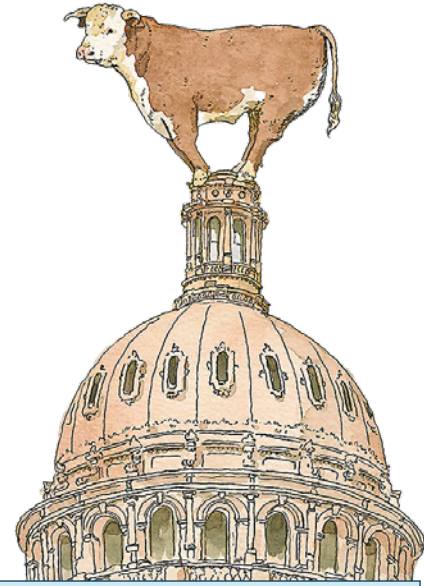


MR. TEXAS

A NOVEL

LAWRENCE WRIGHT



Overall Rating:



Did you complete the book?

Yes No Almost

What was your overall opinion of the book?

What was your favorite part of the book?

What did you not like?

Your favorite quote:

“If I get out of this barn alive, I’ve gotta change. I gotta be somebody, I gotta ride outta here into a new life, be the man I oughta be.” Sonny Lamb

01. Where did the title *Mr. Texas* come from?

02. Who was your favorite character? Why?

03. Did any of the fictional characters remind you of real-life politicians? Explain.

04. Who do you think the inspiration for L.D. is?

05. Which real-life characters were you surprised by being named in the book?

06. Do you feel like female politicians are judged differently than male politicians?

07. What was the funniest part of the book?

08. How is the real-life Texas Legislature stranger than fiction?

“Power’s no good unless you have the guts to use it.”
Sam Rayburn

09. Before reading this book, did you know that special interest groups line up to write checks to politicians at the Texas Legislature?

10. Have you ever looked into who is funding your legislators' campaigns? What have you learned by looking this up?

11. Even though the book was written several years ago, did you find anything about the Border issues in the book as a foretelling of what is happening now?

12. How did it make you feel when Sonny said to Lola, "Why not me?" Would politics in Texas be different if everyday people ran for office?

13. Sonny Lamb didn't have a history of voting or knowledge of the issues. Would you vote for a person like Sonny Lamb?

14. What do you think about the dirty political tactics used against Valerie Nightingale? How do you feel about the way she reacted? Would you have reacted similarly?

15. Considering Sonny won by 27 votes, do you feel the book successfully shows that every vote counts?

“Democracy is fine as long as the right people vote.”
Carl

16. LD tells Sonny, “Over 10,000 bills will come up this season. My clients care for only a few. Most of the rest, nobody gives a country crap about.” Do you believe this is true?

17. What is *The Other Place*?

18. What is *Game Theory*?

19. What does *Breaking Quorum* mean?

20. Do you agree with Angela that it’s “hard to hate a belief without hating the believer”?

21. Why do you think people reacted to Sonny the way they did after his eulogy to Big Bob?

22. Would you vote for Sonny to be Speaker of the House? Do you think Sonny would be a good Speaker?

23. Do you think Angela decided to keep the baby or put the baby up for adoption for Lola and Sonny?

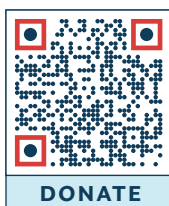
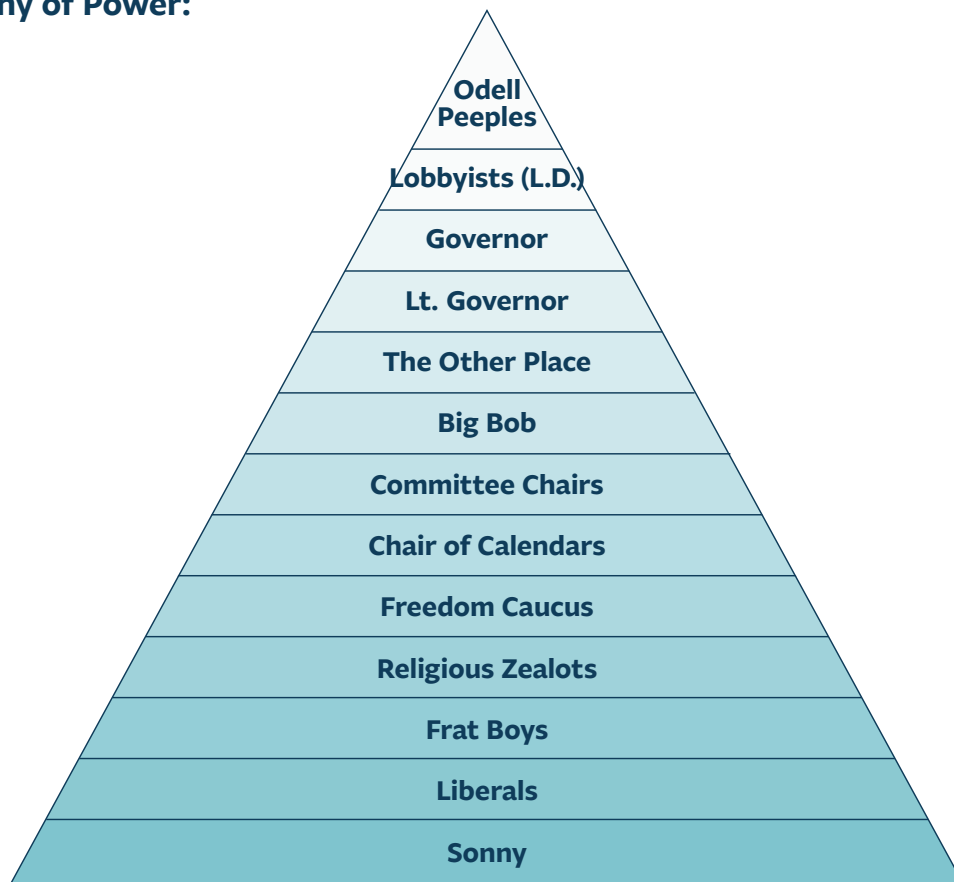
“God, I am going to miss this place. It brings out the worst in everybody.” Angela

Cast List:

24. If you were in charge of casting for the movie Mr. Texas who would you cast to play the following characters?

- a. Sonny: _____
- b. Lola: _____
- c. L.D.: _____
- d. Big Bob: _____
- e. Angela: _____
- f. Harold: _____
- g. Eurleen: _____
- h. Carl: _____
- i. Doris: _____
- j. Sonny's dad: _____

Hierarchy of Power:



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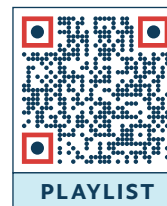


MR. TEXAS SPOTIFY PLAYLIST

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Chapter 1

- I Don't Go to Funerals - Willie Nelson
- The Auctioneer - Leroy Van Dyke
- Sold - John Michael Montgomery
- The Fireman - George Strait



Chapter 2

- San Antonio Rose - Bob Wills, Texas Playboy

Chapter 3

- What I Never Knew I Always Wanted - Carry Underwood

Chapter 4

- Marfa Prada - The Band Perry

Chapter 5

- Do You Think I'm Sexy? - Rod Stewart
- Words - Missing Persons

Chapter 6

- Wide open Spaces - The Chicks
- El Paso - The Gourds

Chapter 7

- All My Exes Live in Texas - George Strait
- Second Hand News - Fleetwood Mac

Chapter 8

- Austin - Pat Green

Chapter 9

- Take the Money and Run - Steve Miller Band
- The Devil Went Down to Georgia - The Charlie Daniels Band
- Miles and Miles of Texas - Asleep at the Wheel

Chapter 10

- Angela - Lumineers
- Ay Te Dejo en San Antonio - Flaco Jimenez

Chapter 11

- Juarez - Flaco Jimenez
- Tequila Sunrise - The Eagles
- Texas Love Song - Slaid Cleaves
- When a Man Loves a Woman - Percy Sledge

Chapter 12

- Javelina - Red Shanan
- I Got You Babe - Sonny & Cher
- How 'Bout Them Cowgirls - George Strait



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Chapter 13

- Oil Field Cash - Steel Penny
- Game Theory - Chance Emerson
- Huntsville - Merle Haggard

Chapter 14

- The Payback - James Brown

Chapter 15

- It's a sin - Pet Shop Boys
- Fadeway - Bodeans

Chapter 16

- Highway Patrol - Junior Brown
- Longview - Green Day
- I Don't Give a Shit - Shinyribs
- Money Money Money - Abba

Chapter 17

- Cowboy Take Me Away - The Chicks
- America - Neil Diamond
- She's Like Texas - Josh Abbott Band

Chapter 18

- South of Round Rock Texas - Dale Watson
- I'm Headed Back to Austin Tonight - Junior Brown
- Travis County - Gary Clark Jr.
- Just call me Lonesome - Radney Foster

Chapter 19

- Everybody Wants to Rule the World - Tears for Fears
- Nobody Wins - Radney Foster

Chapter 20

- Thunder Road - Bruce Springsteen
- Life by the Drop - Stevie Ray Vaughn
- Big Balls of Cowtown - Don Walser

Chapter 21

- Texas (When I die) - Tanya Tucker
- Go Your Own Way - Fleetwood Mac
- Metal and Steel - Bob Schneider
- A Little Bit is Better Than Nada - Texas Tornados

Chapter 22

- Volver Volver - The Mavericks
- The Road Goes on forever - Robert Earl Keen

