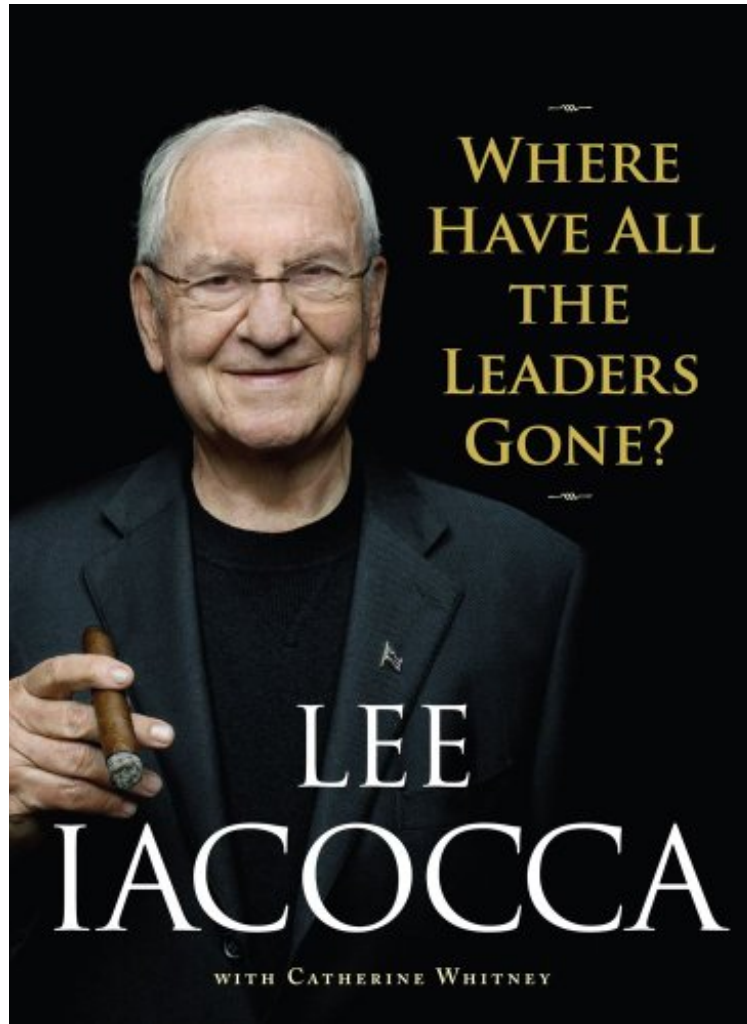


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**Lee Iacocca : Where Have All the Leaders Gone?** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Where Have All the Leaders Gone?:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Say it ain't so, Lido!!!By James CeroneAfter reading the original Iacocca: An Autobiography that was written in 1984 and enjoying it, I figured I would follow it up with this newer book. For those unfamiliar, Lee Iacocca is the very successful and charismatic former president of both the Ford Motor Company and Chrysler Motors.My advice for anyone considering reading this book would be to skip it if you are not a Lee Iacocca fan. If you admire the man and his accomplishments like I do, give it a read but be prepared to stick it out through the first few chapters because he comes off very bitter and curmudgeon-y. Iacocca does the whole "In my day..." typed-rants and goes on about how much he hates the state America is in, which was kind of disappointing considering how his success was so dependent on The American Way. Although most of his vitriol is directed at

George W. Bush, whom Iacocca unabashedly despises, the first half of the book gives a glimpse of the famous personal grudges for which Iacocca is known - but not much more. The second half of the book gets better and has a milder tone similar to that of Iacocca: An Autobiography, but this book pales in comparison to his first. The link to his original book and my review of that one can be found here: [Iacocca: An Autobiography](#) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It is great to have such a straight shooter today. By Spencer Palmer Thank you, Lee Iacocca for this book. It is great to have such a straight shooter today. People pick up this book and get a glimpse at not just a phenomenal businessman, Iacocca did in fact bring Chrysler back from bankruptcy to being an automotive giant, but also a great man. I am not going to give all of the book away to readers. I liked the reason Lee Iacocca never followed people's advice, and possibly became Senator Iacocca. That story will make the reader laugh. The best part of the book is when Mr. Iacocca talks about leaders and mentors; why it is important for kids to have leaders, and even more interesting who makes for the best mentors and leaders for kids. A telling message Lee Iacocca gives is the idea of happiness, and how even a very wealthy man like Lee Iacocca will tell you money is not the ticket to happiness. He would know. Buy this book and get a glimpse at a true American legend. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Incorrect Title By D. Brusie I just finished reading this book in 3 days on 12/26/09. It is an easy read. It is now over 2 years old and basically reads more like another autobiography than anything else. I have read a number of the one star reviews and agree that Lee doesn't really say much as to why we don't have any good leaders in this country and gives little to evaluate potential candidates. And he cites his own accomplishments at Ford and Chrysler as a role model and even suggests that he was qualified as a candidate for the presidency. Lee makes a number of very common sense comments about how to succeed, like welcome failure etc., but nothing you haven't already heard. Bottom line is that I did like the book and appreciated most of his opinions regarding why people buy SUVs, why the wars in IRAQ etc. are wrong, why the US is in big trouble because of lack of education. I would recommend reading it for this reason only. It does not answer the question how to elect good leaders for our country.

Legendary auto executive Lee Iacocca has a question for every American: Where have all the leaders gone? The most widely recognized business executive of all time asks the tough questions that America's leaders must address: bull; What is each of us giving back to our country? bull; Do we truly love democracy? bull; Are we too fat and satisfied for our own good? bull; Why is America addicted to oil? bull; Do we really care about our children's futures? bull; Who will save the middle class? A self-made man who many Americans once wished would run for president, Iacocca saved the Chrysler Corporation from financial ruin, masterminded the creation of the minivan, and oversaw the renovation of Ellis Island. Since then he has created the Iacocca Institute for leadership at Lehigh University and the Iacocca Foundation, which funds research for a cure for diabetes. Lee Iacocca believes that leaders are made in times of crisis -- such as today. He has known more leaders than almost anyone else -- among them nine U.S. presidents, many heads of state, and the CEOs of the nation's top corporations -- and is uniquely suited to share his wisdom, knowledge, and wit about the leadership of America. Author of the gigantic number one bestsellers Iacocca: An Autobiography and Talking Straight, Lee Iacocca famously doesn't mince words and offers his no-nonsense, straight-up assessments of the American politicians most likely to run for president in 2008, including Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John McCain, Rudy Giuliani, Joe Biden, Bill Richardson, Mitt Romney, and John Edwards. Confessing that he has "flunked retirement," Iacocca calls on citizens of all ages to vote, get involved, and choose our leaders carefully. Along the way, he shares stories about the prominent people he's met and known, including the time he smoked cigars with Fidel Castro, what Bob Hope told him about how to live a long life, what Lady Sarah Ferguson said to him as they danced, why Bill Clinton woke him up in Italy, what Robert McNamara taught him about success, how Frank Sinatra sang for him personally, and whom Pope John Paul II asked him to pray for. We learn what he discussed with Warren Buffett, DaimlerChrysler CEO Dieter Zetsche, Ronald Reagan, Senator John Kerry, Congressman John Murtha, Prince Charles and Camilla, former Saudi ambassador Prince Bandar, rapper Snoop Dogg, financier Kirk Kerkorian, Ted Turner, Bob Dole, and many more. Knowing that the times are urgent, the iconic leader shares his lessons learned and issues a call to action to summon Americans back to their roots of hard work, common sense, integrity, generosity, and optimism. Where have all the leaders gone? Lee Iacocca has the answer.

From Publishers Weekly Iacocca, the bestselling author and former president of Ford and Chrysler, is back to sound a howl of anger against the sad state of leadership in the U.S. today. Iacocca starts with a rundown of sins committed by George W. Bush and his administration, and then moves on to criticize the American auto industry-naturally, he's furious over the sale of Chrysler to Daimler-Benz. Along the way, Iacocca rails against the lack of leadership in vital national concerns such as health care, open markets and energy policy. Iacocca may not have a whole lot new to say, but he is always engaging, even when spinning his wheels over the current crop of presidential hopefuls or recommending that Congress take a year off from enacting laws or spending money. The book's strength lies in Iacocca's emotional honesty, which shines when he details the reasons he passed on a Presidential run, how he felt when his wife died and his frustration at the poor decisions he's made during his retirement (fessing up to voting for Bush in 2000 and handpicking the executive who sold Chrysler to the Germans). Iacocca is a genial person to spend

time with, but his insights no longer carry the weight that made his autobiography, *Iacocca*, a runaway bestseller. Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist *Iacocca* is outraged. Now 82, he has seen the U.S. overcome some of its worst crises, including the Great Depression and World War II, through great leadership. As the CEO of Chrysler Corporation, he brought the company back from the brink of bankruptcy and worked with the government to overcome the fallout from the 1970s oil crisis. Now, he says, our government has fallen under the grip of arrogant ideologues and spineless detractors. Our business leaders are more obsessed with stock options and trumping each other's multimillion-dollar salaries than with finding creative solutions to pressing problems, such as the health-care crisis, our loss of competitive edge in the global marketplace, the massive trade deficit, and the slow death of the middle class. He describes his frustration as his successor at Chrysler sold out to Daimler-Benz, and the once proud, independent company lost its soul. Although *Iacocca* presents a brutal analysis of cronyism in Washington, D.C., the abysmal situation in Iraq, and failed policies at home, he is not a pessimist. With a reputation as a straight shooter, he hopes to inspire more young people to vote. This is a surprisingly outspoken take on the pressing need for real leadership in this country. David Siegfried Copyright copy; American Library Association. All rights reserved. About the Author *Lee Iacocca* is a former president of both the Ford Motor Company, where he created the Mustang, and the Chrysler Corporation, which he famously -- and more or less single-handedly -- saved from ruin. Now retired, he spends his time travelling, giving speeches, and supporting The *Iacocca* Foundation, which funds research for a cure for diabetes.