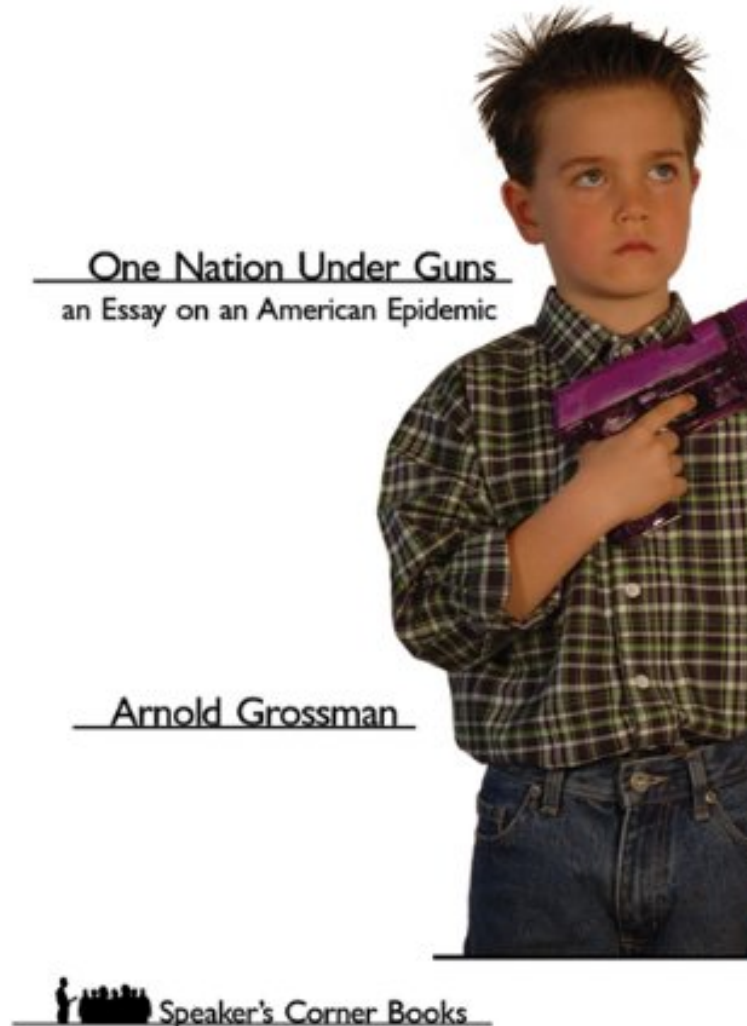


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5 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Not Perfect But A Good Starting Point For Discussion
By Frederick S. Goethel
This book is an essay on why we need gun control in the United States. It has some valid arguments about what we need to do in this country to curb gun violence. It is not, however, a call for the banning of guns, as others has indicated. Some of the issues discussed are closing loop holes in laws that allow sales at gun shows to anyone who wants to buy a gun, mandatory background checks for all buyers, stricter enforcement against "straw purchases" and the reinstatement of the assault weapon ban. The author is trying to find middle ground on the subject, which is what, as a nation, we should be trying to do. We need to get together, realize that there is no absolute right to own all guns, (much like the free speech right has some limitations) and figure out which controls are common sense and then implement them. This is not "the book" to end the discussion for gun control. There are some factual mistakes in the book, but the ones I found are minor. But it is generally well written and will provide a platform to start a discussion and for thought on the subject. In the wake of Virginia Tech and other tragedies, we need to start the discussion somewhere, and this is a good place to start. If you are a gun fanatic, don't bother with the book. If however, you want to open your mind a little, buy the book and think about what it has to say.

6 of 8 people found the following review helpful. What's the opposite of "factual" ?
By Live to read
I have followed the various gun-related debates and concerns in our country for over 32 year now. I have lived in both restrictive and open states. I consider myself pretty well informed on most of the topics covered by this author, but I'm always checking for more information. Unfortunately, this book proved to be just another tired rehash of the anti-gun misinformation I've seen on the Brady Campaign web site. "We need more laws controlling guns." Why, when criminals - by definition - don't obey the law? For that matter why bother, when the convicted violent criminals are released back into the public despite their records? "Statistics show" ...anything you want them to show, when taken out of context, as most of these are. "Assault weapons..." are defined by the military as capable of fully automatic fire (think "machine gun") and as such have been banned from general purchase since 1934. Even the factually challenged definition of "assault weapons" banned in the nineties described firearms that were used in .026 of One Percent(!) of firearms related crimes, according to the FBI. Bottom line: There are an enormous number of factual errors in this document. There are many quotes from the Brady Campaign, including quotations attributed to individual members of that campaign. It's quite apparent that the author spent many hours with the anti-gun organizations. On the other hand, I saw no quotations or evidence that his research was more widely spread. My recommendation: If you're reading this review, you're on the Internet. Do your own research from the data available out "here" if you want real facts about this topic, not to mention saving money since you don't have to buy a book. If you are merely looking for a good summation of the anti-gun lobby's platform, this book is a good resource. But PLEASE check his "facts" before agreeing to the premise. You'll find many if not most of them are incorrect.

12 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Balderdash
By Blaine S. Nay
Like Sarah Brady and her ilk, this book is full of factual errors, absurdities, fabrications, and outright lies. For example, the author claims that anyone can buy a .50-caliber machine gun on the spot at gun shows. That ludicrous assertion displays an irresponsible ignorance of the law and what really goes on at gun shows. Even the photo on the cover is a gross deception -- it is unlawful for a juvenile to own or handle a handgun, or handgun ammunition, without a parent's written permission. The only value of this book is its role as a window into the minds of anti-gun radicals. Anyone who, like Diogenes, seeks honesty should look elsewhere. If the author is as wreckless with a gun as he is with facts and his exercise of his freedom of speech and of the press, stay well out of shooting range!

A startling look at the gun violence epidemic that is crippling our nation.

About the Author
Arnold Grossman logged a good deal of time as an observer of the Los Angeles scene where he worked as a film and television producer, and as a writer for both episodic and reality television.