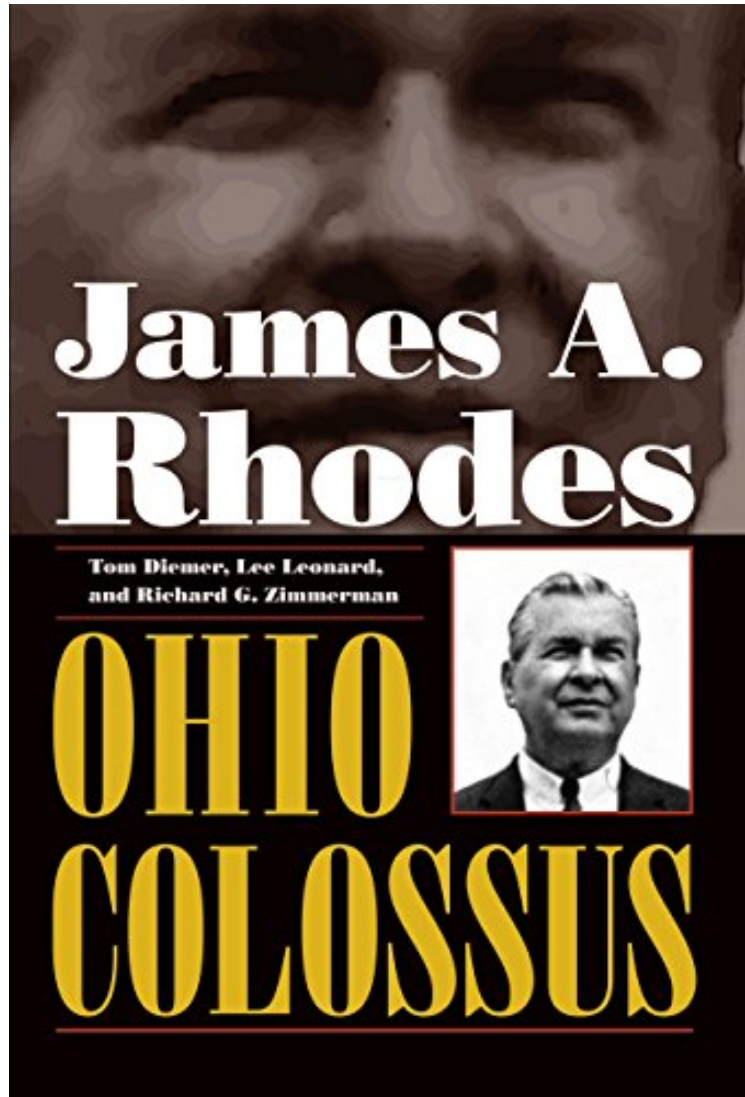


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It read more like a newspaper articleBy Mary RiordanIt read that way because it was written by three newspaper reporters. It was a very fair book written with deep respect for the subject, but still but still not shying away at all from his foibles and screw-ups. It did help me improve my understanding of an old Ohio governor. It talked of his campaign strategy throughout his career of jobs, jobs, jobs. Even though he frustrated the journalists, their respect for him showed through in the book. Rhodes accomplished a lot

in his first two terms when there was money to be spent and people with an idea to really improve the state. Our current approach to economic development has lost these insights.

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Very interesting and fun read about a four term Governor of Ohio who termed out after two terms, took a break, and got re-elected for two more terms. What a story and what a guy! Someone I'd love to meet. As it says throughout the book, James Rhodes loved the State of Ohio, and the people of Ohio. The man truly cared. He could be a no holds barred politician, but not ruthless as we see today, and kept good relationships with everyone, friend or political foe. Impressive when compared to politics of today. Loaded with information. You'll not be disappointed.

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By Ruth

Being an Ohioan of an age to remember Jim Rhodes as governor, I found this an interesting trip down memory lane. It's a balanced look at a man who was both simple and complex. Recommended to all with an interest in Ohio history and politics.

“Ohio Colossus takes you on a unique journey from Jim Rhodes’s coal village beginnings to the governor’s mansion and beyond, offering a close-up view of a man we Ohioans will forever remember as ‘the governor.’”

—John A. Boehner, U.S. Representative, Ohio’s 8th Congressional District; Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives

In his day he dominated the political landscape like no one in Ohio’s long, proud history ever had?or likely ever will. James A. Rhodes (1909–2001) plotted a path that took him from tiny Coalton, Ohio, to the governor’s office. In this first biography of Rhodes, his life and political career are scrutinized by those who knew him best?the working press. Written by three journalists who covered Rhodes in overlapping periods, this account traces, often with uproarious humor, his unlikely rise to power. It discusses his four terms as governor, his subsequent 20 years as a political elder, and even his avocation as an inventor. Rhodes was a far cry from a typical politician, shunning ideology to the point of alienating Republican leaders. He was elected because he promised the unobtainable, and at times he actually delivered. “Find out what people want, and give it to them” was his credo. In private life, he joined cronies in the business world and made millions of dollars, sometimes using inside knowledge to help start commercial ventures. James A. Rhodes, *Ohio Colossus* recounts Rhodes’s upbringing in a single-parent household, his modest schooling, and an illness that deprived him of a lung. It chronicles the attempts to tar Rhodes with scandal and the tragedy that indelibly marred his tenure as governor? the National Guard shootings of student protesters at Kent State University in May 1970. His later years as governor were highlighted by his stubborn resistance to environmental protection, something he thought would cost jobs, especially in the coal industry. According to Rhodes, “Every social ill among able-bodied Ohioans” was the consequence of joblessness. In his post-public life, Rhodes got a patent on a complex system of airlocks and filters making indoor air more than 99 percent germ-free. He envisioned an “Environmental City” that could prolong life. His grandiose ideas didn’t always pan out in the short run, but in some cases they came to fruition years later. He once devised a scheme for a bridge across Lake Erie, which was at first received with public ridicule, and four decades after he proposed it was considered a revolutionary concept. The office of governor was tailor-made for him and he knew it. He seldom apologized and never looked back.

About the Author

Tom Diemer teaches in the Washington program of Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism. He covered Rhodes for more than a decade as a reporter for The Associated Press and as the Columbus bureau chief for the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Diemer is the author of *Fighting the Unbeatable Foe: Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio, the Washington Years* (The Kent State University Press, 2009). Lee Leonard reported at the Ohio Statehouse for UPI and the Columbus Dispatch for 36 years until his retirement in 2005. Leonard contributed the chapter on James A. Rhodes’s second eight years as governor for *Ohio Politics* (The Kent State University Press, 1994). He also compiled *A Columnist’s View of Capitol Square*. The late Richard G. Zimmerman is the author of the Michael V. DeSalle biography *Call Me Mike* (The Kent State University Press, 2003) and *Plain Dealing* (The Kent State University Press, 2006). Zimmerman, who died in 2008 while working on this book, reported in Columbus for Horvitz Newspapers and the Plain Dealer.