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The Stalking Of Julia Gillard: How The Media And Team Rudd Brought Down The Prime Minister



THE STALKING OF **JULIA GILLARD**

*How the media and Team Rudd contrived
to bring down the Prime Minister*

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Synopsis

'Don't write crap. Can't be that hard. And when you have written complete crap, then I think you should correct it.' Julia Gillard

When Julia Gillard took the reins of the Australian Labor Party on 24 June 2010 she did so with the goodwill of the majority of her party and a fawning Canberra press gallery. The man she had supplanted, Kevin Rudd, led an isolated band of angry Labor voices at this surprising turn of events. The collective political and media verdict was that his time, short though it had been, was up. But when Gillard announced in February 2011 that her government would introduce a carbon pricing scheme, Rudd and his small team of malcontents were already in lock-step with key Canberra and interstate journalists in a drive to push her out of the prime ministerial chair. Never has a prime minister been so assiduously stalked. Cast as a political liar and policy charlatan, Julia Gillard was also mercilessly and relentlessly lampooned for her hair, clothes, accent, her arse, even the way she walks and talks. Rudd, on the other hand, could barely do any wrong. His antics were afforded benign, unquestioning prime-time media coverage. This is the story about one of the most extraordinary episodes in recent Australian political history. It focuses on Team Rudd and the media's treatment of its slow-death campaign of destabilisation, with its disastrous effect on Gillard and the government's functioning. It is about a politician who was never given a fair go; not in the media, not by Rudd, not by some in caucus.

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Phew! A compelling, facinating exposÃ© of how Kevin Rudd secretly plotted to destroy the Gillard Government aided and abetted by a small band of merciless cronies and a willing press. This is the story of how a loose canon became a heat seeking missile, with people in the most unexpected places only too ready to press the button. A great read for anyone interested in politics.

A must read for everyone to open their eyes and minds, so they wake up to how they are being brainwashed by the Murdoch media and others. They are not true journalist but paid lackys of their paymasters. They pedal lies and distorted truths to mislead all of us. I suggest people start reading Idependant Australian on the net run buy free thinking journalists who are disgusted with their fellow journalist and media panels that feed us these lies. Ken Waters Hervey Bay Queensland Australia

Everyone knew that Julia Gillard was being attacked from all quarters by the press and certain politicians in Australia. But until I read this book I had no idea to the extent that journalists and others were going to to undermine her. It proves what a strong character she is to have achieved all she did in the short time she was Prime Minister. Keven bloody Rudd certainly pulled the wood over so many people's eyes. We were taken in.

A detailed and truth based insight into one of the most fascinating periods in Australia's political history. In years to come historians will study the times of our first woman Prime Minister and this essay will be a great reference piece. If you want to know the "inside" of what happened .. you need to read this.

Very in depth account. Made me laugh out loud at some cartoonist Rudd references. Still find it hard to believe that a Prime Minister could be treated this way. Unfortunately the Australian way is not mature enough to abide a female leaders. We are still living in the 70's.

Kerry-Anne has delivered a well researched and documented account of a shameful period in

Australian politics. The amount of detail was difficult to read at time as it was so relentless and depressing. To my mind it is an important book. Thank you Kerry-Anne

I had reasonable expectations for this book, having followed the Labor leadership wars closely over the past 3 years I was interested in hearing more on what happened behind the scenes. Unfortunately this book contains no new developments or advancements, it is basically as the author has stated, a personal diary of hers of the events since Julia took over. Although I think it's fair to assess and analyze Kevin's behavior in undermining Julia for so long, it gets to the point where there is very little comment on some major mistakes Julia did in her time before and after the coup, just a timeline of Kevin's attempts to get the job back. It is also rather light, and I gave up about 60% of the way simply because I was learning nothing new. It is probably about time Julia had someone in her corner exposing Kevin's behaviour over the past term, but this authors attempt is lacking any real substance or noteworthiness, and anyone who has followed the political news will find nothing of much value.

Never a Gillard fan, I did come to the conclusion that she had done the absolute best she could under the circumstances. This book was very interesting and well written, although as expected from the Title a one way street. Who, having read this would consider voting for Kevin Rudd. Yes he was hard done by, booted out before his second term, but if this book is anything to go by, he had to go. The media comes across very badly, and for whatever reasons aided and abetted in Julia never quite winning the people over. In time I have an idea she may have. Yes she broke her promise, But what real choice did she have? A hung parliament was a different kettle of fish, you would need to accommodate those who could do your government harm. The faceless men, were never really faceless, everyone knew who they were, but whether they should have interceded and changed leaders is never really going to be answered, especially in the run up to the election when Bill Shorten did an about turn and killed of Julia, resurrecting Rudd. Oh what a web they weave. Good book, worth reading to get another perspective on our first woman Prime Minister.

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