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## Turkmeniscam: How Washington Lobbyists Fought to Flack for a Stalinist Dictatorship

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Random House, 2008. Book Condition: New. Brand New, Unread Copy in Perfect Condition. A+ Customer Service! Summary: "As I have often said, I would represent the devil himself for the right price it's not personal, just business." a Washington, D.C., lobbyist For nearly as long as there have been politicians in the United States, there have been lobbyists haunting the halls of Congress shaking hands, bearing gifts, and brandishing agendas. Everyone knows how the back-scratching game of money, power, and PR is played. For a good enough offer, there are those who will gladly dive into the dirtiest political waters. The real question is: Just how low will they sink? Veteran investigative journalist Ken Silverstein made it his mission to find out and "Turkmeniscam" was born. On assignment for Harper's magazine, and armed with a fistful of fake business cards, Silverstein went deep undercover as a corporate henchman with money to burn and a problem to solve: transforming the former Soviet-bloc nation Turkmenistan branded "one of the worst totalitarian systems in the world" into a Capitol Hill-friendly commodity. Even in the notoriously ethics-challenged world of Washington's professional lobbying industry, could "Kenneth Case" (Silverstein's fat-cat alter ego) find a team of D.C. spin doctors willing to whitewash the...



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