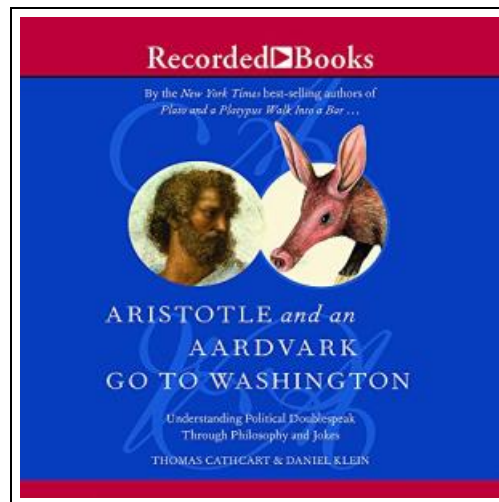


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Recorded Books, United States, 2008. CD-Audio. Condition: New. Unabridged. Language: English . Brand New. Thomas Cathcart and Daniel Klein, authors of the national bestseller *Plato and a Platypus Walk into a Bar*, aren't falling for any election year claptrap-and they don't want their readers to either! In *Aristotle and an Aardvark Go to Washington*, our two favorite philosopher-comedians return just in time to save us from the double-speak, flim-flam, and alternate reality of politics in America. Deploying jokes and cartoon as well as the occasional insight from Aristotle and his peers, Cathcart and Klein explain what politicians are up to when they state: The absence of evidence is not the evidence of absence. (Donald Rumsfeld), It depends on what the meaning of the word is. (Bill Clinton), or even, We hold these truths to be self-evident. (Thomas Jefferson, et al). Drawing from the pronouncements of everyone from Caesar to Condoleezza Rice, Genghis Kahn to Hillary Clinton, and Adolf Hitler to Al Sharpton. Cathcart and Klein help us learn to identify tricks such as The Texas Sharpshooter Fallacy (*non causa pro causa*) and the The Fallacy Fallacy (*argumentum and logicam*). *Aristotle and an Aardvark* is for anyone who ever felt like the politicians and pundits were speaking Greek. At least Cathcart and Klein provide the Latin name for it (*raudatio publica*).

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