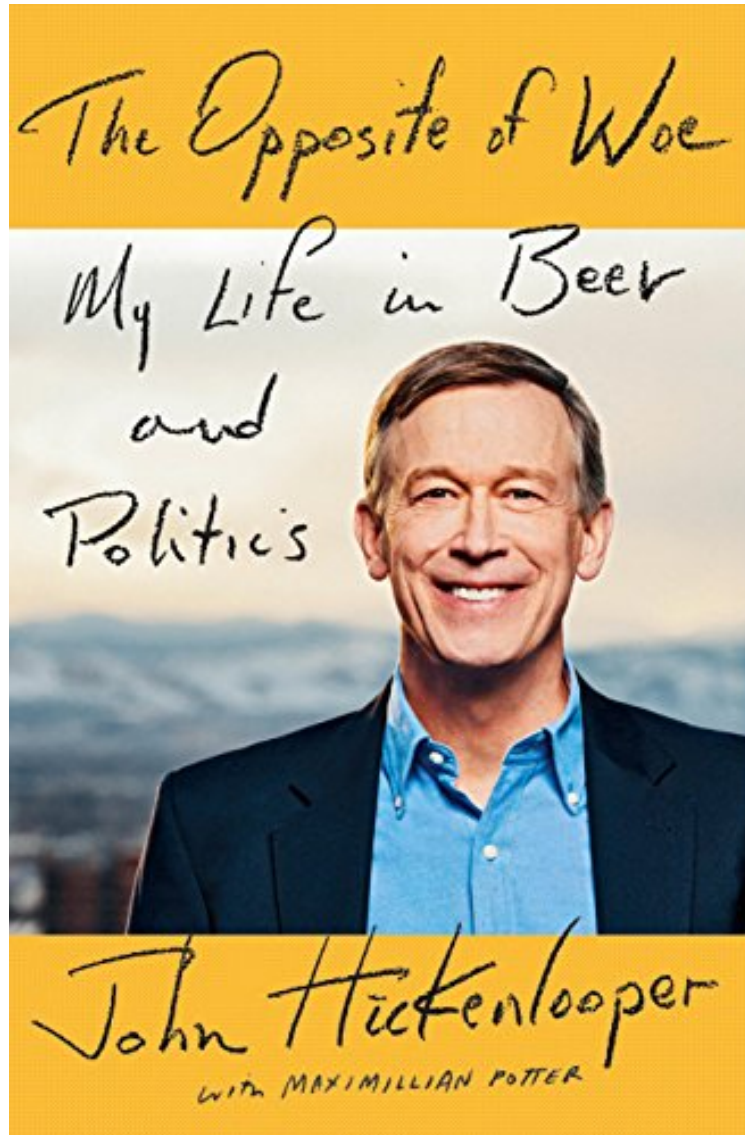


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11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Maybe a little more whoa?By Emily M KlineDear me. I like our governor and was interested to learn more about him but ick. Some of it was funny and clever and some of his observations like the bit on the Sand Creek massacre were very good and much was interesting. But a lot of it was....over the top. Honestly, I don't want to know when the governor of Colorado lost his virginity, or how many

romantic conquests he made or how he sneaks his girlfriend home at night. I don't want to know this stuff. Perhaps the person I most identified with in the book was his mother who seems to have seen him clearly. I am left with the idea of a son of the Main Line trying to act like a shucky darn George Bailey and not quite carrying it off. Maudlin. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I loved the identification with my home state. By Jon Crawford As a former citizen of Colorado who still considers Colorado as home, I loved the identification with my home state. This is a satisfying book with many interesting anecdotes, but I wish there had been a little less about his formative years and more about being a public official. He's been remarkably successful at working across party lines, but I'm not sure I got the whole story. Would love to know more. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Serendipitous Life of Woe: English Major, Geologist, Micro-brewer, Mayor and Governor By USEPC "Woe is me" says it all, especially when one has the "Getty-Up" that Hickenlooper has had. This is a story like those prospectors of Colorado's past, only this story is a search that blossoms in politics not the riches of gold, silver or oil. What a gift Coloradans have gotten along the way. This is a "page turner" for sure not your typical political biography. This is a story of a young, mildly dyslexic, big thinker who is still making his mark and destined for even bigger things in the future.

The maverick (and very funny) governor of Colorado tells his story, from early loss to college on the ten-year plan, to remarkable business and later political success. In just over a decade, John Hickenlooper has gone from a craft-brew entrepreneur to mayor of Denver to governor of Colorado, hailed by many political analysts, then *New York Times*, and *Fox News* alike as a solid contender to be the next vice president. It is an unlikely tale of success, quintessentially American yet utterly exceptional. In *The Opposite of Woe*, Hickenlooper tells his own story of determination and daring, from business to politics, in his singularly sharp and often hilarious voice. After taking ten years to graduate from Wesleyan, Hickenlooper found himself laid off from his first job as a geologist in the oil industry. Lacking a day job, he rented a space in one of Denver's sketchiest neighborhoods and opened a brew pub. Honest, likable, and practical, Hickenlooper turned out to be a natural at running a restaurant; the pub was a huge success and did a great deal to revitalize a struggling neighborhood. In fifteen years, he blossomed from a small business owner into a millionaire at the helm of a string of pubs in Denver and across the country. He was such an influential member of the community that he acted on the encouragement of many and ran for mayor, essentially as a lark. And then he won. So began an eight year run as one of the most creative and successful mayors in the United States. Hickenlooper doubled down on his political career by running for Colorado governor in 2010, which he also won, then won again. He has tackled a host of pressing and volatile issues in a true battleground state: immigration, fracking, capital punishment, guns, the Affordable Care Act, same-sex marriage, legalized marijuana. Time and again, his administration has persuaded ideologically opposed constituencies to agree on a middle path and move forward--all while dealing with a tragic series of wildfires, "biblical" floods, shootings, and the assassination of a cabinet member. On display throughout is the rare candidness that has made him not only wildly popular at every step of the way, but also remarkably successful at getting things done. Co-written with journalist and former cabinet member Maximillian Potter, *The Opposite of Woe* is a fresh--and refreshing--angle on our political landscape from one of its brightest rising stars.

Colorado's high-profile governor submits an unconventional autobiography . . . All this entertains wonderfully: the brushes with the famous . . . the colorful anecdotes about the campaign to save "Mile High," the beer label authored by Kurt Vonnegut, the Quaker ancestor who was also a brewer . . . It's difficult to imagine a more unusual preparation for public life than the one ably recounted here. — Kirkus s About the Author John Hickenlooper was inaugurated as the governor of Colorado in 2011. The first professional geologist to become a governor in the history of the nation and the first brewer since Sam Adams in 1792, he previously served as mayor of Denver, an administration for which *Time* magazine named him one of the five top big-city mayors in America. He chairs the National Governor's Association and was named one of *Esquire's* "Americans of the Year 2012." Maximillian Potter, an award-winning journalist, is the senior media adviser for the governor of Colorado. He was the executive editor of *5280: Denver's Magazine* and previously a staff writer at *Premiere*, *Philadelphia*, and *GQ*. He has been a contributing editor to *Men's Health* and *Details* and contributor to *Vanity Fair*. A native of Philadelphia, he earned a BA degree from Allegheny College and an MSJ from Northwestern University's Medill School.