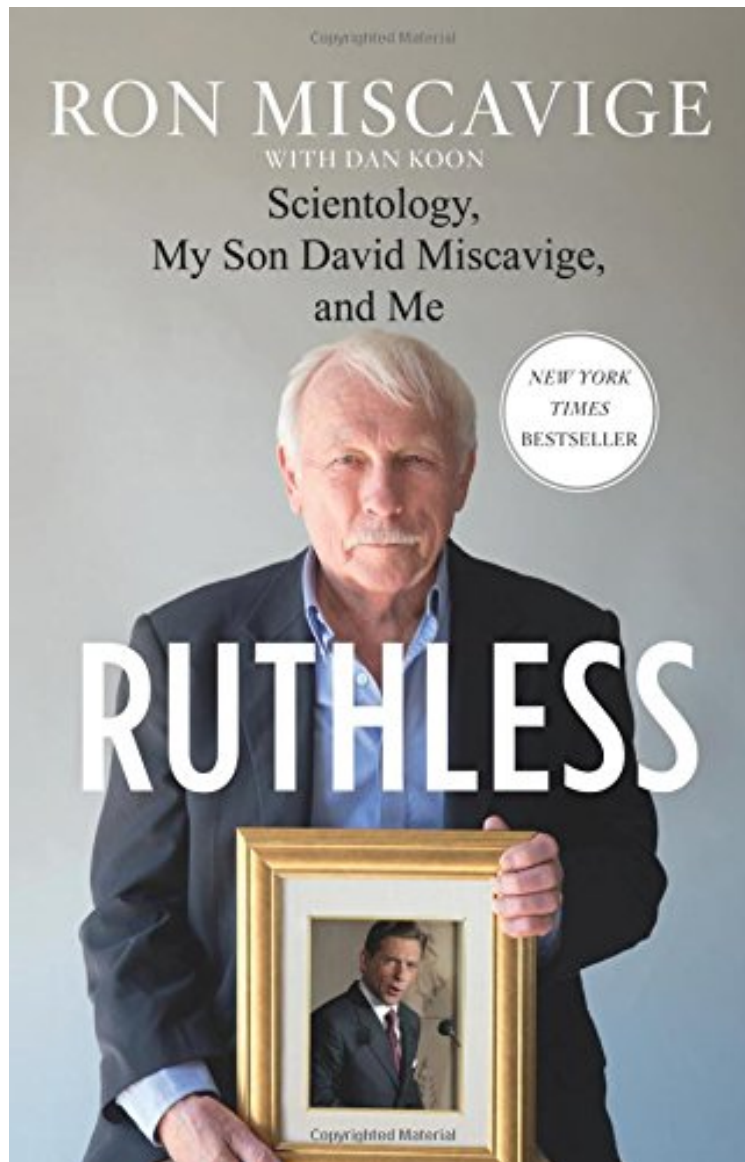


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208 of 214 people found the following review helpful. Ruthless Scientology By janette k. stalemo The book written by David Miscavige's father rings true and is a clear presentation of the Church of Scientology. Having been exposed to

the organization through my father who was heavily involved from my teenage years until a short time before his death, I appreciate learning about this manipulative, evil organization. While my dad was a "public scientology" he was definitely manipulated, used and harmed by the org. He was extremely defensive controlling and we were not allowed to question or make disparaging statements about scientology. Since his death I feel free to tell the truth. Toward the end of his life, as an 80 year old cancer patient who was suffering from mild dementia church members visited him frequently to extract 44,000 dollars within a 6 week period of time and God only knows how many tens of thousands of dollars in the years prior. I only became aware of this when he started bouncing checks and the pharmacy refused to deliver his needed medications because all his credit cards were maxed out. He asked me to take over his finances. Dollars stopped flowing to scientology, he moved in with me, his physical and financial health improved dramatically. Still the Church continued to call to "check on how he was doing" . Without fail the 3rd w question in was a request for money. It was disgusting .174 of 186 people found the following review helpful. A father's storyBy College StealthUh. Wow. Kind of a book that is the most compassionate way to let the world know your son is a monster. Not a lot of screaming, but acknowledgement of some character flaws, like megalomania and sociopath tendencies. I get some people not carrying if their dad dies, but, the narrator doesnt seem like a total creep, not like the Kellys Dad on Bearing Sea Gold.The most interesting point about Miscaviges story is that he is critically looking at Scientology and focusing on his son, and the beliefs that he has been imposing on other people. There is actually a lot that Davids father, Miscavige (Ill just call the dad Miscavige), talks about with regards to the things that are good, or were good, or had beliefs that once spoke to him in the faith. I think that this might be one of the first books Ive read on the subject that speaks highly of the belief, but condemns the leader. I know that scientology has been a hot item lately, Going Clear and Leah Reminis book are two of the main ones that come to mind when thinking about the church. Id put this one up there in terms of the authority and the sincerity with which it is written, where as other ones talk about their reasons for joining as almost apologetic, whereas Miscavige isnt, hes talking about what the good used to be in it.Miscavige tells the story like you would perceive a father to do; he pays attention to heights and weight when his kids are playing sports. Hes realistic in his relationship with his wife Loretta, admits to hitting her, and doesnt make excuses about it, just describes it as a matter of fact and part of their relationship. Its kind of interesting that he acknowledges that she passed away and cant provide her perspective, it seems a bit sincerer that way. The narratives language isnt rose colored and painted fluidly either, when David was having an asthma attack Miscavige smacked him on the ass and he cried, which forced him to exhale and that stopped the attack, again kind of giving insight into that rough narrative.The asthma plays a big role in Miscaviges discussion of David and Scientology, as the asthma really limited David, but after Miscavige took him to see some people at the Scientology place his asthma stopped. This is what Miscavige really attributes to Davids turn to Scientology, the idea that it cured him of asthma. Miscavige himself becomes involved because of his situation with his wife and admits some of the psychological remedies Scientology gave him early on. Its actually kind of neat in his transition to Scientology facets because hes talking shop about his boys and then goes into theories of Hubbard, but does so very naturally in the dialogue (yes, I know it was co-written, but the tone doesnt change).Miscavige discusses being accused of rape, acknowledges the churches help during his time of need, and eventually decides to join the church after he divorces his wife. Miscavige is pretty honest about some of the early time in the church when he became involved in 1985, hes pretty passionate when he talks about music and making music, but then things go a bit downhill. Miscaviges perspective focuses a lot on the performance aspect of Scientology and how it bilks people into thinking that it was more involved than it actually was, as well as spread further than it actually was.Miscavige admits he was never in the hole, but talks about the psychological impact Davids personality has on others, comparing it to a 1980s boss, and maintaining entourages that always agreed with him wherever he went in the organization. Miscavige then talks about Davids man-crush on Tom Cruise, and how David sought to woo Tom, but then quickly reflects back to Davids competitive attitude. Highlighting that David didnt finish school, Miscavige even notes that David played Trivial Pursuit requiring a pop-culture person on his team so as not to lose.Its kind of interesting that Miscavige hearkens to his own background and talks about Davids inefficiency as a manager and supervisor. Theres a little window of this, which Im not entirely sure what to make of, especially since David is still the head of the church and its been seeming to do pretty well financially. Miscavige eventually flees the church with his new wife, but a lot of it has to do with his music not being as appreciated as before, and his soul dying bit by bit every day.The last quarter of the book focuses on Miscaviges new life after leaving Scientology. In particular, he did get \$100,000 from David to buy a new house. It is a bit surprising that he talks about using the internet for the first time and learning about Hubbard and some of the truths behind him, in particular his military career. Miscavige explains his authorship of the book, being constantly followed by PIs and Scientologys denial of this, even when there are federal recordings that David knew about the PIs tracking Miscavige. Then theres some family sadness with Miscaviges children not really interacting with him, Miscavige reflects on Scientology, and then the book ends. Oh, and theres pictures, which are a nice touch.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. My heart goes out to the family - sounds like this gentleman was the start of it all that ...By T. YearyThis was my first book to read trying to understand the draw people have to Scientology. I think the way it was written in a very immature voice - maybe it was just that who ever was helping him write this book wanted to

leave it as pure and to his words as possible, but it was very unsophisticated ... but beside that ... the voice of the book not being very "mature"... the story itself was extremely fascinating. It was very clear why people are drawn to going into this organization and it was very clear why they got out --- truly behind the curtain view and detailed so you get a clear understanding. My heart goes out to the family - sounds like this gentleman was the start of it all that brought his whole family into this cult religion and created what he calls a monster of a child. I think the initial draw was interesting and I think this man does not really understand how it turned into what it is today. I suspect it is because he was not in the inner circle of the leadership back in his day --- that was a fraud who truly were just plotting and planning - really had nothing to do with a "greater" good. His devotion to the greater good agenda basically "brainwashed" him into just being like all the other followers - his son, however, had a strong mind and instead of being brainwashed while he was in the inner circle understood the true mission and being strong minded ... saw an opening and opportunity to be rich and in charge of something he could never have been - in regular society. He kept most of the fantasy parts of the organization trying to do "greater" good ... going to keep everyone currently involved still on board to what they thought their idealistic mission was - but looks like from even this book --- started nudging things in a direction that benefited him and his agenda of profit and greed. As I read more and more various books - the top officials as they started to realize that the head is not taking the tail with him (they are servants not co-owners) and after being punished, shamed and threaten to remain in that secondary role and produce more and more for "his" greater good or else ... they had no choice but to "blow". Very sad but at least I am starting to understand ... just really feel for all the families this has caused so much pain for and strive.

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