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**CREATING AND FAILING THE 9/11 GENERATION
The Real Story of September 11**

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"Matt Warshauer's "grasp of the history of the period is self-evident . . . what strikes me, and I suspect may strike you as well, is the originality of his argument in terms of the psychological development of a whole generation of Americans."

– Jon Meacham, author of **And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and The American Struggle** and **The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels**

**THE 9/11 GENERATION – STILL COPING WITH A TRAGEDY
THEY BARELY UNDERSTAND**

**New Book – CREATING AND FAILING THE 9/11 GENERATION –
By Matthew Warshauer Examines the Attacks, the Disastrous
Policies that Followed, and 9/11's Sustained
Impact on America, Its Youth, and the World Today**

Although the September 11 terrorist attacks took place more than twenty years ago, their aftermath and impact are still being felt today. Yet few Americans are aware of how 9/11 continues to affect their lives, U.S. domestic and foreign policy, and the way the world views our country now. In his new book, **CREATING AND FAILING THE 9/11 GENERATION** (Routledge Press; July 2024), historian Matthew Warshauer presents a fascinating assessment of what he calls "the most momentous event in history since World War II," framing his study on 9/11's sustained impact on America's youth.

"Ten years after the attacks, in an attempt to explore my own feelings about September 11, I researched and began teaching a new history course called "The 9/11 Generation," he writes. "Students who enroll in my course arrive with a variety of conceptions and misconceptions about what September 11 means. They discover that the true story of September 11 is much bigger than they imagined."

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The insights Warshauer has gained, dealing with each new class of students, have deepened his belief that the alienation and fear that young people experience today can easily be traced back to the fall of the Twin Towers and its aftermath. “The events of 9/11,” he explains, “profoundly impacted the youth of America . . . Trailing and intimately connected to Millennials, the 9/11 Generation was already destined to hold a distrust of government and an unsettling sense that much of life was out of their own control. What could confirm this feeling more than the chaos of the attacks, both on that day and the dysfunction that followed?”

Throughout **CREATING AND FAILING THE 9/11 GENERATION**, Warshauer explores the topics that he shares with his students, showing how decades of U.S. foreign policy set the stage for the attacks, and how the senseless war in Iraq that followed further destabilized the Middle East, leading to today’s crises. “The American invasion of Iraq changed the fundamental nature of international relations throughout the world. The traditional post-WW II U.S. alliance with Europe was shaken to its foundation, but there were – there are – far more devastating effects . . . Whether it was the spread of violence and civil war, or a refugee crisis unlike any seen since WW II, Iraq was the epicenter for chaos . . .”

Overall, though, **CREATING AND FAILING THE 9/11 GENERATION** is a book of hope, focusing on the possibilities for America’s global leadership role. Warshauer’s purpose, throughout, is to help the 9/11 Generation (and others) understand the “why” of what happened and to debunk the myths and unfortunate policies that followed. He concludes the book by writing, “The 9/11 Generation is only beginning to exercise its power – in protests – and hopefully in elections. They are readying themselves to take the reins of leadership, and if they can learn the difficult lessons of September 11 maybe they can help rebuild America and reclaim its reputation as a nation that is a force for good in the world. U.S. economic and military power may be unmatched, but it’s our unique optimism, our sense of justice, even if delayed, and our willingness to seek change that provides hope.”

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