

# AP SEMINAR

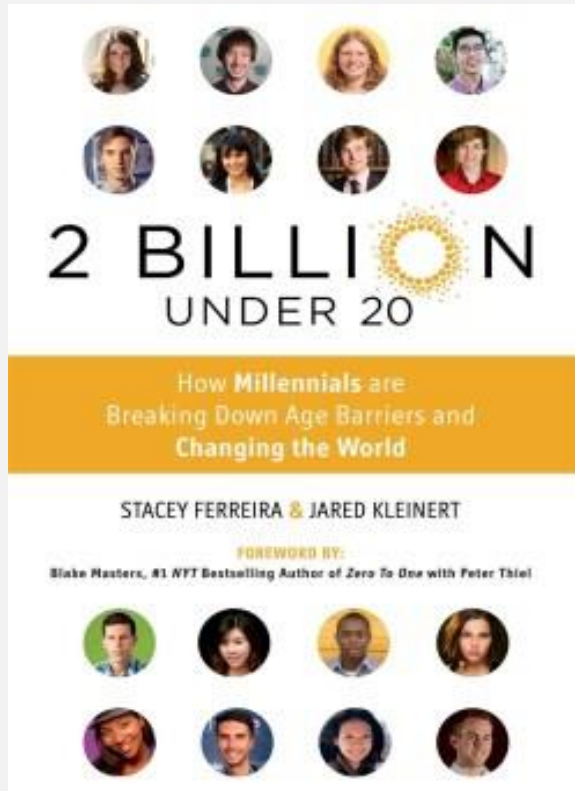
## Curated Summer Reading List

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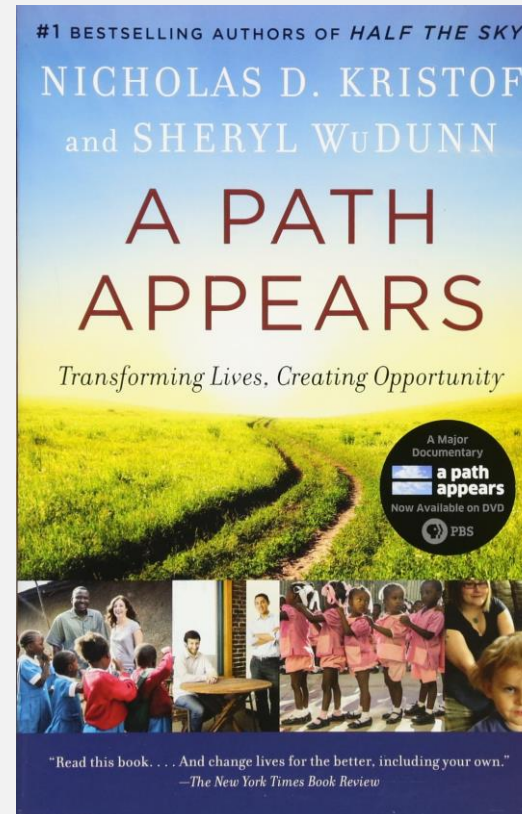
Cascade High School

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# YOUTH-BASED ACTIVISM



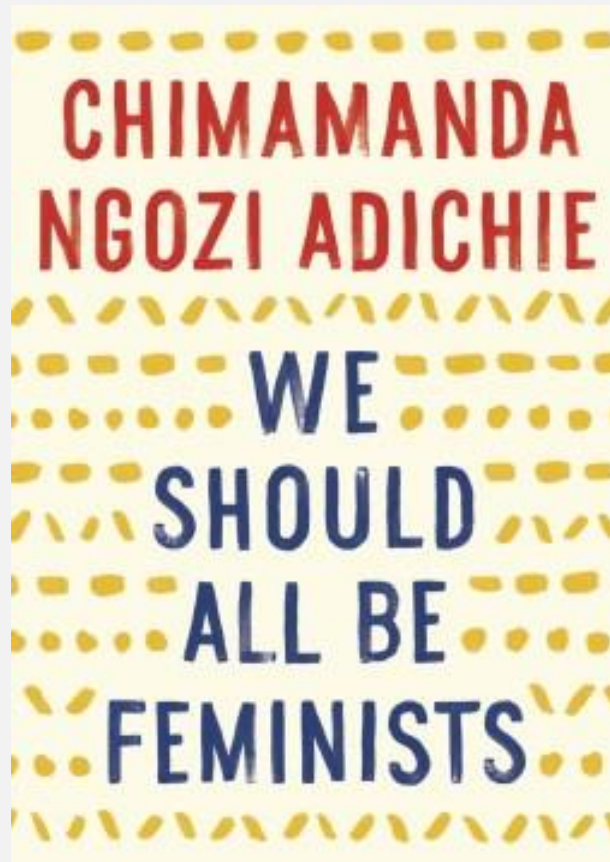
Citing a world population that is nearly one-third young people, a tribute to 75 individuals under age 20 who made significant contributions to their chosen fields. Includes profiles of a successful YouTube teen celebrity and the 14-year-old who created an early-detection pancreatic cancer test.



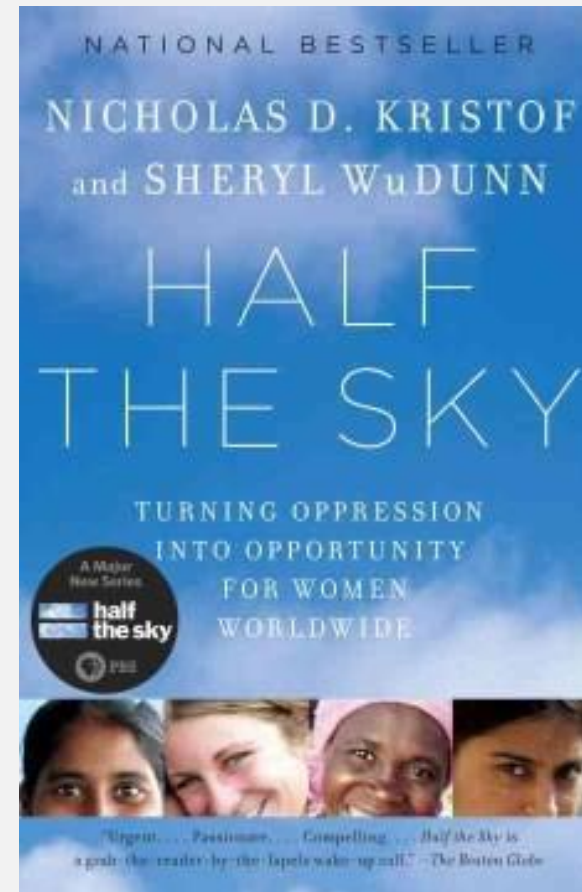
Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn explore how altruism affects us, what are the markers for success, and how to avoid the pitfalls. In their recounting of astonishing stories from the front lines of social progress, we see the compelling, inspiring truth of how real people have changed the world, underscoring that one person *can* make a difference.

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# HUMAN RIGHTS/ GENDER EQUITY/FEMINISM



Offers an updated definition of feminism for the twenty-first century, one rooted in inclusion and awareness (can't be read as your single book choice).

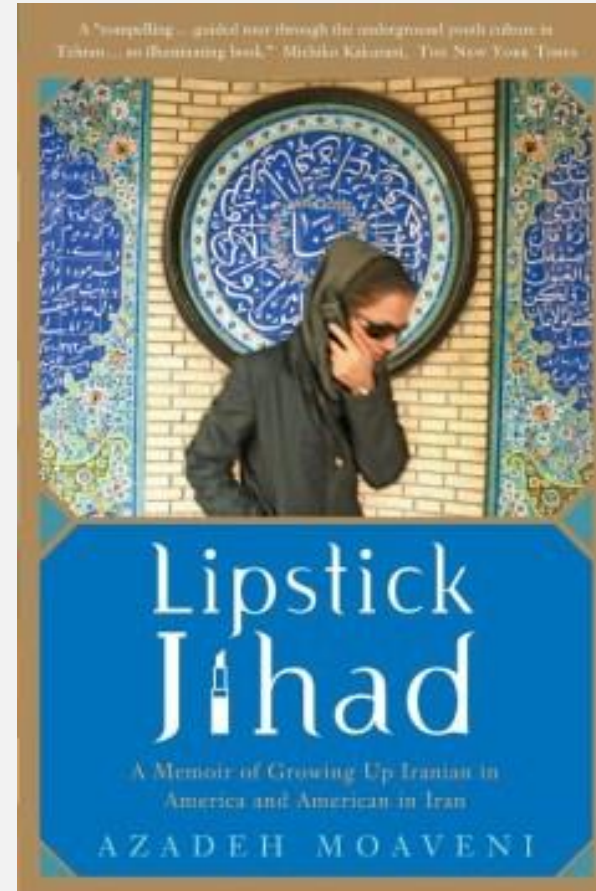


Two Pulitzer Prize winners issue a call to arms against our era's most pervasive human rights violation: the oppression of women in the developing world. They show that a little help can transform the lives of women and girls abroad and that the key to economic progress lies in unleashing women's potential.

# HUMAN RIGHTS/ GENDER EQUITY/FEMINISM



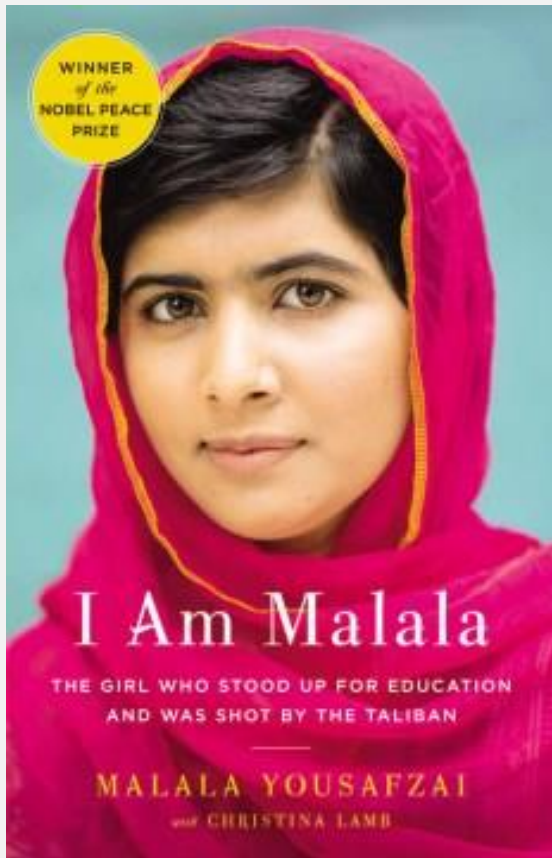
- The author relates how she was sold by poor parents into slavery and forced to endure brutal servitude in California until a neighbor's anonymous call to the police began her journey to freedom and her subsequent efforts to fight for child slaves.



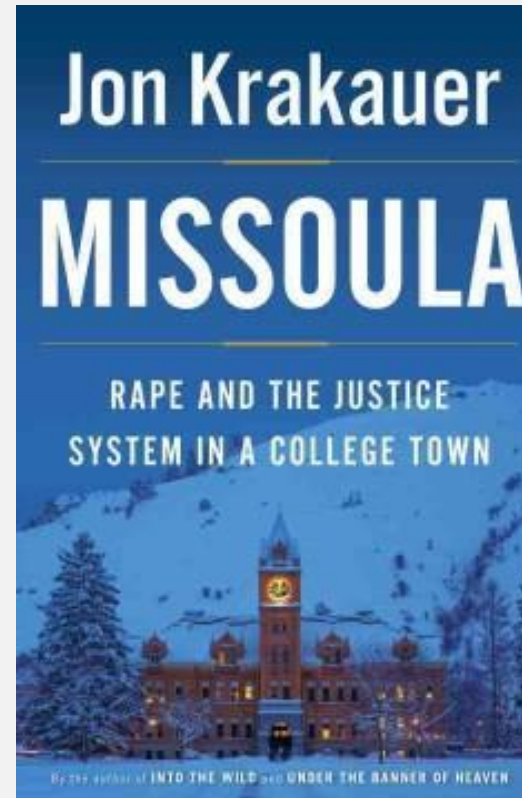
The author examines her life as an American-born Iranian and the frustration and confusion of trying to live in both worlds, and describes her decision to move to Tehran as a journalist and the cultural, political, and social upheaval she encountered.



# HUMAN RIGHTS/GENDER EQUITY

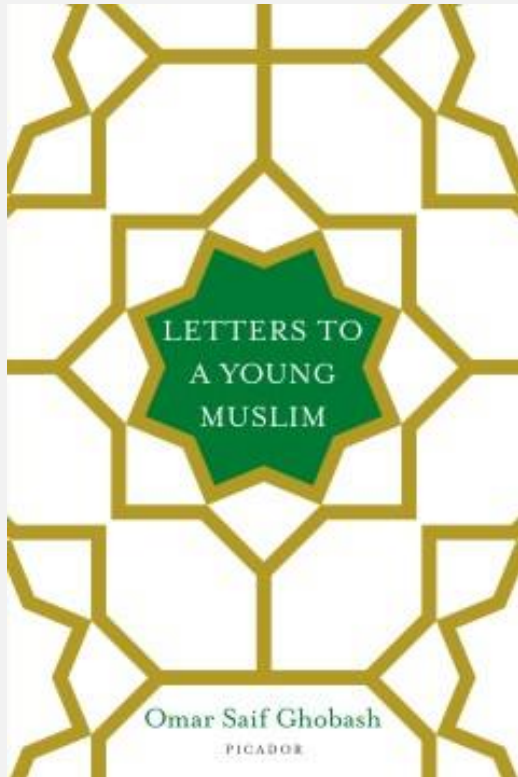


When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday October 9, 2012, she almost paid the ultimate price.

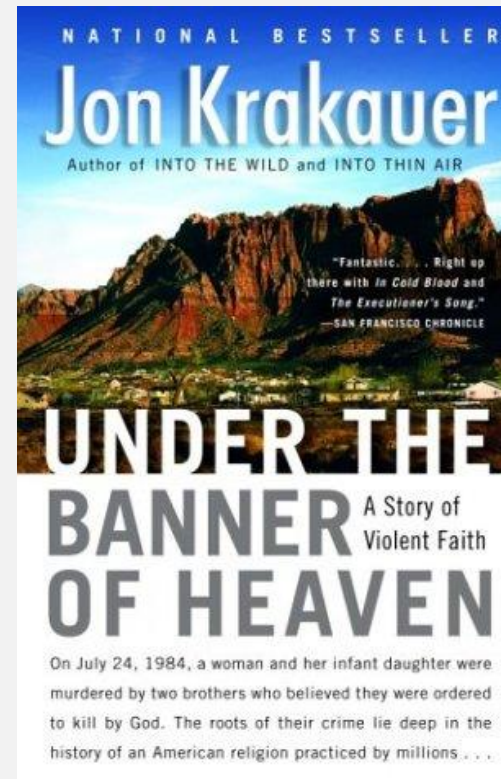


The Department of Justice investigated 350 sexual assaults reported to the Missoula police between January 2008 and May 2012. Few of these assaults were properly handled by either the university or local authorities. Chronicles the... experiences of several women in Missoula – the nights when they were raped; their fear and self-doubt in the aftermath; the way they were treated by the police, prosecutors, defense attorneys; the public vilification and private anguish; their bravery in pushing forward and what it cost them"--  
*Publisher.*

# RACE, RELIGION

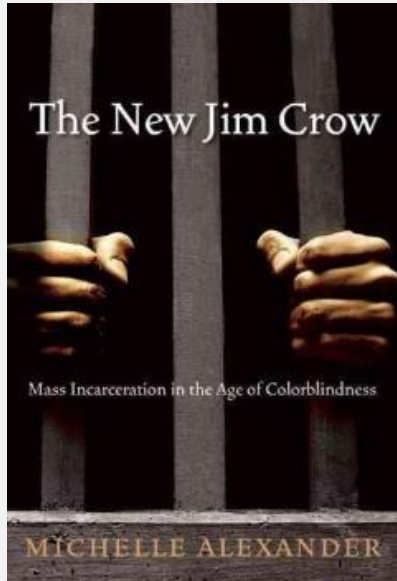


In a series of personal letters to his sons, Omar Saif Ghobash offers a short and highly readable manifesto that tackles our current global crisis with the training of an experienced diplomat and the personal responsibility of a father.

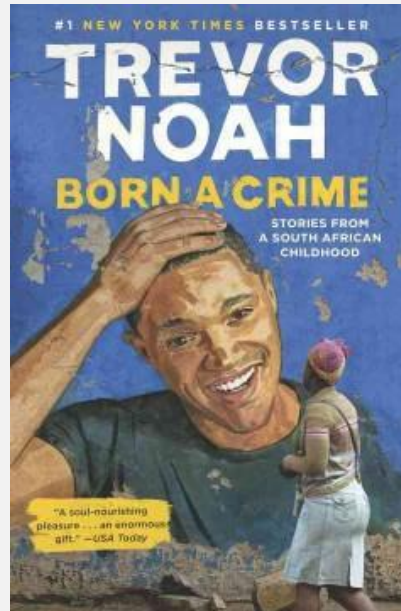


This extraordinary work of investigative journalism takes readers inside America's isolated Mormon Fundamentalist communities, where some 40,000 people still practice polygamy. Defying both civil authorities and the Mormon establishment in Salt Lake City, the renegade leaders of these Taliban-like theocracies are zealots who answer only to God.

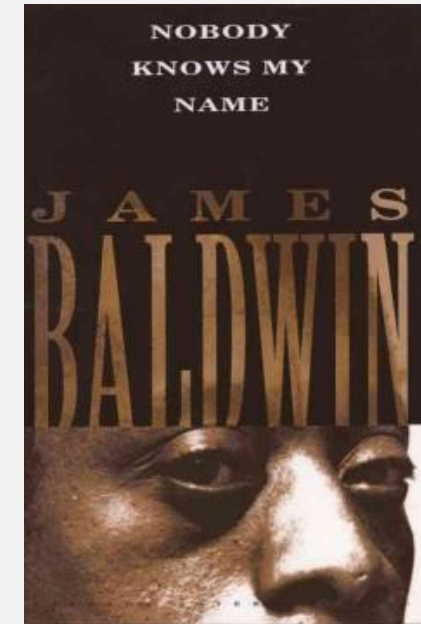
# SYSTEMIC BIAS, RACE, GOVERNMENT



Argues that the War on Drugs and policies that deny convicted felons equal access to employment, housing, education, and public benefits create a permanent under caste based largely on race.



The host of "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" traces his wild coming of age during the twilight of apartheid in South Africa and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed, offering insight into the farcical aspects of the political and social systems of today's world.



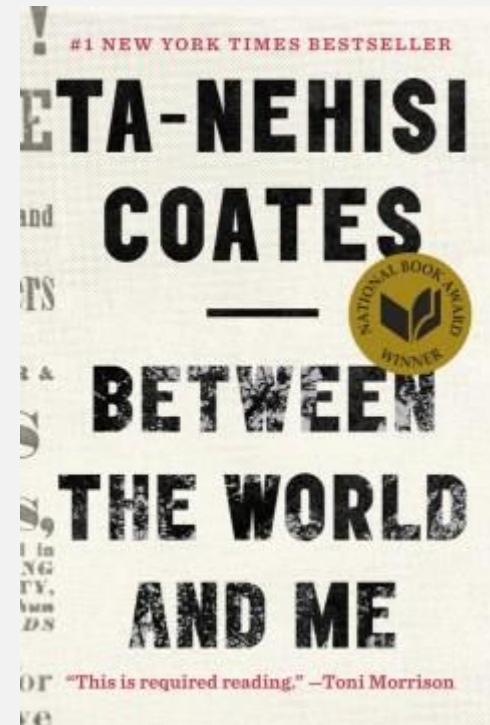
Essays discuss race relations, segregation, the role of the writer in society, and the work of Andre Gide, Richard Wright, and Norman Mailer.



# SYSTEMIC BIAS, RACE, GOVERNMENT



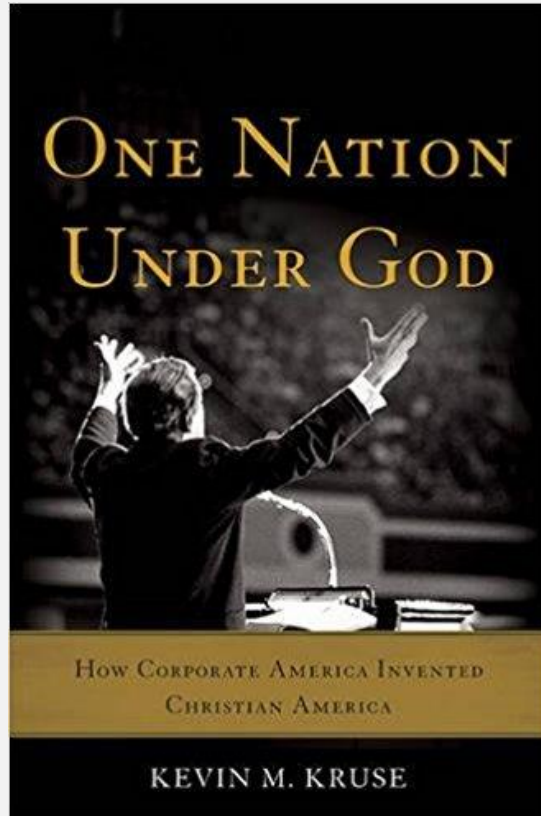
Discusses the stereotypes of black women in contemporary American life and how it affects African Americans, and uses literary analysis, political theory, and experimental research to fully understand the pervasiveness of their marginalization.



Told through the author's own evolving understanding of the subject over the course of his life comes a bold and personal investigation into America's racial history and its contemporary echoes.



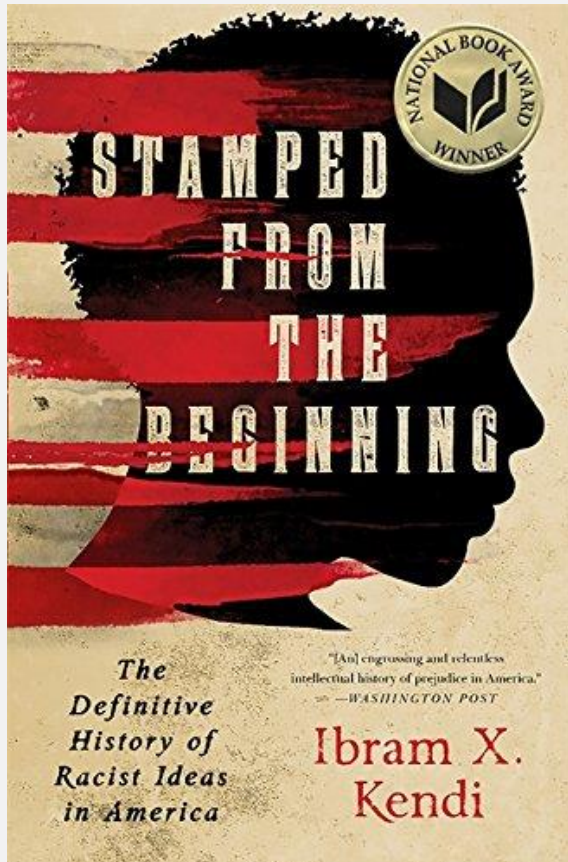
# CORRUPTION, RELIGION, ECONOMICS



- We're often told that the United States is, was, and always has been a Christian nation. But in *One Nation Under God*, historian Kevin M. Kruse reveals that the belief that America is fundamentally and formally Christian originated in the 1930s.

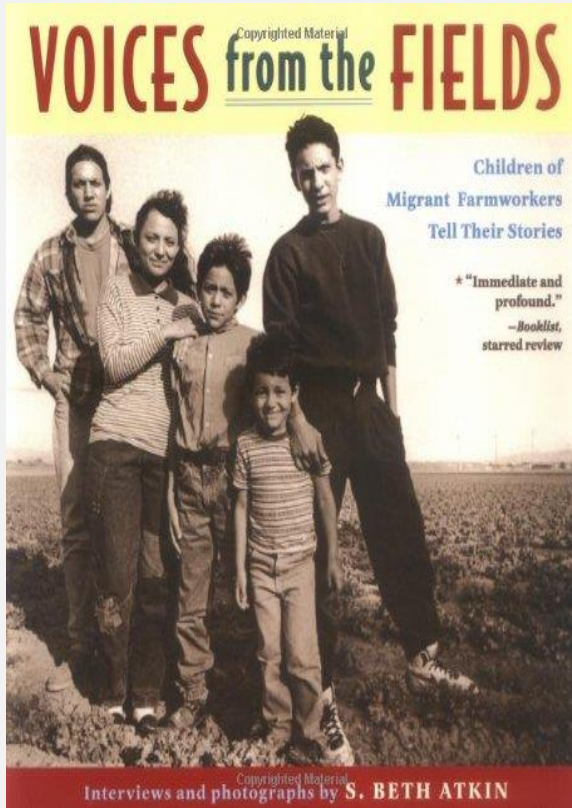
To fight the “slavery” of FDR's New Deal, businessmen enlisted religious activists in a campaign for “freedom under God” that culminated in the election of their ally Dwight Eisenhower in 1952. The new president revolutionized the role of religion in American politics. He inaugurated new traditions like the National Prayer Breakfast, as Congress added the phrase “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance and made “In God We Trust” the country's first official motto. Church membership soon soared to an all-time high of 69 percent. Americans across the religious and political spectrum agreed that their country was “one nation under God.”

# SYSTEMIC BIAS, RACE, GOVERNMENT

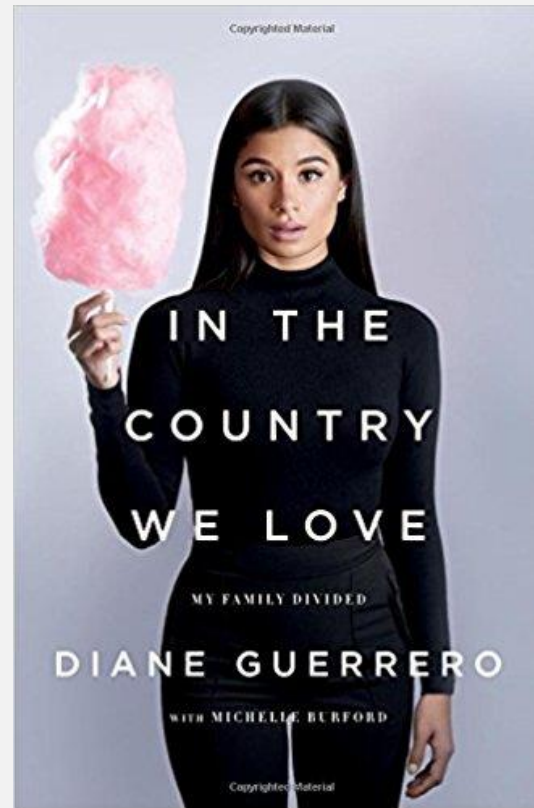


- Its deeply researched and fast-moving narrative chronicles the journey of racist ideas from fifteenth-century Europe to present-day America through the lives of five major intellectuals – Puritan minister Cotton Mather, President Thomas Jefferson, fiery abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison, brilliant scholar W.E.B. Du Bois, and legendary anti-prison activist Angela Davis – showing how these ideas were developed, disseminated and eventually enshrined in American society.

# RACE, IMMIGRATION

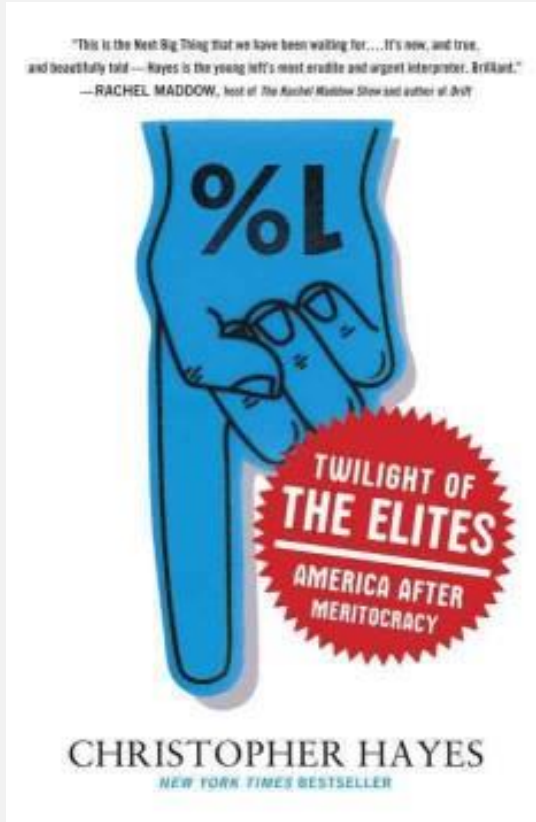


- This critically acclaimed book features photographs, poems, and interviews with nine children who reveal the hardships and hopes of today's Mexican-American migrant farm workers and their families.

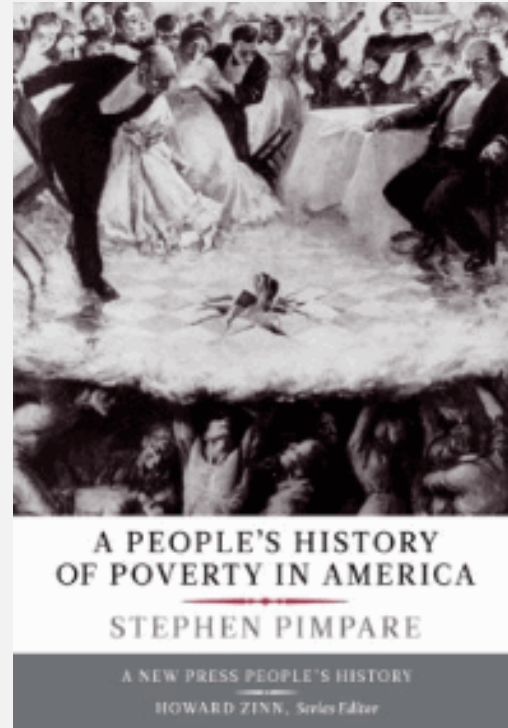


Diane Guerrero, the television actress from the megahit *Orange is the New Black* and *Jane the Virgin*, was just fourteen years old on the day her parents were detained and deported while she was at school. Born in the U.S., Guerrero was able to remain in the country and continue her education, depending on the kindness of family friends who took her in and helped her build a life and a successful acting career for herself, without the support system of her family.

# POWER, CORRUPTION, WEALTH, POVERTY



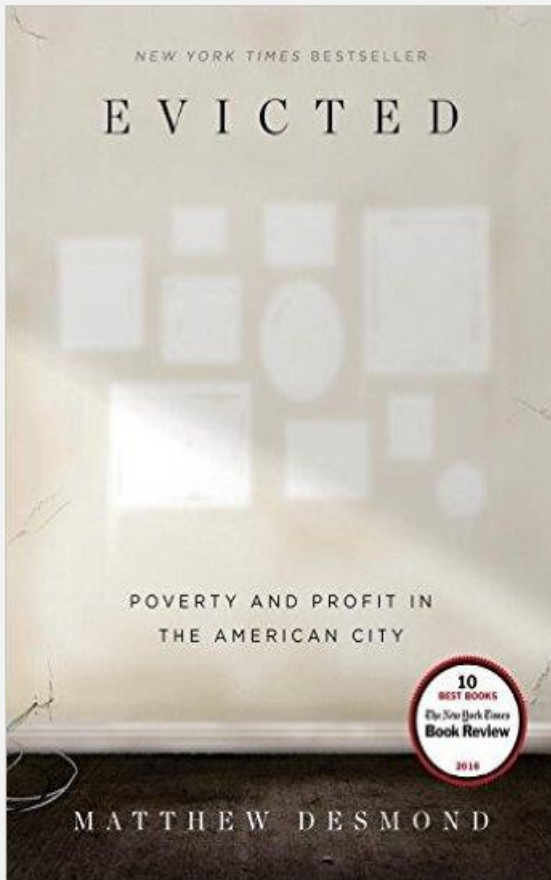
Analyzes scandals in high-profile institutions, from Wall Street and the Catholic Church to Major League Baseball, while evaluating how an elite American meritocracy rose throughout the past half-century before succumbing to corruption and failure.



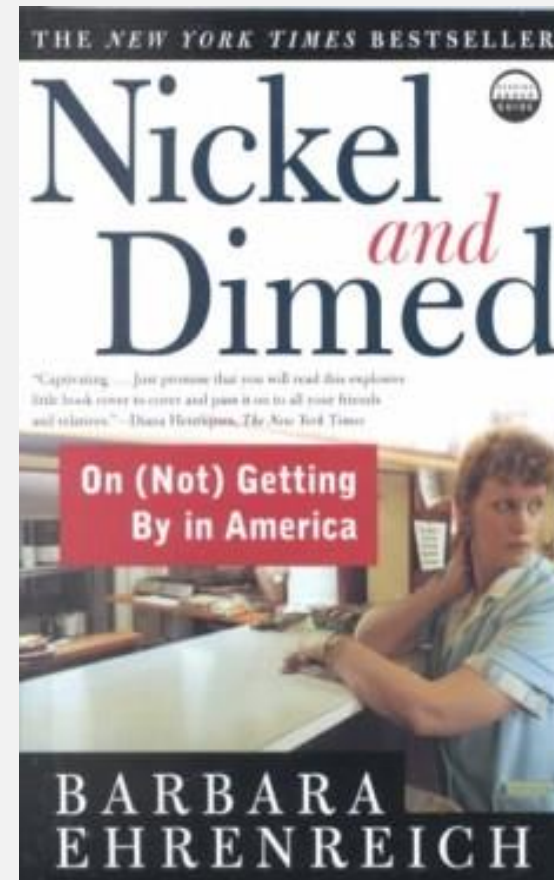
Explores the history of poverty in America through the lives and true stories of the nation's poor; and examines the welfare system and other agencies who have failed over the years to address the cause of poverty.



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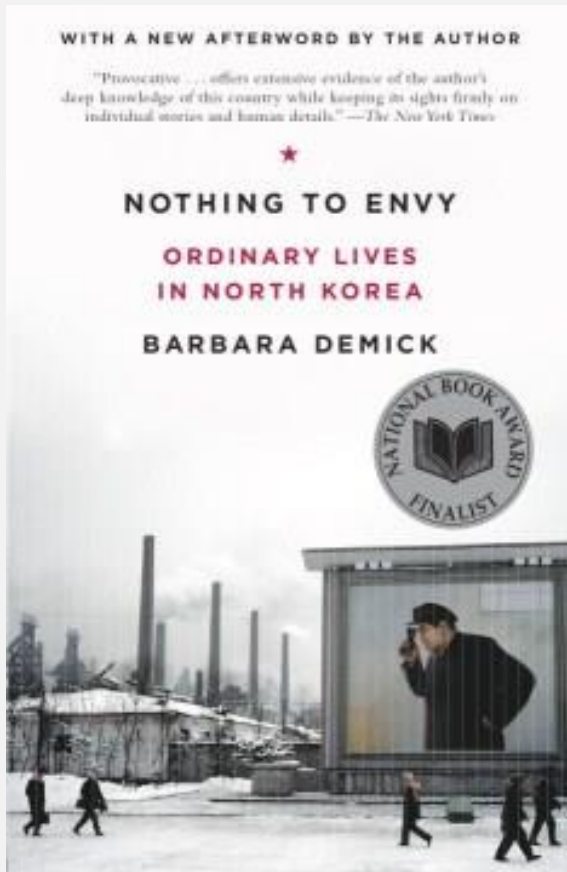
In *Evicted*, Harvard sociologist and MacArthur “Genius” Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they struggle to keep a roof over their heads. Hailed as “wrenching and revelatory” (*The Nation*), “vivid and unsettling” (*New York Review of Books*), *Evicted* transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of 21st-century America’s most devastating problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.



Nickel and Dimed is a modern classic that deftly portrays the plight of America's working-class poor. Author Barbara Ehrenreich decides to see if she can scratch out a comfortable living in blue-collar America. What she discovers is a culture of desperation, where workers often take multiple low-paying jobs just to keep a roof overhead.

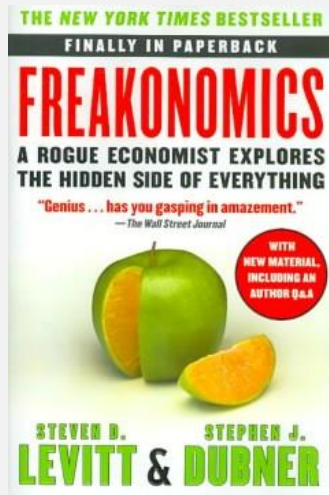
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# HUMAN RIGHTS / GLOBAL CONCERNS

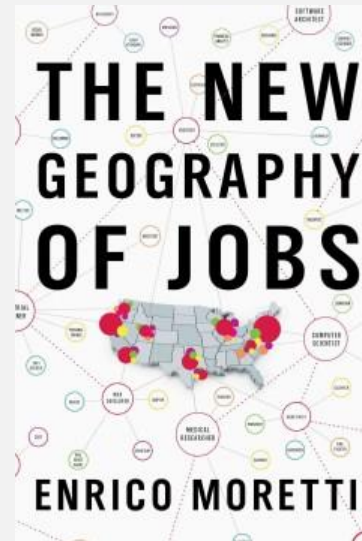


Follows the lives of six North Koreans over fifteen years, a chaotic period that saw the rise **to** power of Kim Jong Il and the devastation of a famine that killed one-fifth of the population, illustrating what it means **to** live under the most repressive totalitarian regime today.

# ECONOMICS / BEHAVIOR SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY



The author offers his view of how the economy really works, examining issues from cheating and crime to sports and child-rearing, offering a very different view on what drives the economy.



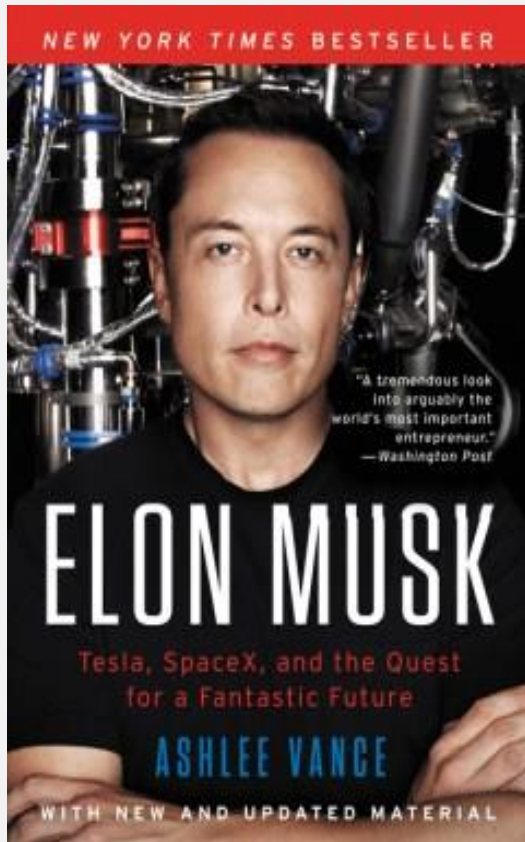
Makes correlations between success and geography, explaining how such rising centers of innovation as San Francisco and Austin are likely to offer influential opportunities and shape the national and global economies in positive or detrimental ways.



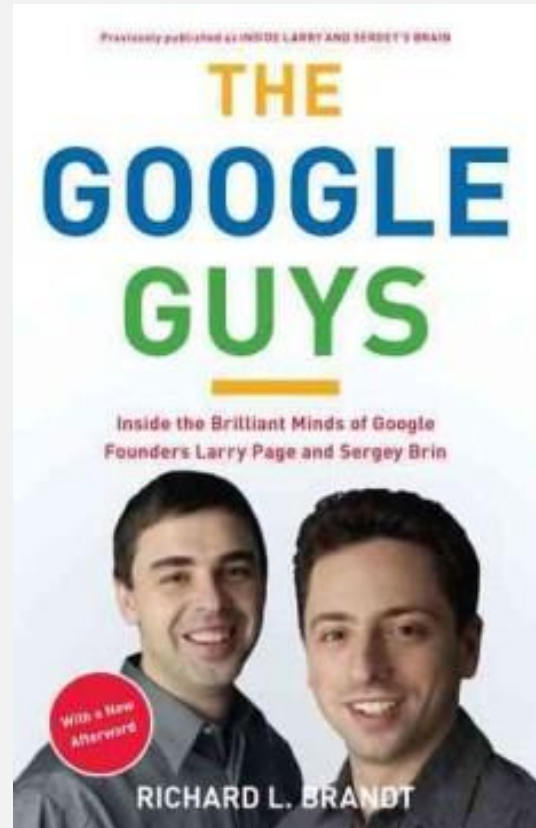
Traces the history of the Starbucks Corporation, discussing how American culture has been influenced by the company and exploring key issues, such as gentrification and fair trade, that have arisen as Starbucks becomes more popular and powerful.

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# TECHNOLOGY



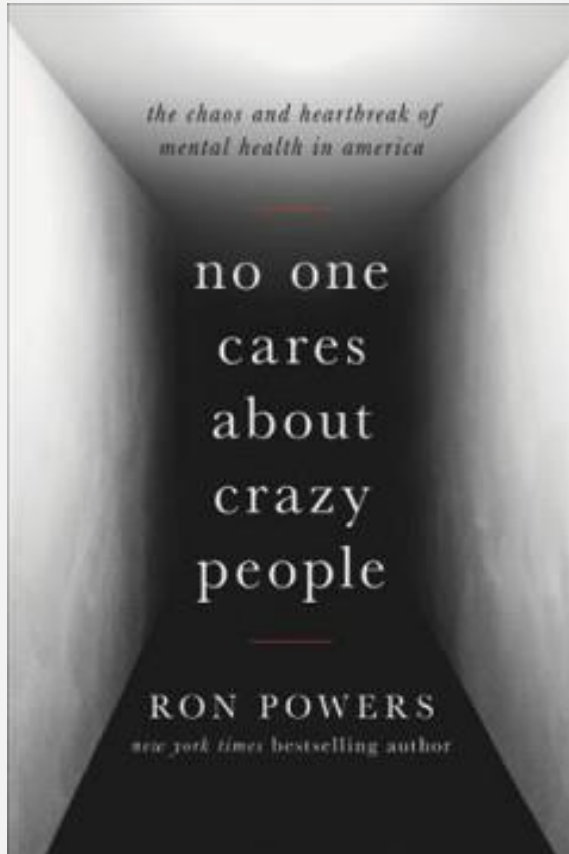
A biography of businessman Elon Musk, discussing his childhood in South Africa, his immigration to the United States in 1992, and his involvement with PayPal, Tesla Motors, and SpaceX.



Explores the methods and motivations of Google creators Larry Page and Sergey Brin, discussing their original ideas, business practices, ambitions, beliefs, work ethics, and impact on the ways people find information.

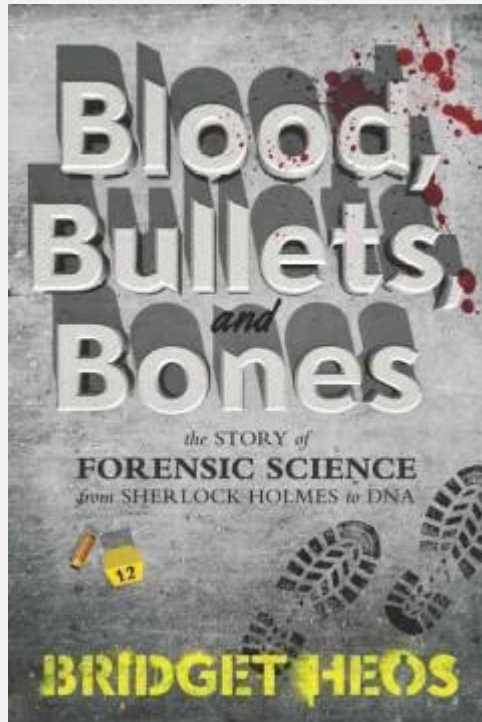


# MENTAL ILLNESS



The journalist and co-author of *True Compass* offers a fast-paced, carefully researched narrative of the social history of mental illness, focusing specifically on schizophrenia, the taboos that compromise mental health **care** and the way the disease has devastated his own family.

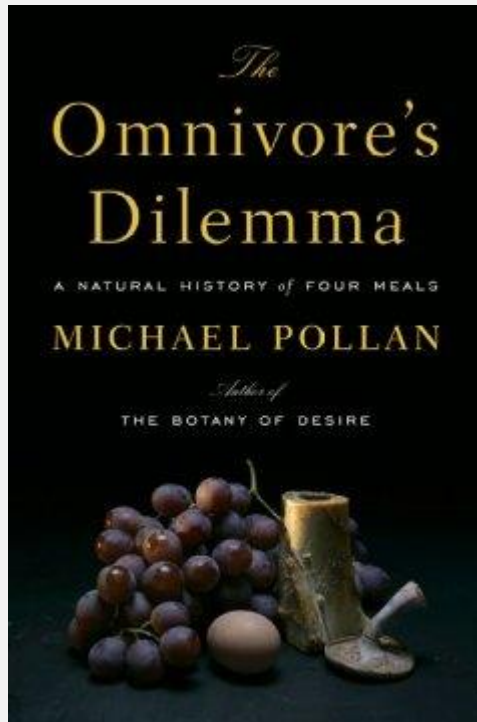
# FORENSIC SCIENCE



"A history of modern forensic science from the first test for arsenic poisoning in the 1700s to criminal profiling, fingerprinting, blood spatter analysis, DNA evidence, and all the milestones in between"-

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# FOOD, ECONOMICS, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTALISM

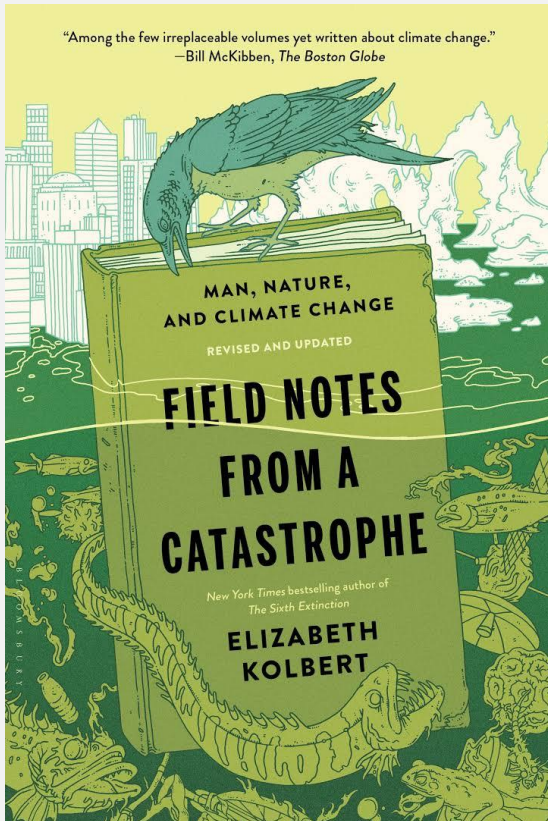


Offers insight into food consumption in the twenty-first century, explaining how an abundance of unlimited food varieties reveals the responsibilities of consumers to protect their health and the environment.



A journalist explores the homogenization of American culture and the impact of the fast food industry on modern-day health, economy, politics, popular culture, entertainment, and food production.

# CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTALISM



Long known for her insightful and thought-provoking political journalism, author Elizabeth Kolbert now tackles the controversial and increasingly urgent subject of global warming. In what began as groundbreaking three-part series in the *New Yorker*, for which she won a National Magazine Award in 2006, Kolbert cuts through the competing rhetoric and political agendas to elucidate for Americans what is really going on with the global environment and asks what, if anything, can be done to save our planet.



"Reduce, reuse, recycle" urge environmentalists; in other words, do more with less in order to minimize damage. But as this provocative, visionary book argues, this approach perpetuates a one-way, "cradle to grave" manufacturing model that dates to the Industrial Revolution and casts off as much as 90 percent of the materials it uses as waste, much of it toxic. Why not challenge the notion that human industry must inevitably damage the natural world?

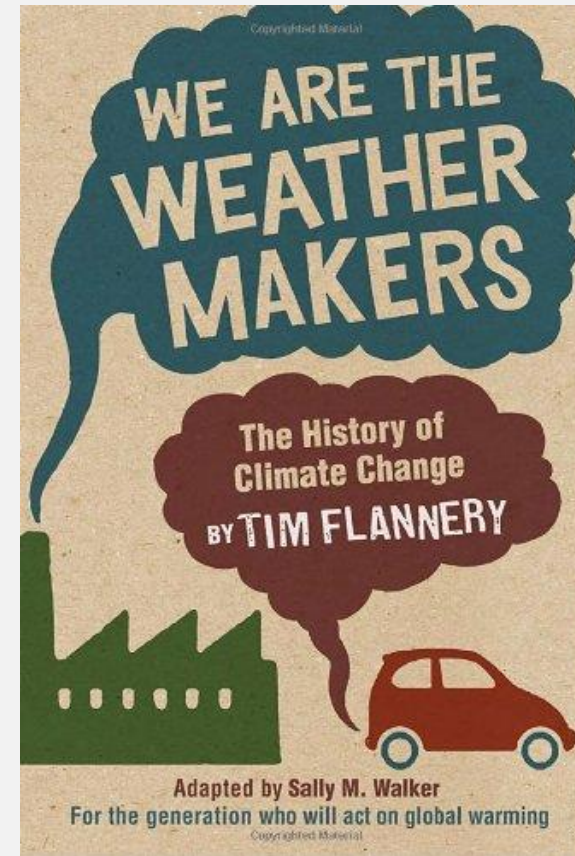


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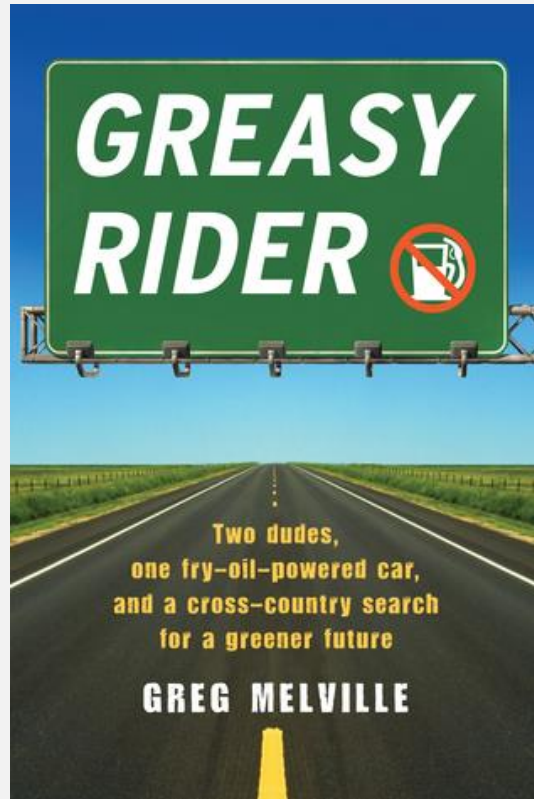
**Paul Fleischman offers teens an environmental wake-up call and a tool kit for decoding the barrage of conflicting information confronting them.**

We're living in an Ah-Ha moment. Take 250 years of human ingenuity. Add abundant fossil fuels. The result: a population and lifestyle never before seen. The downsides weren't visible for centuries, but now they are. Suddenly everything needs rethinking – suburbs, cars, fast food, cheap prices. It's a changed world.



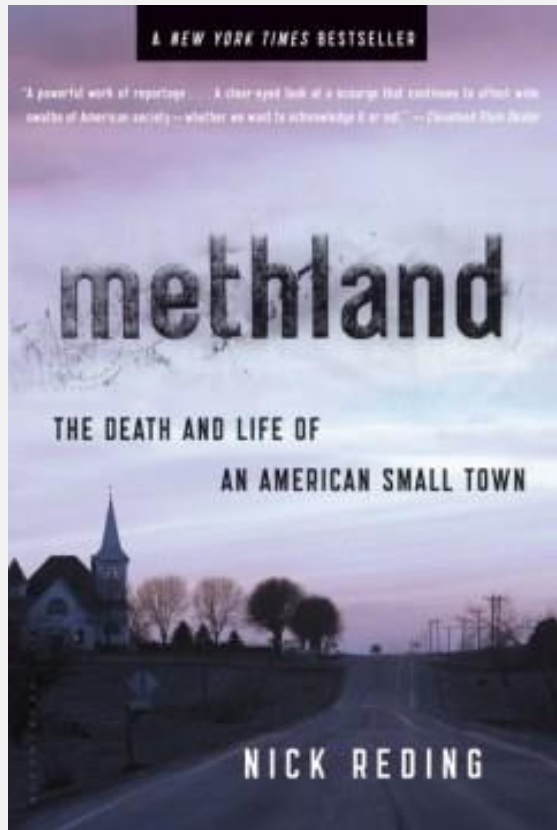
Here is an immediate and hard-hitting look backward — and forward — in climate history, bolstered by models and projections of current data. It includes interviews with people whose livelihoods have been directly affected by climate change, as well as individuals who make new technology and renewable resources a part of daily life. Newly featured are twenty-five practical tips that give readers the tools for living a greener lifestyle — at home, in school, in the community, and ultimately, on Earth.

# ALTERNATIVE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTALISM



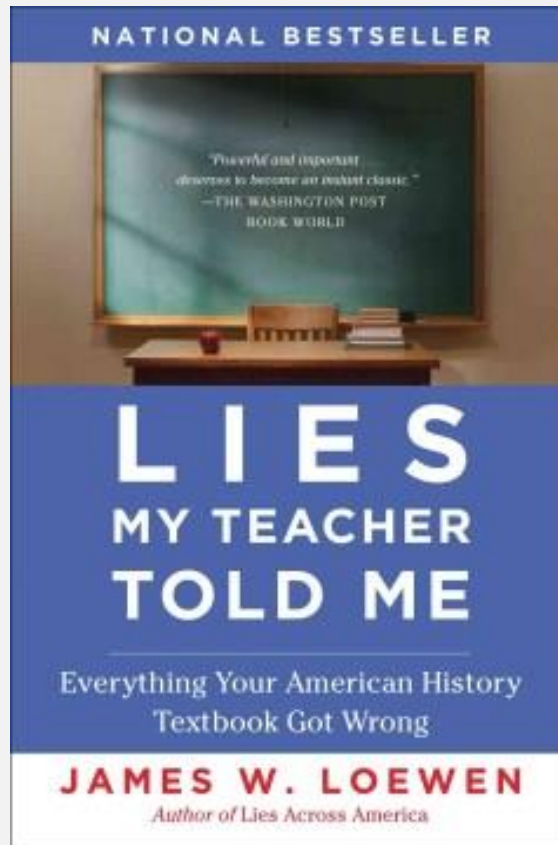
Details the experiences of the author and his college friend during their one hundred and ninety-two hour journey across the United States--from Vermont to California--in a car that has been modified to run on vegetable oil.

# DRUGS, SOCIAL IMPACT



Presents a case study of Oelwein, Iowa, a rural community that became a mecca of crystal methamphetamine production when residents could no longer support themselves through agriculture and business, introduces some of the people involved with the drug, and looks at efforts to save the town.

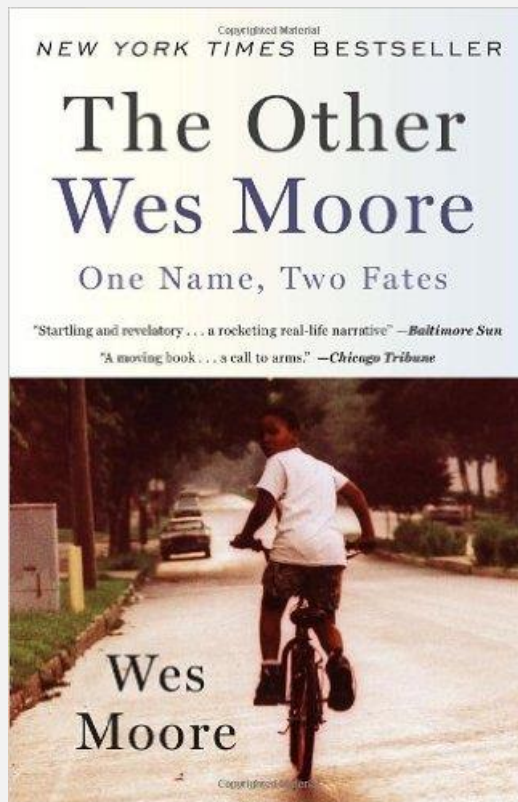
# HISTORICAL ACCURACY



Critiques twelve American history textbooks, arguing that they contain misinformation, fail to connect present issues with past events, and lack suspense and drama, and retells events in American history in ways that combat these problems.

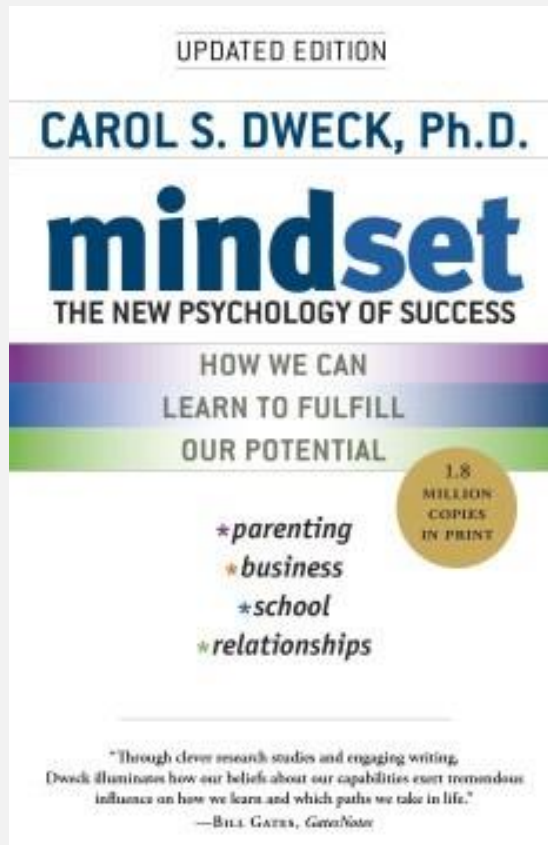


# SOCIO-ECONOMICS, CLASS, RACE, CRIME



- Two kids named Wes Moore were born blocks apart within a year of each other. Both grew up fatherless in similar Baltimore neighborhoods and had difficult childhoods; both hung out on street corners with their crews; both ran into trouble with the police. How, then, did one grow up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader, while the other ended up a convicted murderer serving a life sentence? Wes Moore, the author of this fascinating book, sets out to answer this profound question. In alternating narratives that take readers from heart-wrenching losses to moments of surprising redemption, *The Other Wes Moore* tells the story of a generation of boys trying to find their way in a hostile world.

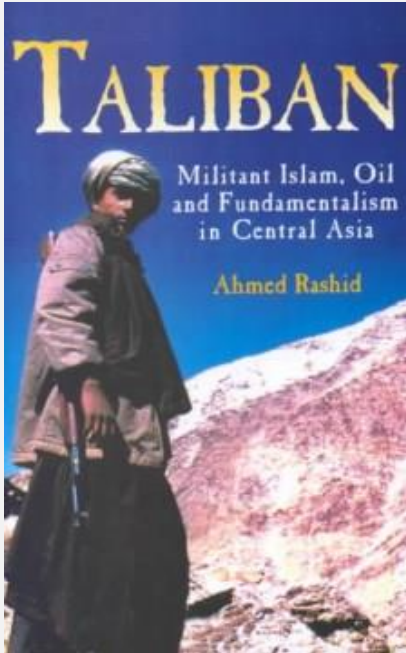
# PSYCHOLOGY



## THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY OF SUCCESS

Mindset is a simple idea discovered by world-renowned Stanford University psychologist Carol Dweck in decades of research on achievement and success—a simple idea that makes all the difference. Teaching a growth mindset creates motivation and productivity in the worlds of business, education, and sports.

# RADICALISM



Traces the history of the Taliban movement in Afghanistan; discusses how the leaders of the movement interpret the principles of Islam; and examines the influence of the Taliban in the competition among Western countries and companies to build oil and gas pipelines in Asia.