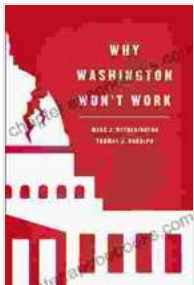


Why Washington Won't Work

A New Book by Jonathan Rauch

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The Problem with Washington

Rauch argues that the American political system is broken. He points to a number of factors that have contributed to this breakdown, including:

- **Polarization:** The two major political parties in the United States, the Democrats and the Republicans, are increasingly polarized. This polarization has made it difficult for the two parties to work together to address the challenges facing the country.
- **Corruption:** The American political system is rife with corruption. This corruption takes many forms, including campaign finance, lobbying, and insider trading. Corruption has undermined the public's trust in government and has made it difficult for the government to function effectively.
- **Inefficiency:** The American political system is inefficient. The legislative process is slow and cumbersome, and it is often difficult to get anything done. This inefficiency has contributed to the gridlock in Washington and has made it difficult for the government to address the challenges facing the country.

Rauch's Solution

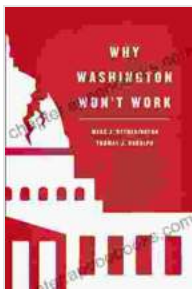
Rauch argues that the American political system needs to be radically overhauled. He calls for a number of reforms, including:

- **Campaign finance reform:** Rauch argues that the current campaign finance system is corrupt and that it needs to be reformed. He proposes a number of reforms, including public financing of elections and limits on campaign spending.
- **Lobbying reform:** Rauch argues that the current lobbying system is corrupt and that it needs to be reformed. He proposes a number of

reforms, including requiring lobbyists to register with the government and disclosing their activities.

- **Insider trading reform:** Rauch argues that the current insider trading laws are too weak and that they need to be strengthened. He proposes a number of reforms, including increasing the penalties for insider trading and making it easier for the government to prosecute insider trading cases.
- **Legislative reform:** Rauch argues that the current legislative process is too slow and cumbersome and that it needs to be reformed. He proposes a number of reforms, including streamlining the legislative process and making it easier for Congress to pass legislation.

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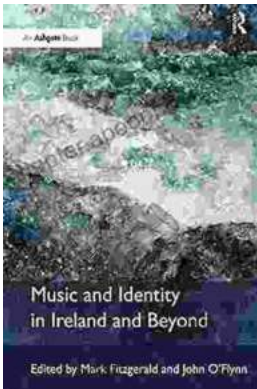
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