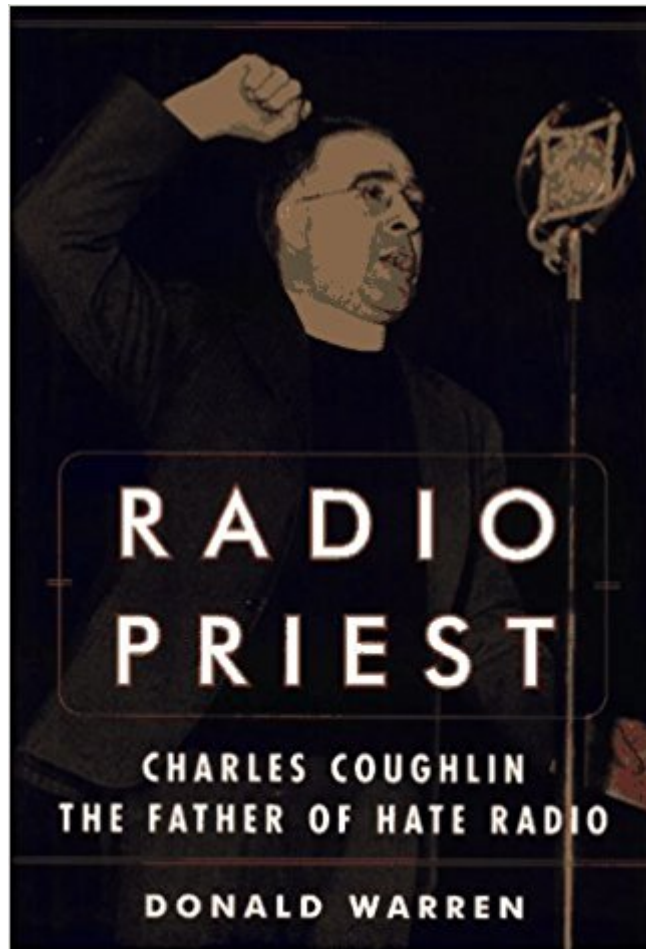




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Chronicles the life and times of Father Charles Coughlin, the famed "Radio Priest," whose program in the mid 1930s, "The Hour of Power," let him share his controversial oratory with the masses. 10,000 first printing.

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"International bankers" was a code description Charles E. Coughlin, a Roman Catholic Priest, used on his radio show; he did not need to say "Jewish international bankers," to make it clear whom he was blaming, not only for the rise of Communism, but for the Depression. Coughlin began his weekly Sunday afternoon sermons in 1926. During his heyday, he received more than 80,000 letters a week. He was an ardent anti-Communist who backed the fascist regimes of both Hitler and Mussolini, but is probably best-remembered for his anti-Semitic tirades. Donald Warren chronicles the rise and fall of the "Father of Hate Radio" and reveals why the Catholic Church was so slow to silence him.

In 1942, with the U.S. at war with a Nazi regime long praised by Father Charles Coughlin of the Shrine of the Little Flower in the Detroit community of Little Oak, Archbishop Mooney, his exasperated superior, finally put an end to the "unpriestly folly." Coughlin's slick radio sermons had already been stopped; now he was warned to cease involvement with the rabble-rousing publication he had founded, Social Justice. To a perturbed President Roosevelt, Mooney apologized: "The

arena of politics is no place for one whose ecclesiastical character surrounds him... with a protective consideration he personally could never claim." Yet the silenced saint of the populist Right would retain ties to his church until his death in 1979 at the age of 88. A combination of Huey Long and Joe McCarthy in clerical cassock, with a touch of Goebbels thrown in, Coughlin was the first and most successful radio preacher of the interwar years. His blend of anti-Communism and anti-Semitism, combined with mellifluously menacing anti-government invective, raised millions of dollars from the discontented for Coughlin's various projects. Between 1926 and 1941, more mail arrived for him most weeks than was received at the White House. At his urging, loyal listeners would fire tens of thousands of telegrams to Congress, where he was feared for his ability to mobilize the otherwise inarticulate. His Sunday "Hour of Power" became an uneasily accurate title, intimidating many of his political, business and religious targets. Stifled after Pearl Harbor, he would never regain his clout. Although Warren (*The Radical Center: Middle Americans and the Politics of Alienation*) has done his homework, he has not done justice to his subject. Sloppily written and whipsawed by bewildering time shifts, the biography evokes a career in bigotry clearly ominous even amid Warren's narrative lapses. Film rights: Goldfarb & Graybill; all other rights, Simon & Schuster. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Interesting book on a rather controversial character that I knew nothing about before picking this up. I bought it because of a picture of my grandmother in this book but I ended up really fascinated by it... reading it and enjoying it. Megalomaniac, egotistical, self-righteous, borderline evil?

An interesting book on a forgotten period of American History. Delivered on time.

This is the best all-inclusive book on the "career" of the demagogue priest. Unfortunately, Donald Warren passed away shortly after it was published. He would have found new subjects in the current occupants of Hate Radio--as practiced here in suburban Detroit, at the same station (WJR) Coughlin made famous.

Good service! No problems!

Great Book

Coughlin's demented behavior should have provided ample material for a book, but this writer just

didn't make it work. Terribly boring.

Turns out Fr. Coughlin was right about a lot of things. Watch videos of him speaking at YouTube than look around you and see if what he was saying eighty years ago doesn't closely square with the world today.

I am ordering this book but have doubts as to whether I need to after reading all of the reviews. I have, albeit read three of Father Coughlin's books (one being Eight of his lectures on Labor Capital and Justice), the New Deal in Money and Money! Questions and Answers. These I recommend along with or before reading someone else's take on comparing him to Rush and Shawn or any other "Talk Radio" personality. Another might be Gertrude M. Coogan's Money Creators written about the same time early 1930's. I remember hearing Father Coughlin but at the time, I was too young to even care---Burns and Allen, Fibber Magee & Molly and Amos and Andy were much more entertaining to me. But radio was all we had and even neighbors would visit just to listen, thus we kids were forced to listen to the Priest. My initial encounter was after I retired in 1991 and returned home to Minnesota where a shirttail relative handed me Coughlin's "Money" book and was jolted into discovering the Federal Reserve was not part of our government and that Coughlin was adamant about it and implied of Lincoln's demise by talking Congress into circumventing the banking system to avoid "Debt Money" by printing its own money, which it did and this money was circulated into people's hands well into the century and past the year the Federal Reserve Act was passed and the same year Direct Taxation was foisted upon us. National Banking Act was passed in 1863--Amazing how well timed. Coughlin warned against a world central banking system. Coughlin sided with Lindberg in criticizing the Federal Reserve. I find it interesting, that the Lindberg baby (grandson of the Senator) was killed and no banking connection to the German who was accused of abducting was made at the time; yet, one of the founders of the Federal Reserve was a German named Warburg. I say, no connection possibly but who is to say? Lincoln's demise in my view, has bank connections and perhaps we can go back to Andrew Jackson and the attempts on his life because of his criticism of banking. Then of course, we come to JFK, whom we know initiated ending the Federal Reserve. Oliver Stone would never dare re-visit his JFK movie and do it right. The banking cartel took care of Father Coughlin by simply accusing him of being anti-Semitic because he made reference to "International Bankers" and that was tantamount to Jews trying to control the world's money---They are getting closer than ever today so reading more about Father Coughlin is an excellent beginning towards our end..

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