

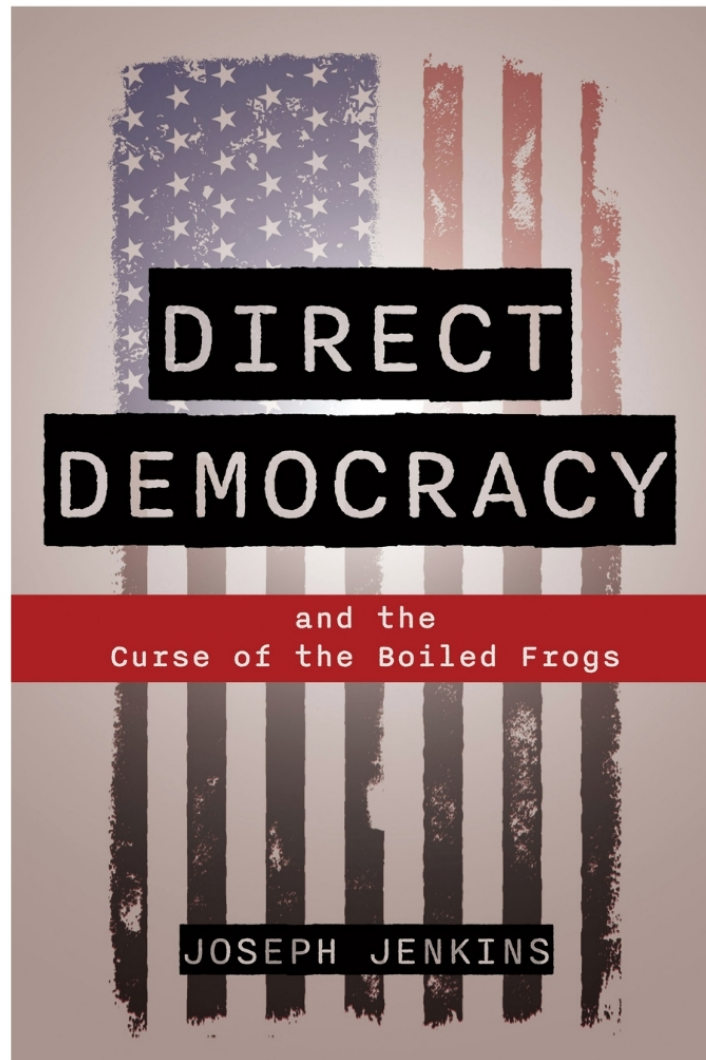


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# Direct Democracy and the Curse of the Boiled Frogs



**The Midwest Book Review** offers a compelling endorsement of Joseph Jenkins' work, "**Direct Democracy: and the Curse of the Boiled Frogs**," highlighting its essential role in contemporary political discourse. This book is positioned as a vital resource for personal, professional, and academic libraries, suggesting its inclusion in political science collections and educational curricula. Jenkins' analysis is portrayed as a potential catalyst for revitalizing American trust in democratic systems, providing insights that could help avert the decline experienced by previous republics and democracies. The review underscores the urgency of engaging with Jenkins' message to foster a more informed and active citizenry, capable of navigating and strengthening democratic governance.

# BIO

**Joseph Jenkins** began self-publishing when he turned his master's thesis into the non-fiction **Humanure Handbook** and published it in 1995. The book was execrable, but it has gone on to sell over 90,000 copies in the USA in 4 editions. The book has also been translated in whole or in part into 23 languages.

The non-fiction **Slate Roof Bible**, 1st edition, received the National Roofing Contractor's Gold Circle Award. The 3rd edition received no less than 10 book awards.

**The Balance Point - a Missing Link in Human Consciousness**, is considered "creative non-fiction." It was a 2019 IPPY Bronze Medalist, took 1st place in the Top Shelf Indie Book Awards, and won the New York City Big Book Awards in two separate categories!

**Slate Roofs 1926** is a modified reproduction of the original 84-page classic "Slate Roofs," published in January 1926.

**The Compost Toilet Handbook** is an illustrated instructional manual explaining how to make, use, and manage compost toilets, which are waste-free toilets that rely on the biological process of composting to recycle toilet material.

**Self Publishing Top Ten Tips** is a short book Jenkins promised to publish if he ever sold more than a million dollars of his own books (he wrote it after topping \$3 million).

**Direct Democracy and the Curse of the Boiled Frogs**, written for Jenkins grandchildren for when they grow up, is an attempt to start a conversation, if not a movement, about transforming government into real democracy.

# Direct Democracy: Excerpts

Direct Democracy: and the Curse of the Boiled Frogs

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**"In 1776, the population of the entire United States was less than the population of Chicago, Illinois today. In 1776, without cars, electricity, Internet, or advanced technology, and with such a small population, a "Constitutional Republic" made sense. It was a revolutionary leap away from the rule of kings. It was a successful model that suited the times and it worked. But it has become obsolete. By clinging to an outdated, anachronistic mode of governing, we are creating a monster. And that monster will devour us if we don't get it under control."**

If you think America's government is a democracy, you're wrong. We have a "Constitutional Republic," an outdated form of "democracy."

If you think you have the "right to vote" in America, you're wrong again. When you vote for a representative, you're not *exercising* your right to vote, you're *sacrificing* your right to vote.

Allowing someone to vote on your behalf takes away your vote and the votes of millions of people, handing them instead to a tiny minority of politicians. Such an unfair and antiquated system doesn't make sense in our modern times. Instead, we need to wrest the decision-making power out of the hands of that tiny minority and put it where it belongs, directly into the hands of our tax-paying citizens.

This is called Direct Democracy, and the concept is simple. It is based upon four foundational principles:

1. The purpose of government is to serve the people. Government exists as a tool that we the people create and use to protect and preserve our basic inalienable rights. We do not serve the government; the government serves us.

2. Citizens vote directly on legislation. We're past the point of needing representatives to vote on our behalf.

3. "Representatives" are randomly selected using an intelligent filtration process. Their role as esteemed public servants is to coordinate, organize, and execute the legislative processes and record the collective, binding votes of the citizens. Representatives have one vote, the same as everyone else.

4. Citizens directly engage in crafting legislation, including proposing and developing bills, legislative documents, legislative policy, and protocols.

Humans are the creator species; we can create the future we want; we can evolve our "democracy." Voting is needed; what we don't need are a tiny minority of politicians voting on behalf of everyone else. That scenario has become a recipe for disaster, as indicated by the impending collapse of the United States of America, and much of the Western world, in the twenty-first century.

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America's Pretend Democracy

*“For if Men are to be precluded from offering their Sentiments on a matter . . . reason is of no use to us; the freedom of Speech may be taken away, and, dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep, to the Slaughter.”*

George Washington, March 15, 1783

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# Awards



Gold Winner: 2017 Benjamin Franklin Book Awards

First Place: 2017 Independent Press Awards

Bronze Medalist: 2017 Independent Publisher Book Awards

Finalist: 2017 National Indie Excellence Awards

Finalist: 2017 Foreword Magazine Indie Book of the Year Awards

Finalist: 2016 Beverly Hills Book Awards

Runner Up: 2016 New England Book Festival

Honorable Mention: 2016 Great Midwest Book Festival

Honorable Mention: 2017 The Eric Hoffer Book Awards

Honorable Mention: 2017 New York Book Festival

H. Clark Gregory Award

2006 IPPY Award: Honorable Mention

9th Annual Askins Achievement Award

12th Annual Writers Digest International Self-Published Book Awards

2004 Independent Publisher Book Award

Foreword Magazine Book of the Year Award

Writers Notes Book Award

Butler Outdoor Club Outstanding Outdoor Award Nominee

National Roofing Contractors Association "Gold Circle Award"

Three Rivers Environmental Award

Independent Publisher "Outstanding Book of the Year"

Foreword Magazine's Book of the Year Award

Benjamin Franklin Award Finalist

Amazon.com #1 Category Bestseller

# The author's travels

Most of Jenkins' world traveling has been an offshoot of his non-fiction books. He travels for research, to teach, to organize, and to participate in activities that are the subjects of his writings. Having been to 64 countries, the photos below show only a small sampling:



Clockwise, from top left: Nicaragua; Dongobesh, Tanzania (Africa); Ugandan Village (Africa); African Prison; Haitian Orphanage; Mongolia; and in the center, Kolkata, India.



# Jenkins Other Books



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