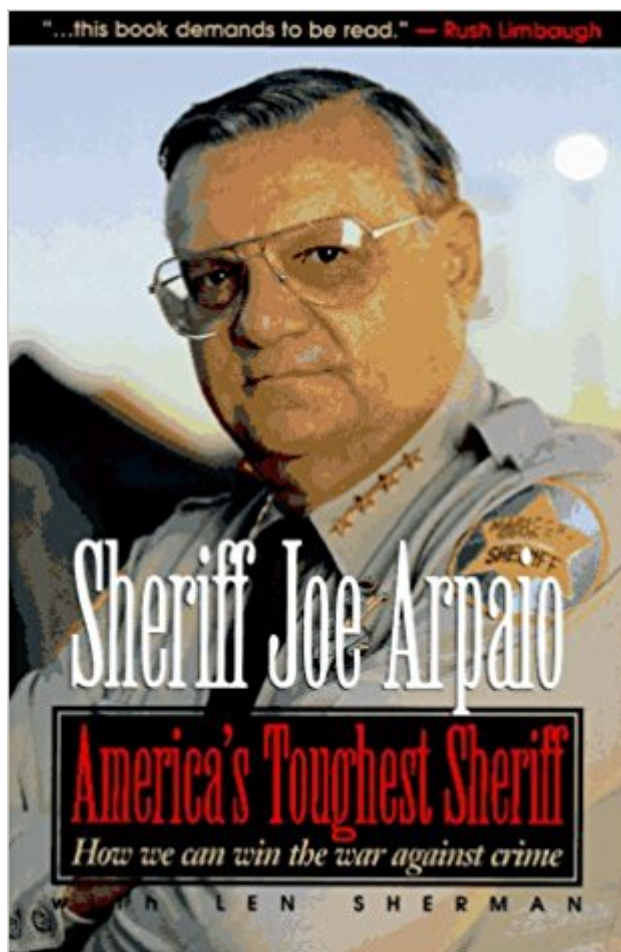


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America's Toughest Sheriff: How We Can Win The War Against Crime



Synopsis

Speaking plainly and courageously about crime, punishment, and politics, this book demands to be read. --Rush Limbaugh, Political commentator, talk show host

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Customer Reviews

After 32 years as a federal drug official, Arpaio was elected sheriff of Maricopa County in Arizona, an area as large as New Jersey. Confronted with a 10% budget cut and overcrowded jails, he houses prisoners in tents in the desert. Prohibitions are strict: no smoking, no coffee, no nudie magazines, no violent TV shows. There are educational opportunities, but only 30% of the inmates participate. Arpaio instituted chain gangs, composed of volunteers, to do clean-up work; he also organized a civilian corps to assist his department. The mass media have attacked Arpaio as a vestige of a bygone era, but his book, written with Sherman (The Good, Bad and the Famous), makes a strong case that he is a tough, not a cruel, cop. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

One of the best books I have read. I really enjoyed knowing how this man came to think and feel the way he does and why he chose to make the changes in Maracopa County. Definitely worth reading for those that dont understand his take on things before they pop off and sound like a fool because they cannot take the time to be informed.

Even Arpaio admits he did not write the book, but nobody who buys the book is going to read it

either. This is about making a political statement on your book shelf and to that end it does a great job.

tells it like it is as only Sheriff Joe can, you may not like him, but he is spot on.

Sheriff-if you can even call him that- Joe Arpaio is the cop that everyone fears and hates, or at least should. He leaves prisoners who have not even been convicted of the crimes they were arrested for out in the Arizona desert heat. He believes that all persons arrested are guilty. He left prisoners outside with no a/c in 130+ degree heat. He leaves sex crimes unsolved and recently in the news, he punished more than 30 inmates for taking down the flags he had put in their cells Sioux their consent. Punishment: nothing but bread and water for a week. Forcing patriotism. It's amazing the residents of Maricopa County have reelected him 6 times. Not to mention his ego is so large that he made a book about himself, tagging himself as "America's Toughest Sheriff". Bad cop. Bad ideas. Bad man.

I got it for my husband and he loved the book and the Sheriff. He has a great vision of how law enforcement should be like!

Must read! The true story of how this sheriff(so popular, he has been consistently voted in) runs his prison is a compelling read, especially for those who are bemoaning the justice system! He has found a low-cost, efficient way of running his prison that has produced great results! Good read!

Excellent book! We need more Law Enforcement officials like Joe!

The title suggested that this would be a action based expose of a dynamic law enforcer. Instead it turned out to be a book about prison policy. The writer is apparently a sheriff and they have some control over local jails. Most of the book is a description of how the author wanted to keep more people in jail but he had a shrinking corrections budget. He basically set up a concentration camp for low level offenders. (More serious offenders appear to have been kept in a normal jail) The author has purchased a series of tents and set up a wired perimeter. Around this he has a few guards, enough to keep people in but not the normal number you would have in a prison. To complete the economy measures he has reduced the amount of money spent on food. The average cost of meal provision is 30cents. To be able to have such cheap food the author has to purchase

food that is not for sale on the normal market. Meat sausage that has turned green and the like. The writer has then spent most of his time showing news reporters from current affairs shows around his new prison. All of this could only happen in America. Some of the book is humorous in a bizarre way. Thus the author restricted the types of films available to prisoners. He for instance was keen for them to see promotional material for conservative politicians. He allowed the prisoners to see one "drama" a corny old film called "Old Yella". This film is about a loyal dog which dies in the end role. The author was of a view that this was a touching and moving film. The prisoners however thought that the film was so bad they cheered when the dog died. The author to pay them back banned all "drama's". I'm a bit with the prisoners on this issue. The author basically seems to be a person keen on publicity and is willing to use the vulnerable, prisoners in his care to achieve his ends.

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