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Review "Savvy and informative. . . . The most ambitious treatment of this period yet. . . . Suskind's book often reads like Halberstam's *The Best and the Brightest*. But the quagmire isn't a neo-Vietnam like Afghanistan—it's the economy." (**Frank Rich, *New York***)

"A searing new book. . . . Suskind has a flair for taking material he's harvested to create narratives with a novelistic sense of drama." (**Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times***)

“No book about the Obama presidency appears to have unnerved the White House quite so much as *Confidence Men* by Ron Suskind, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who has developed a niche in the specialized art of parting the curtain on presidential dealings.” (**The Chicago Tribune**)

“A truly groundbreaking inside account. . . . Penetrating in its analysis of why the administration’s approach to the country’s economic ills has been so lackluster. . . . An important addition to the growing library of books about this president.” (**Joe Nocera, The New York Times Book Review**)

“The book of the week, maybe the book of the month, is Ron Suskind’s *Confidence Men*. . . . A detailed narrative of the Administration’s response—sometimes frantic, sometimes sluggish, sometimes both—to the financial and economic catastrophe it inherited, as experienced from the inside.” (**Hendrik Hertzberg, The New Yorker**)

“The work that went into *Confidence Men* cannot be denied. Suskind conducted hundreds of interviews. He spoke to almost every member of the Obama administration, including the President. He quotes memos no one else has published. He gives you scenes that no one else has managed to capture.” (**Ezra Klein, The New York Review of Books**)

“Suskind’s account of the Obama administration is a marker of our times. It reveals a President unable to perform responsibly the duties of his high office. . . . Suskind’s contribution to this tale of woe is to give us a fine grained picture of Obama’s passive place in deliberations.” (**Huffington PostThe Huffington Post**)

“My Book of the Year. A narrative tour de force. . . . Journalism like this is all too rare in an age in which reporters trade their critical faculties for access. And it’s even rarer that skeptical reporting is turned into something lasting.” (**David Granger, Esquire**)

“This inside account of the Obama economic team contains enough damning on-the-record quotes to give it the ring of truth despite White House efforts to discredit the narrative of infighting and missed opportunities. Read it and weep. It reminds me of the post-Iraq invasion books that documented a similar failure to rise to the enormity of the problem, whether the insurgency was in Iraq or on Wall Street.” (**Eleanor Clift, Newsweek**)

From the Back Cover

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