



Grand Illusion: The Myth of Voter Choice in a Two-part Tyranny (Hardback)

By Theresa Amato

The New Press, United States, 2009. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 234 x 165 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. As the national campaign manager for Ralph Nader's historic runs for president in 2000 and 2004, Theresa Amato had a rare ringside role in two of the most hotly contested presidential elections this country has seen. In *Grand Illusion*, she gives us a witty, thoughtful critique of the American electoral system, as well as a powerful argument for opening up the contest to competition. Busting the national myth that anyone can grow up and be President of the United States, Amato shows how independent and third-party candidates face egregious structural barriers that prevent them from fully participating in the race or even getting their names on the ballot. In addition to waging effective voter campaigns, these candidates must simultaneously fend off preposterous numbers of legal challenges from the two major parties-- during twelve weeks of Nader's 04 run, as many as twenty-five lawsuits were filed in an effort to squash his campaign. Amato makes a powerful case for specific federal reforms in the United States arcane system of ballot access laws, complex regulations, and partisan control of elections. Along...



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