geworden ist. Es veranschaulicht, dass die Fhigkeit zur Zusammenarbeit, die den Senat immer ausgezeichnet hatte, nunmehr zu Ende geht.

KurzbeschreibungA revealing memoir of how Washington is changing---and not for the betterDuring a storied thirty-year career in the U.S. Senate, Arlen Specter rose to Judiciary Committee chairman, saved and defeated Supreme Court nominees, championed NIH funding, wrote watershed crime laws, always staying defiantly independent, "The Contrarian," as Time magazine billed him in a package of the nation's ten-best Senators. It all ended with one vote, for President Obama's stimulus, when Specter broke with Republicans to provide the margin of victory to prevent another Depression.Shunned by the GOP faithful, Specter changed parties, giving Democrats a sixty-vote supermajority and throwing Washington into a tailspin. He kept charging, taking the first bursts of Tea Party fire at public meetings on Obama's health care--reform plan. Undaunted, Specter cast the key vote for the health plan.In Life Among the Cannibals, Specter candidly describes the battles that led to his party switch, his tough transition, the unexpected struggles and duplicity that he faced, and his tumultuous campaign and eventual defeat in the 2010 Pennsylvania Democratic primary.Taking us behind the scenes in the Capitol, the White House, and on the campaign trail, he shows how the rise of extremists---in both parties---has displaced tolerance with purity tests, purging centrists, and precluding moderate, bipartisan consensus.PressestimmenPraise for Life Among the Cannibals"Worth reading because it might be a long time (if ever) before somebody so unarguably knowledgeable will exercise such candor about partisan American politics.--Philadelphia Daily News"Specter ... offers his knowledgeable, withering critique of brutal partisanship in national politics."--Publishers Weekly"A highly readable battle cry from the moderate centerand timely, given the tenor of politics today."--Kirkus sA remarkable work, as Specter courageously chastises the Republican Party for its fixation on litmus tests.Specter -- a veteran Republican who left the party in April 2009 -- is right to warn of the risks posed to America by hyper-partisanship. An impassioned call for the return of moderation to the party.--D.R. Tucker, The Huffington PostPraise for Never Give InWritten in Senator Specter's trademark candor, Never Give In is a compelling tale of survival---both personal and political---from one of the Senates most independent voices.--Vice President Joe BidenNever Give In brims with thesingular tenacity and humor that have characterized Arlen Specter'snearlythirty years in the United States Senate.This book isboth an entertaining read and an unflinching account ofthe experience of fighting an intensely personal battle on a highly public stage.--Michael J. FoxHe knows a thing or two about illness and politics. It's a hell of a read.--Larry King