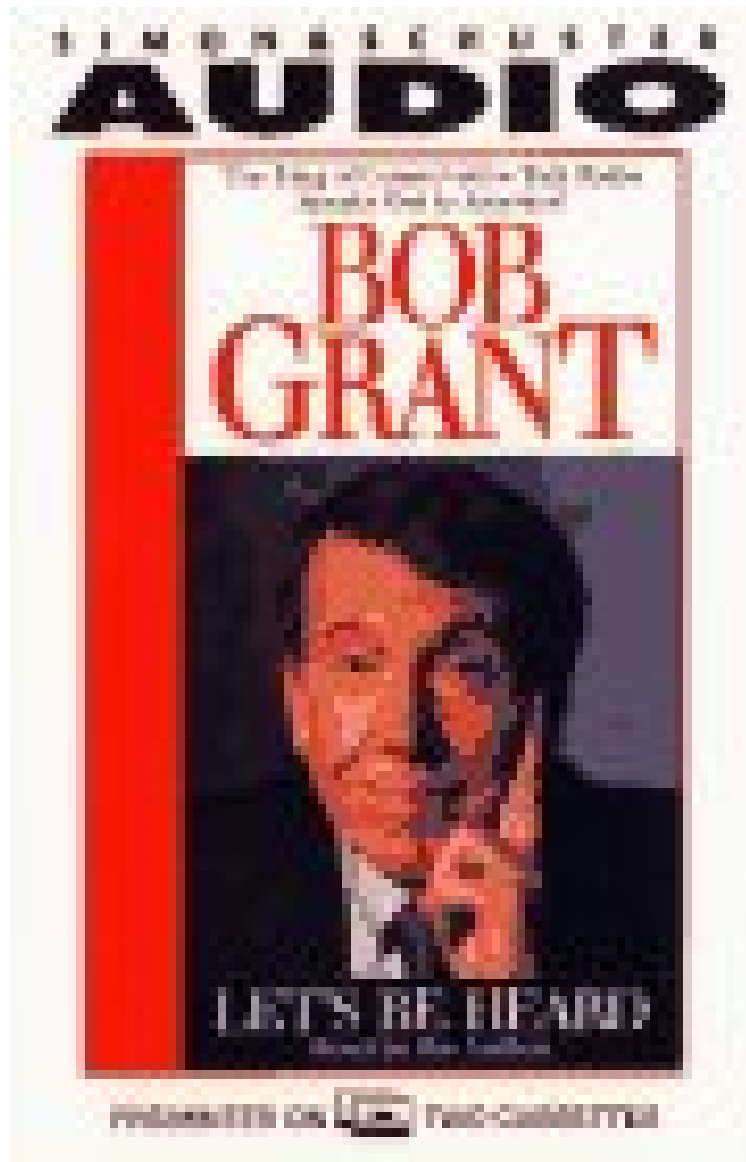


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Bob Grant : Let's Be Heard before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Let's Be Heard:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By DAGWOOD Great gift 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Strong * * * By Phil Silverman It is admirable that this Originator did not fall into the compromising merchandising mode of his proteges, like Limbaugh, Hannity, O'Reilly, Beck, et.al. For those who listened 5 days per week to Grant in New York, this is quite a nostalgic ride. Unfortunately, that trip back to the '80s-

'90s, involves some serious bumps in the road: Grant's dreadful commentary on Martin Luther King, Jesse Jackson, and other African-American leaders. His constant use of the phrase "protective pigmentation" when referring to racial issues, which he feels are spun to the far Left. Of course, the Ron Brown situation, in which he (basically) said "Just my luck...he'll survive [the plane crash]. He tries to smooth that over in this book. Grant is also off balance on the issues of Affirmative Action and Welfare: A.A. was never conceived to allow and encourage "quotas" - that, ironically, came around 1971, with the Nixon Administration. Re. Welfare: "Slick Willie" *did* enforce Reform, wiping away that generational guarantee; no longer allowing able-bodied individuals to sit around the house; establishing limits. Bob shows a lack of insight when he says that Professional Basketball is the true level playing field. But that cultural area is grounded in almost super-human athletic ability. A poor example. Grant includes a nice commentary of Rush Limbaugh, who, in 1995-96 was the biggest star in infotainment. RL may have preserved his high ratings in the millennium but his content and narratives got more and more petty and partisan. Having said all that, this book has enormous historical value - read it before you read *any* book by Hannity and friends. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. King of Conservative Talk Radio By Neil Karl This book is a must read for those who want to learn the history of the King of Conservative Talk Radio. I think I heard him a few times. But I only learned who he was almost after Grant was off the air. Bob Grant was conservative talk radio from 1970-2006. Grant was the pathfinder for Rush Limbaugh.

The controversial, conservative radio talk-show host shares his candid opinions on such topics as race, abortion, women's rights, welfare and healthcare reform, religion, and other current issues.

From Publishers Weekly The danger of using labels in politics is thrown into relief in this collection of 50-plus essays delivered on radio by talk-show host Grant, who labels himself a conservative. Although he espouses the right-wing positions on big government (bad), taxes (bad), immigration (bad), career welfare clients (bad), the death penalty (good) and affirmative action (bad), he deviates from it by backing abortion rights and euthanasia and opposing term limits on officeholders. On a few issues his positions are more complex: while he backs gun ownership, he supports gun control, and on the subject of racism he avows that he is no more prejudiced than most American whites. He offers several lists, one of black heroes (e.g., Clarence Thomas), one of American heroines (e.g., Phyllis Schlafly) and one of conservatives he dislikes (e.g., Oliver North). A page titled "Ten Liberals Worth Keeping Around" is left otherwise blank. The book is likely to arouse as much controversy as Grant does on the air. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Before Rush Limbaugh, there was Bob Grant, king of talk radio in New York. At this writing, Grant's show has been flushed from the airwaves after derogatory comments about late Commerce Department head Ron Brown set off a major media brouhaha. The various offensive remarks that have been attributed to Grant notwithstanding, he comes off quite personably on the page--especially in contrast to Rush. While Rush hunkers down in his apartment, Grant goes to places real people go, like the Reo Diner in New Jersey. Whereas Rush often sounds like a Republican Party flack, Grant, though he says vote GOP, is genuinely skeptical of politicians, whom he says (from experience) will be your friends only until you're no longer an "asset." Grant gets steamed by the same things Limbaugh harps on but reads like your loudmouth uncle, the one you don't agree with but know you can count on in a pinch. More libertarian than conservative, far more commonsensical than ideological, and the kind of free speech devotee who realizes that if you hate political correctness, you have to tolerate pornography and Howard Stern, Grant is fun to read, whatever he's like on the air. Ray Olson From Kirkus s As host of the eponymous Bob Grant Show, the author has spent decades espousing the controversial views that clutter this book. To wit: Drugs should be legalized but poisoned; illegal immigration is a war against America and should be treated as such; and the death penalty should be visited on everyone from pedophiles to arsonists (jaywalkers, for the moment, are safe). While he spurns labels, most of Grant's views cluster far to the right of center, although he has a strong, contrarian libertarian streak. But opinions are no substitute for rational, well-developed thought. Hopscotching from topic to topic (many, such as political correctness, slightly musty with age), Grant uses almost any handy stigma to beat liberal dogmas. For example: "Our leaders have absolutely no right to spend even one nickel on frivolities-- supporting avant-garde playwrights, studying the mating habits of the snail darter, providing free postage to congressmen--until they have made us safe in our homes and streets." To his credit, Grant sometimes displays a yeoman commonsensical attitude, and he is a fierce critic of cant and obfuscation. Yet, such is his usual frothing, attack-dog style, that even when he is making telling, bluntly sensible points, one almost instinctively wants to disagree. Grant has none of fellow ideologue Rush Limbaugh's charm and saving sense of humor. Over the years he has been widely vilified, and since he has particularly delighted in attacking some people's inflated sense of victimhood, it is at least mildly and distastefully ironic that he often cannot resist donning the victim's mantle himself. What may play well on the radio is here revealed as shallow, imprecise bluster. -- Copyright 1996, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.