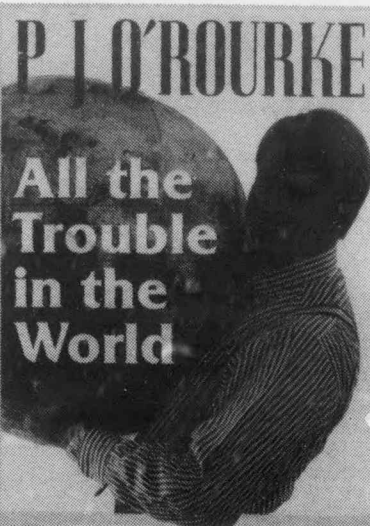


The Lighter Side Of Overpopulation, Famine, Ecological Disaster, Ethnic Hatred, Plague and Poverty.



P.J. O'ROURKE
All the Trouble in the World

"All the Trouble in the World" is P.J. O'Rourke's answer to the common complaint that the world is falling apart. As if to visualise it, he is pictured on the front holding a globe in his hands with a big smile on his face. More worrying than the smile is the sub-title "The lighter side of Overpopulation, Famine,..." which suggests a callousness previously not seen outside certain dictatorships. However this is just a bit of false advertising by an over zealous publisher. The more I read, the more I became engrossed in the book.

O'Rourke has spent the last couple of years going to places many others would like to flee, Somalia, Bosnia and Haiti to name three. You may have seen reports from these places on the news, or perhaps you couldn't be bothered (he also sounds off at Gen. X). Whichever applies to you, this book has something to offer. He looks at the problems from both his own view point and the historical perspective from the "greats" in the field, especially if they don't agree with what he has seen, and looks towards what he thinks could be done to solve the problems or change commonly

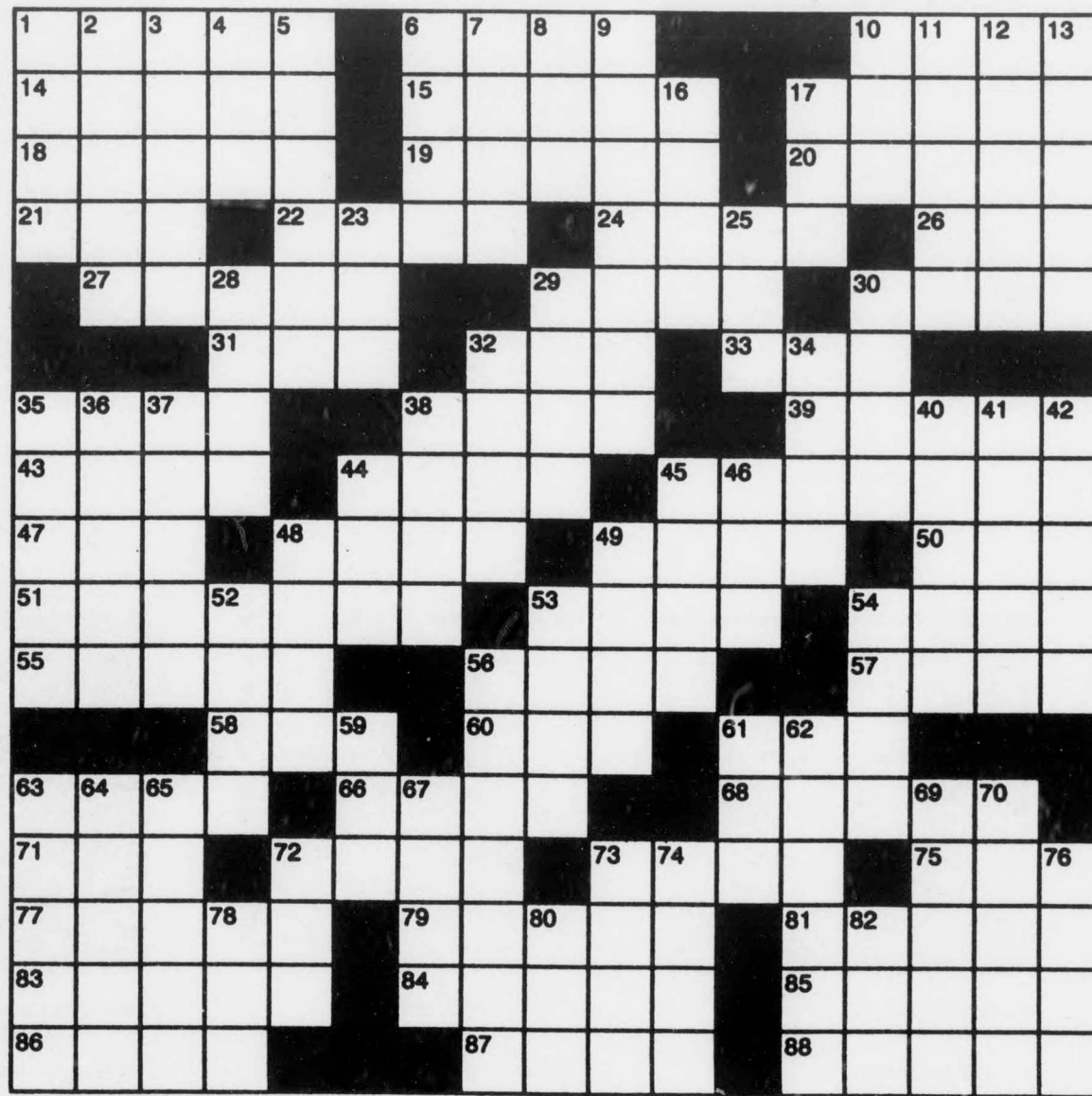
held views. He seems to especially enjoy exposing the incompetence of certain liberals - take one step forward Vice President Gore. One of the most interesting parts are the tales of his travels. Especially memorable are the problems of Somalia where the only safe havens were the US Army base and an ABC house which was only protected by a bunch of drugged up locals with guns. It was also in Somalia where he discovered that bullet proof vests don't cover enough of you and that the Kevlar helmets are like hollowed out bowling balls.

What you may take objection to is O'Rourke's own opinions which are strongly put across, however he is at his most eloquent when expressing them. These are the opinions of a 50 year old Republican, though he is more liberal than most Republicans. I have few problems with them except perhaps the following. Making a comparison between the population densities of Fremont, Ca and Bangladesh is not valid as Bangladesh has to be near self sufficient within its own area. Fremont is part of the USA hence has fewer problems of this type. His meagre coverage of AIDS misses the point that AIDS is politicised because of the general public's assumptions when they hear of someone contracting the disease.

While this book is a great read, at \$28 its a little beyond the average student price range for a non-course text. However its worth seeking out in a library.

- Neil Duxbury

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- 1. "____, Plain and Tall"
- 6. Film Pooch
- 10. Fodder for Trigger
- 14. Worship
- 15. "____ Your Wagon"
- 16. "The Garden of ____" (Dietrich film)
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- 27. "The Magnificent ____"
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- 30. "Nana" actress
- 31. Historic Time
- 32. "How the West Was ____"
- 33. Gabor of "Green Acres"
- 35. General Bradley
- 38. Dow or Randall
- 39. "A Passage to ____"
- 43. Turner or Wood
- 44. "The ____ the Merrier"
- 45. "Ella ____"
- 47. ____ Lanka
- 48. "____ Is the Hunter"
- 49. "____ Vidal's Billy the Kid"
- 50. Court Divider
- 51. Toronto's Lake
- 53. Scarlett's home
- 54. "The Flintstones" Pet
- 55. Wimbledon winner Fraser
- 56. "The Larry Sanders Show" actor
- 57. Son of Jacob

- 58. Hayward-Martin film
- 60. Singer Orbison
- 61. Jillian or Sothern
- 63. "____ Yesterday"
- 66. Actor Jannings
- 68. "The Story of Esther Costello" actress
- 71. "Cheers" brew
- 72. Quickly: abbr.
- 73. Satirist Mort ____
- 75. Dined
- 77. "Fast ____ at Ridegmont High"
- 79. Wheat
- 81. Enjoy
- 83. "The Big Valley" actress
- 84. Skater Sonja ____
- 85. "A Night at the ____"
- 86. "____ Me No Flowers"
- 87. Battering Devices
- 88. Musical work for nine

Down

- 1. Yemen's capital
- 2. "Get Smart" actor
- 3. Perez of "White Men Can't Jump"
- 4. Coach Parseghian
- 5. "____ in Pink Tights" (Sophia Loren film)
- 6. "Tarzan of the ____"
- 7. "____ of the Earth"
- 8. "Sister, Sister" sister
- 9. Hopkins or Quinn
- 10. Grand ____ O'pry"
- 11. "Red ____"
- 12. "A ____ of Honey"
- 13. "Hot Shots!" actor
- 16. Rip
- 17. Mr. Carney

- 23. "One ____ Million"
- 25. "Norma ____"
- 28. Norm's wife on "Cheers"
- 29. "____ but the Lonely Heart"
- 30. "Blood and ____"
- 32. "The Bride ____ Red"
- 34. Bordeaux sight
- 35. "Superman" role
- 36. French River
- 37. Ekberg of "War and Peace"
- 38. Dorothy's Dog
- 40. Actor Leary of "The Ref"
- 41. Dunne or Ryan
- 42. "The Maltese Falcon" actress
- 44. Actress Zetterling
- 45. "Children of the ____"
- 46. Director Miller ("Loose Shoes")
- 48. Gwynne or MacMurray
- 49. Cooper or Busey
- 52. Rachins of "L.A. Law"
- 53. "Home Improvement" prop
- 54. Andrews or Carvey
- 56. "Three's Company" renter
- 59. "____ Hudson Street"
- 61. "____ Wednesday"
- 62. "Call to Glory" Actor
- 63. "Fried Green Tomatoes" actress
- 64. Popeye's Girl
- 65. Form a new crew
- 67. Sutherland Gould film
- 69. Price film, with "The"
- 70. "The Big ____"
- 72. Burro
- 73. Henry Fonda film
- 74. "The Marshal of Gunsight Pass" actor
- 76. He was, to Pliny
- 78. "Howards ____"
- 80. Hartman of "Dan August"
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