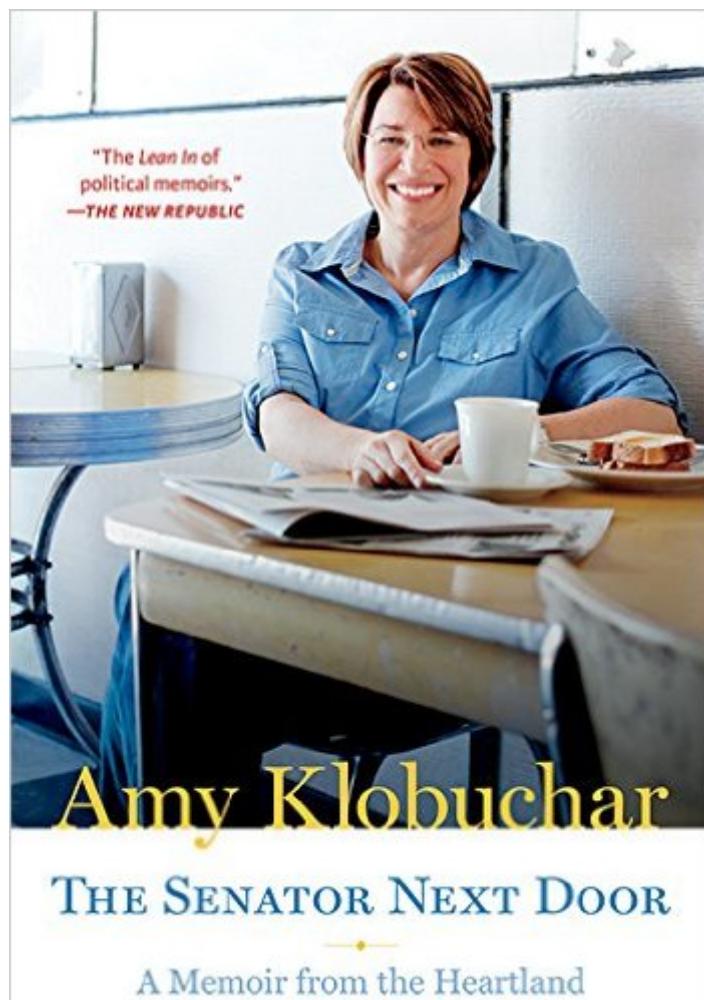


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The Senator Next Door: A Memoir From The Heartland



Synopsis

In *The Senator Next Door*, Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar chronicles her remarkable heartland journey, from her immigrant grandparents to her middle-class suburban upbringing to her rise in American politics. At a moment when America's government often seems incapable of getting anything done, Amy Klobuchar proves that politics is still the art of the possible.

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Customer Reviews

Free of the usual political platitudes and full of emotion - especially when describing her family - this is not your typical political autobiography. Since hearing Amy speak in Louisiana at a recent Democratic party event, I've wanted to learn more about her, and am now about half-way through the book. At heart, she seems to be a story-teller, and this is a book full of engaging stories about her loving but sometimes difficult early family life, the friends she met growing up in suburban Minnesota, and the lessons she learned in school, life, government and beyond. Frankly, it's wonderful to actually feel like you know the person - and not just the talking points - when reading a political autobiography.

The Senator Next Door is an engaging, warm-hearted book that is sure to capture and hold the attention of any reader. With charm, humor, and humility, the senator shares the important events, people, and values that have shaped her and her political career. Well written and inspiring, The Senator Next Door is a refreshing portrait of an elected leader--one whom we can respect, admire,

and count on to roll up her sleeves and work hard for people who need her help and for issues she believes in. I highly recommend this book.

The good Senator has written an engaging, heartwarming book. Her memoir is refreshing in these acerbic political times. Her warm anecdotes and easy prose reflect a kind, generous, dutiful public servant who serves her constituents -- and the nation -- quite well. She is clearly a brilliant, deep thinker who has an eye toward making the country a better place in which to live. She is also charming -- her query to the doctor after hip replacement surgery, medically induced or not, describes a lighthearted political celebrity who does not take herself too seriously. Any follower of politics who has a keen interest in making our constitutional democracy even better will love the story of the Senator, and take comfort in the fact that she is a public servant with a keen eye on doing good. And in a setting where that trait seems in short supply, it is quite refreshing.

This is a wonderful, charming book that draws the reader into the middle American life of this interesting, measured, and energetic lady. Amy is simply the girl-next-door type of person, but one that is so wise and well-respected that she was elected senator. This biography is straight forward and doesn't obfuscate or hide the author's beliefs or her personal difficulties. Highly recommended! Chris Gregory, Tekoa WA

The most wonderful woman, and I never knew her until I read her book. A very personal struggle in family, happy marriage and motherhood, but difficulties and awesome struggles through an interesting and inspiring political life - to finally become a Senator. And what a wonderful Senator she has been. I have recommended her book to many friends, and each one is enthralled by Amy's story.

Amy is my senator and I am very proud of her. This book give us the story of how she came to run for Senator and all the mentors she had. It is written in a very warm and unassuming style. It was a lot like visiting with her over coffee and bars.

Senator Klobuchar's memoir is described through honest and readable prose. I learned much about the work of politics and how to find ways to be productive by working with both sides of the political aisles, and accomplishing good legislation that benefits all. The chapters varied in length, which worked against the reader and some sections were too "wordy" but over all this was a helpful look at

local and national politics through the eyes of a seasoned legislator in both state and national venues.

Maybe it is because I grew up in Minnesota, but I found this book wonderful. I really understand why the people of Minnesota keep reelecting her! I wish me had more politicians like her in Congress. Well done, Amy!! Colleen Fox Bellingham, WA

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