

Book Buzz

With Carolyn Larson

Head Librarian at Lihue Public Library

Bringing you the buzz on new, popular and good books available at your neighborhood library.

Book annotations are largely culled from publisher book descriptions and published online reviews.

ECONOMICS BOOK LIST - March 20

With the national, world, and local economic crises getting lots of buzz lately, many may want to read more about it. This Book Buzz list features various aspects of current economics with reporting on how we got here, ideas on how to get out, and suggestions of alternate economic models. These books remind us of the pitfalls and opportunities inherent to financial slumps and challenge us to re-think business as usual.



Go Green Live Rich:

50 Simple Ways to Save the Earth and Get Rich Trying

By David Bach

640 Ba

Combines two hot issues: environmental and economic sustainability. What's not to love about this idea? Author of *Smart Women Finish First* and several other finance books, this is Bach's first book to go green.



Common Wealth:

Economics for a Crowded Planet

By Jeffrey D. Sachs

338.9 Sa

Noted economist, Jeffrey Sachs, author of *The End of Poverty*, writes a state of the world report with recommendations fundamental to human welfare. He addresses poverty, climate change and environmental destruction arguing that policies to help the world's poor and the global environment are in fact the very best economic bargains on the planet.

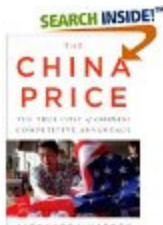


**Megacommunities:
How Leaders of Government, Business and Non-Profits Can Tackle
Today's Global Challenges Together**

By Mark Gerencser, et. al.

303.484 Mc

The authors propose a collaborative problem-solving model for our interconnected world using a recast consciousness and a revolution in perspective. The challenge falls to leaders of organizations in three sectors: business, government and civil society.

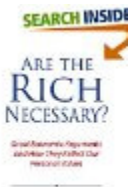


**The China Price:
The True Cost of Chinese Competitive Advantage**

By Alexandra Harney

337.51 Ha

The China price has been known as the best (cheapest) price for labor-intensive manufactured goods. But behind the ubiquitous 'Made in China' label is a tumult of hope, fear and skullduggery. The author brings to light the inconvenient truths: the factors and conditions that cheapen the production process to achieve the Chinese economic miracle, the China price.



**Are the Rich Necessary?
Great Economic Arguments and How They Reflect Our Personal Values**

By Hunter Lewis

330 Le

Are the rich compatible with democracy? Should we accept so much inequality in our society? Does the profit system glorify greed? Author Lewis addresses provocative questions and their underlying value systems. He challenges conventional positions on both sides of each issue, and proposes a new approach to the economy.

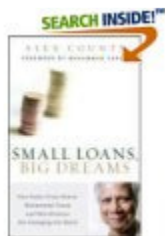


The Blue Way: How to Profit by Investing in a Better World

By Daniel de Faro Adamson & Joe Andrew

332.6042 Ad

The authors argue the outrageous idea that socially progressive companies that make political contributions to “blue” politicians and causes outperform “red” companies. They provide a guide for identifying and investing in blue companies for a more profitable return. Americans who “buy blue,” they say, aren’t just acting on their values; they are helping to grow the American economy.

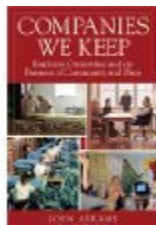


Small Loans, Big Dreams How Nobel Prize Winner Muhammad Yunus and Microfinance Are Changing the World

By Alex Counts

332 Co

Read the astounding story of the visionary Grameen Bank in India, and its Nobel-Prize-Winning founder Muhammad Yunus who demonstrated banking success using a new model of seeking the impoverished and excluding the rich. The book presents compelling stories of women in rural Bangladesh and urban Chicago that benefited from Yunus’s microcredit and demonstrated the success of the powerful microfinance strategy.



Companies We Keep: Employee Ownership and the Business of Community and Place

By John Abrams

332 Ab

Part memoir and part examination of a new business model involving employee ownership and workplace democracy, this book demonstrates how companies can flourish using the cornerstones of community commitment and a socially entrepreneurial spirit.

Book annotations are largely culled from publisher book descriptions and published online reviews.