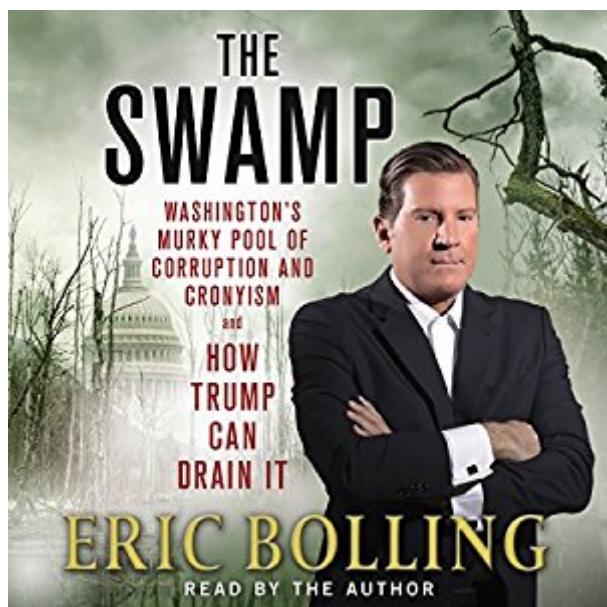


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# The Swamp: Washington's Murky Pool Of Corruption And Cronyism - And How Trump Can Drain It



## **Synopsis**

This program is read by the author. When Washington, DC, was first built, it was on top of a swamp that had to be drained. Donald Trump says it's time to drain it again. In *The Swamp*, best-selling author and Fox News Channel host Eric Bolling presents an infuriating, amusing, revealing, and outrageous history of American politics, past and present, Republican and Democrat. From national political scandals to tempests in a teapot that blew up; bribery, blackmail, bullying, and backroom deals that contradicted public policies; cronyism that cost taxpayers hundreds upon hundreds of millions of dollars; and personal conduct that can only be described as regrettable, *The Swamp* is a journey downriver through the bayous and marshes of Capitol Hill and Foggy Bottom. The presidential election of 2016 was ugly, but it exposed a political, media, industry, and elite establishment that desperately wanted to elect a politician who received millions of dollars from terror-funding states over a businessman willing to tell the corrupt or incompetent, "You're fired". The audiobook concludes with a series of recommendations for President Trump: practical, hard-headed, and concise ways to drain the swamp and force Washington to be more transparent, more accountable, and more effective in how it serves those who have elected its politicians and pay the bills for their decisions. Last year President Trump declared *Wake Up America* to be a "huge" book; Eric Bolling's second audiobook is sure to build on that success. Entertaining and timely, *The Swamp* is the perfect audiobook for today's political climate.

## **Book Information**

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## Customer Reviews

Wow. This book was not what I was expecting. Usually political books push an author's \*opinion\* on some topic, so you get a 200+ page, poorly-researched screed, followed by a sketchy opinion of how to fix things. Not so with Eric Bolling's "The Swamp". First off, I should say "The Swamp" refers to the collection of politicians in Washington DC (and state legislatures) who are more intent on serving their own interests and the interests of lobbyists, rather than serving the people who elected them. And the result of this corruption? These swamp creatures create policies and regulations that are costly, inefficient, and ineffective for the American people. The question is how do you drain the swamp? And Eric Bolling has a great solution for President Trump. But before we get to Bolling's solution (and this is the part I wasn't expecting) the first twelve chapters give you a history of The Swamp. We tend to think of the swamp as something recent. But Bolling shows that the swamp has been with us since the very beginning of the nation. Bolling starts off with Ted Kennedy's Chappaquiddick cover-up, then goes backwards and forwards in time covering swamp creatures on both sides of the aisle. And the level of historical detail is so engrossing. This is why it took me so long to review the book. I enjoyed the history lesson of the swamp in chapters 1-12, so I read it carefully and slowly. It reads like a mystery novel in places, and has so many details. I won't spoil it for you, but as an example of the level of detail, read Chapter 3 on the Hamilton-Burr duel. At the end of chapters 1-12, you are really angry about The Swamp, because you had no idea it was so pervasive and throughout history. You want a solution to draining it. The final 3 chapters provide Eric Bolling's solution (to President Trump) for draining the swamp. I'll summarize, but you have to buy and read the book for the details. The main ones are:

1. Stick to business instincts, stay true to common sense principles that make businesses work.
2. Reduce the number of days congress is in session each year.
3. Limit terms.
4. Clamp down on the connection between lobbying and the White House.
5. Put America first, reduce involvement in entangling foreign alliance.
6. Deregulation

The Swamp is an entertaining history of Washington scandal, corruption, dirty dealing, waste, and dereliction of duty by those we elect to represent us--with sharp and surprising recommendations for how President Trump can drain it and restore responsible governance and accountability to taxpayers. I loved the stories relayed here--some outrageous, some very funny, some very troubling--and especially agreed with Bolling's advice, which if followed would jump start our economy and also unclog our dysfunctional legislative branch, for which inaction has become the default mode. Bravo Eric Bolling and let's drain The Swamp starting now.

I found this book was boring--mostly because it repeated many items in evidence in American History, and it was not well edited. Some sections/paragraphs were not well connected and often it was difficult to find the nexus between items. Read about 100 pages and decided I was wasting my time!

I found little special insight here. There were several examples of problems, but the discussion lead to conclusions that were too broadly drawn. I do believe, however, that he has put his finger on important issues. I really wanted to like this book more.

A nice collection of the events and things that where sick with the culture of Washington d c. Probably too embedded to clean up !!

Over two-thirds of book is history. Interesting but doesn't fit the title. Suggestions are nothing new, very general with no details and obvious to even the most obtuse reader. Writing style boring and uninspiring. Disappointed with this book.

Terrific book. Eric really did his homework for this book. No time for taking selfies... fake news

Too much of a historical work regarding the Swamp and not current enough regarding the its creatures.

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