**NONBELIEVER NATION**

**BY DAVID NIOSE**

**Beginning in earnest after Roe v. Wade in 1973, the Religious Far Right began its grab for political power in America by discriminating against, and marginalizing nonbelievers. Their success paved their road to power.**

**Niose relies on numerous stories to illustrate that America, before independence, had a religious atmosphere more accurately represented by modern day Islamic societies. He explains how Catholics came to America in the 1800's and were forced to respond to the abuse of their children by Protestants, by opening their own Catholic schools.**

**He brilliantly exposes the "Judeo-Christian" myth by examining the ugly truth of Christian anti-Semitism.**

**One of the highlights of this book was when he discussed a speech given by presidential candidate John F. Kennedy, and contrasted it with politics 50 years later. It was stunning.**

**He relates numerous stories of discrimination against nonbelievers in all aspects of society; enough to boil your blood. But he also provides a chapter devoted to a new legal strategy designed to combat that discrimination.**

**The connection between oil company-financed climate denial and the religious right is explored in detail.**

**I picked up many useful facts about the history of our nation and religion. My only criticism is that he didn't go back to the real beginning in the 1930's when the religious right arose in response to The New Deal.**

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