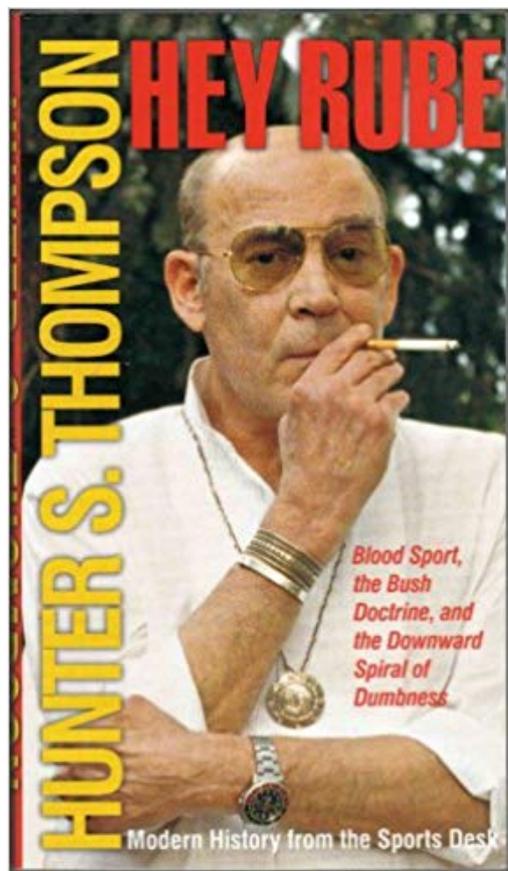


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With "Hey Rube," Thompson has put together his most hilarious, thought-provoking, genuine, outlandish, and highly irreverent writings from his recent career as columnist on ESPN's popular Page 2. This look at Gonzo journalism in his most organic form includes some "extra" columns that have never before been published.



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Comic Thomson at his most relaxed, while reading this I managed to get the feel of Hunter, just sitting around and bullshitting with his friends about sports and the occasional political rant. Hey Rube is easygoing and fun, and you can get the sense of Hunter's age while reading this, he's calmer, and while he does insist that he would not want to be in his twenties again, one can't help but wish he had been, he'd have so much to say about what's happening now, and it would have been a blast to have him on the Campaign in 2016; all blitzed out on mescaline standing in the middle of a Trump rally, slowly losing his mind, and watching the machinations of the Democratic primary debacle and the sheer electoral madness that occurred. Hey Rube is enjoyable, with a little sadness laced in with it; as it would only be a little over a year after the final article in this book before the late author's suicide. We all miss you Hunter.

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This book (2004) and "Kingdom of Fear" (2003) appear to be the last of HST's books. While "Hey Rube" contains lengthy discussions of gambling on professional football and basketball (including "March Madness"), "Kingdom of Fear" is more far-ranging, containing everything from Thompson's reminiscences of his youth to his (highly negative) thoughts on George W. Bush.

The quality of the writing of the recent pieces in both books is not quite up to that of his best from the past, but is still infinitely better than the mindless slop produced by other contemporary "writers." The man was an artist.

As always, one of the disturbing things about Thompson is his ability to assess politics correctly in real time. Reading back, you think "Why didn't people take this man seriously at the time?"

"Indeed," as Doc would say.

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Great bathroom book. Pardon the toilet humor:) This is a fast read it is funny and entertaining. If you liked leaving Las Vegas you will like this book, or if you are a democrat and a sports fan. Btw I thought Leaving Las Vegas was alright, and I'm not a dem and I still enjoyed it immensely. A trip back to the early 2000s/90s as seen through his eyes. He is a funny dude with original insights.

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I find it disheartening to hear complaints about HST's later writing. I'm a lifelong fan and value his entire career. Later in life he stopped making seminal books but this can surely be traced to his disdain for the second Bush administration. Sure Nixon was a villain but W was a testament to just how far into decline we have actually fallen to. For a self proclaimed patriot and grandfather of the American Dream, it's hard to engage in satirical commentary when things have gotten so sad.

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Thompson is amazing as he blends politics and sports again. In these excerpts from his "Hey Rube" column on espn.com

If you enjoy this man's work, this is a must read!

Mysterious Wrench

Just received the advanced publishers un-edited copy. Full of unread Thompson with his original typing quirks. Any fan must obtain this copy. Why the cuts were made to the final I'll never know as this final stab by Thompson was as sardonically brilliant as the Campaign book. And that's saying a lot (sentence for H)

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A fantastic collection of many of the columns that Thompson wrote during his later years for ESPN. Funny, incisive, engaging and a great read all-around.

HUNTER NEVER LETS YOU DOWN OR DISAPPOINTS! GREAT READ...MANY LAUGHS! WE MISS

HIM!

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