

Social Security, Medicare & Government Pensions-
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Highly freighted with political messages. Marginal information. No links

The political biases are enough to gag a demagogue. In short the authors believe that (1) everybody deserves everything they get from the government, as if it had all been fully paid for in advance, (2) the cheapest way to staff any government program is with civil servants rather than contractors, (3) big pharma and big insurance are out to rip everybody off, and (4) these programs would be solvent if one only followed the author's common-sense approaches.

We agree on big pharma and insurance. The government has made them the ugly creatures they are. In other words, styled them in the form of government itself. But enough of politics! I just wanted a decent reference work, and got a handful of fluff.

There is not much here that I had not learned by (tediously) going through the government's own web sites. No blinding insights on how to game the system. Few links to useful information, either by government or independent observers. Disappointing for the work of lawyers, no links whatsoever to the underlying statutes (United States Code; Code of Federal Regulations) to help the nolo-inclined spirit to figure things out for himself.

They outdummy the Dummies books.