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**America's Free Market Myths** Bombardier Books  
Predatory pricing has long been a contentious issue among lawmakers and economists. Legal actions are continually brought against companies. But the question remains: how likely are firms to cut prices in order to drive rivals out of business? Predatory firms risk having to keep prices below cost for such an extended period that it would become cost-prohibitive. Recently, economists have turned to game theory to examine circumstances under which predatory tactics could be profitable. John R. Lott, Jr. provides long-awaited empirical analysis in this book. By examining firms accused of or convicted of predation over a thirty-year period of time, he shows that these firms are not organized as the game-theoretic or other models of predation would predict. In contrast, what evidence exists for predation suggests that government enterprises are more of a threat. Lott presents crucial new data and analysis, attacking an issue of major legal and economic importance. This impressive work will be of great interest to economists, legal scholars, and antitrust policy makers.

Free Men and Free Markets Springer  
In 2005, *The Woman at the Washington Zoo* was published to major critical acclaim. The late Marjorie Williams possessed 'a special voice, one capable not just of canny political observations but of tenderness and bracing intimacy,' observed the New York Times Book Review. Now, in a collection of profiles with the richness of short fiction, Williams limns the personalities that dominated politics and the media during the final years of the twentieth century. In these pages, Clark Clifford grieves 'in his laborious baritone' a bank scandal's blow to his re-pu-taaaaaay-shun. Lee Atwater likens himself to Ulysses and pleads, 'tah me to the mast!' Patricia Duff sheds 'precipitous tears' over her divorce from Ronald Perelman, resembling afterwards 'a garden refreshed by spring rain.' Reputation illuminates our recent past through expertly drawn portraits of powerful – and messily human – figures.  
The Really Inconvenient Truths Simon and Schuster  
While the recent economic crisis was a painful period for many Americans, the panic surrounding the downturn was fueled by an incomplete understanding of economic history. Economic hysteria made for riveting journalism and effective political theater, but the politicians and members of the media who declared that America was in the midst of the greatest financial calamity since the Great Depression were as wrong and misguided as the expansionists of the Roosevelt era. In reality the cyclical nature of market economies is as old as the markets themselves. In a free market system, financial downturns inevitably accompany economic prosperity-but the overall trend is upward progress in living standards and national wealth. While it is helpful to understand what caused the recent crisis, the more important questions to consider are 'What makes the 'boom and bust' cycle so predictable?' and 'What are the ethical responsibilities of the citizens of a free market economy?' In *Boom and Bust: Financial Cycles and Human Prosperity*, Alex J. Pollock argues that while economic downturns can be frightening and difficult, people living in free market economies enjoy greater health, better access to basic necessities, better education, work less arduous jobs, and have more choices and wider horizons than people at any other point in history. This wonderful reality would not exist in the absence of financial cycles. This book explains why.  
Myths of the Free Market Ludwig von Mises Institute  
This book describes and refutes thirteen ideas involving free market principles and the US economic system, arguing that these (mostly familiar) ideas are myths. The myths are deeply ingrained in the United States' self-image and in political discourse, and are hailed as indisputable, scientifically grounded truths. Unfortunately, an economy dominated by giant corporations bears little resemblance to a free market. So why is so much effort and expense devoted to disseminating these stories? The answer is simple. The different myths generate the recommendation that the

system's rewards should flow upward to corporations and a small group of wealthy and politically influential people. The myths help entrench existing economic and political power while distancing America from a more productive and widely beneficial form of capitalism.  
Boom and Bust University of Chicago Press  
In spite of its numerous obvious failures, many presidential candidates and voters are in favor of a socialist system for the United States. Socialism is consistent with our primitive evolved preferences, but not with a modern complex economy. One reason for the desire for socialism is the misinterpretation of capitalism. The standard definition of free market capitalism is that it 's a system based on unbridled competition. But this oversimplification is incredibly misleading—capitalism exists because human beings have organically developed an elaborate system based on trust and collaboration that allows consumers, producers, distributors, financiers, and the rest of the players in the capitalist system to thrive. Paul Rubin, the world 's leading expert on cooperative capitalism, explains simply and powerfully how we should think about markets, economics, and business—making this book an indispensable tool for understanding and communicating the vast benefits the free market bestows upon societies and individuals.  
Freedomnomics Legare Street Press  
Free market capitalism has created a divided American society. Conservative economic and social policy thinking drove the Right 's Project from 1980 to its collapse in 2008, leaving the world in ruins and fascism on the march. The Vision of a Real Free Market Society challenges the Left to create new forms of the market economy that promote efficiency and equality while permanently thwarting concentrated power. Many recent commentators have offered policy recommendations based on existing economic institutions. By contrast, this book calls for root-and-branch changes to the inherent structure of American capitalism. The Vision of a Real Free Market Society: Re-Imagining American Freedom presents a Left-egalitarian case for limited government that overcomes the failures of conservatism while rescuing economic justice from the weaknesses of tax and transfer liberalism. The book explains why the system fails so many Americans in so many different ways, and outlines how we can build a better economy that simultaneously promotes freedom and social justice while crippling the powers of America 's oligarchs. Exploring the idea of a left-wing case for strong but small government, the book makes the case for fundamental reforms that will lead to a truly free and fair society. This provocative book will be of great relevance to anyone with an interest in politics, philosophy or economics, and will challenge readers to rethink their assumptions concerning the prospects for combining justice with fairness in the modern world.  
Free Market Economics Wiley-Blackwell  
Are free market economies really based on fleecing the consumer? Is the U.S. economy truly just a giant free-for-all that encourages duplicity in our everyday transactions? Is everyone from corporate CEOs to your local car salesman really looking to make a buck at your expense? In *Freedomnomics: Why the Free Market Works and Other Half-Baked Theories Don't*, economist and bestselling author John R. Lott, Jr., answers these and other common economic questions, bravely confronting the profound distrust of the market that the bestselling book *Freakonomics* has helped to popularize. Using clear and hard-hitting examples, Lott shows how free markets liberate the best, most creative, and most generous aspects of our society - while efforts to constrain economic liberty, no matter how well-intentioned, invariably lead to increased poverty and injustice. Are Predatory Commitments Credible? University of Chicago Press  
The free market makes the world go around. Maybe it 's time we all tried to understand it a little better. Luckily Eamonn Butler is the ideal teacher to get us all up to speed. Markets are everywhere. But how many of us understand how they work, and why? What does a ' free market ' really mean? Do free markets actually exist? Should we have more or less of them? Most of all – do we really need to know all this? Answer: Yes we do. MAKING ECONOMICS SIMPLE SO THAT EVEN POLITICIANS CAN UNDERSTAND IT If any mention of free markets sends your mind screaming back to your musty old school economics textbook, think again. The Best Book on the Market will keep you gripped, intrigued and well informed. Abandoning complicated mumbo-jumbo, Eamonn Butler, Director of the UK 's leading free market think-tank, demystifies the world of markets, competition, monopolies and cartels, prices and over spills. Using examples from our everyday lives Dr Butler explains how the markets we have, and the many more we need, can work to create a richer, freer and more peaceful world. STOP WORRYING AND LOVE THE FREE ECONOMY He delves into the morality of markets and interrogates important issues such as why feckless rock-stars are paid much more than worthy nurses; whether we should worry about people trading in arms, water, healthcare etc; whether black markets are immoral; and questions of equality; sweatshops, and fair trade. " This book is about the free market and how unfree it can be when there is a lack of belief in freedom itself. Eamonn Butler presents solid arguments against government attempts to ' perfect ' the markets by regulation, controls, subsidies, or by adopting measures which obstruct competition and private ownership. " V á clav Klaus, President of the Czech Republic " Vividly and simply explains competition, entrepreneurship and prices " . John Blundell, Director, Institute of Economic Affairs " A great little book that gets to the heart of how and why markets work, in a very engaging and easily understood way " . Dan Lewis, Research Director, Economic Research Council " I welcome this witty, lucid explanation of how entrepreneurs and business people make a positive contribution to our

lives, and why economists often don't " . Andrew Neil , leading journalist and BBC presenter " Anything which educates the public - and politicians - on how the free economy actually works is always welcome. Dr Butler does this in style " . Lord Lawson, former UK Chancellor of the Exchequer " Everyone in business would do well to understand the basic principles of markets which Dr Butler clarifies so well in this short book " . Allister Heath, Editor of The Business and Associate Editor of The Spectator "This book does great justice to the vibrancy of markets and what makes them tick" Ruth Richardson, former Finance Minister of New Zealand "It's refreshing to see an economist who understands the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship in pushing progress forward, and who can explain it in straightforward language." Trevor Baylis OBE (inventor of the wind-up radio) "I'm glad to see that Dr Butler stresses the role of innovators – and the importance of market structures that encourage innovation." Sir Clive Sinclair (inventor) "Dr Butler's book is a welcome and very readable contribution on the mechanisms and morality of the free economy." Sir John Major KG CH (former UK Prime Minister) " 'Market' is one of the first six-letter words that every English-speaking child learns: as in 'This - little - piggy - went - to - market' " . Geoffrey Howe, former UK Chancellor of the Exchequer  
The Capitalism Paradox CreateSpace  
" Ever since Mr. Olduvai and Mr. Rueul were introduced after graduating from different universities, they have shared a dual bond: respect for each other and dissatisfaction with the world around them. They see that the nation seems to be perpetually debating how to handle poverty, inequality, loss of personal freedom, and government debt. As years pass, supposed fixes come and go, but the problems remain. Yet the old friends still seek answers, and over the course of two days, they unravel the causes of economic problems and offer potential solutions. As they talk, they hash out the merit of simple laws governing access to land, the ability to say no, and the role of government, which together protect the nature of economic freedom. These basic laws allow capitalism to embrace and reward the demands of the entrepreneur, while also offering dignified alternatives for the less talented or uninspired --all without taxing a nickel of anyone's income. Our economy has the potential to eliminate financial insecurity for every citizen and still be the strongest economic engine in the world. Find out how by joining the conversation in A True Free Market. Excerpt from A True Free Market Would more freedom be available to us today had better economic choices been made in the past? And what do we mean by freedom in the first place? Must the state and the individual be adversaries? In effect, are the ideals we hold ideal to hold? Good design stems from human will, smartly applied to the laws of nature. A building, for example, cannot stand for long when designed in ignorance of physics. When physics is misapplied, the building crumbles. A farm cannot thrive when it is run in ignorance of agriculture, for when the basic needs of plants are not tended to, crops die. And a free market cannot thrive when constructed in ignorance of economics. When its fundamental forces are unappreciated in our lawmaking, the market fails. We have seen buildings collapse, and we have learned to build them better. We have seen crops die, and we have learned to better understand their needs. We have also seen markets fail, but we have not yet learned the nature of a true free market. We have tweaked our economic rules or applied new laws from political expedience, intuitive habit, or fear. Then we have proclaimed that great lessons have been learned. But in reality, we have only learned to wait for markets to fail again. We have not been quick to understand why cycles of economic dread persist among us or why our birth circumstance, more than anything, determines our economic fate. A true free market can be ours to enjoy. We only need to make it. "  
Free Market Economics Princeton University Press  
A provocative critique of the Obama administration's economic policies and an examination of America's difficult economic future During the 2008 presidential campaign, Barack Obama promised "a net spending cut" to make government smaller in order to reduce the deficit. But this huge increase in government spending and debt, and the resulting prospect of higher taxes, will make America a poorer country. Are Americans happier because the government has determined where this money should be spent? According to John Lott and Americans for Tax Reform President Grover Norquist, the answer is no, and in *Debate: Obama's War on Jobs and Growth and What We Can Do Now to Regain Our Future* they explain why. Obama's economic policies have raised unemployment, slowed economic growth, dramatically raised the national debt, squandered taxpayer money through poor investments, and damaged the housing market. The book explains why Obama's policies on spending, taxes, and regulation have all worked to harm the recovery, increase unemployment, and depress housing prices. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the deficits that President Obama proposes for the years from 2011 through 2020 come to a staggering \$126,000 per family of four, and John Lott and Grover Norquist make clear why the costs outweigh the benefits Explains why Keynesian economics is more a way of transferring wealth to political constituencies than a legitimate economic theory for understanding how the economy operates Posits that Obama's economic policies were more an opportunity "to do big things" than to solve the country's economic problems Arguing that the policies of the Obama administration have created widespread economic chaos, *Debate* is a bleak look at American finance from Grover Norquist.  
More Guns, Less Crime St. Martin's Press  
"My thesis," Leonard Read informs us in this remarkable book, "in simplest terms, is: Let anyone do anything he pleases, so long as it is peaceful; the role of government, then, is to keep the peace." Just so. This book is a classic, compelling statement of the political philosophy of libertarianism and statement of the guiding principles of the Foundation

for Economic Education.

The Future of Capitalism Taylor & Francis

If you are genuinely interested in what is wrong with modern economics, this is where you can find out. If you would like to understand the flaws in Keynesian macro, this is the book you must read. If you are interested in marginal analysis properly explained, you again need to read this book. Based on the classical principles of John Stuart Mill, it is what is missing today; a text based on explaining how an economy works from a supply-side perspective.

Beyond Free Markets Simon and Schuster

"This book provides an original defense of classical liberalism. Tomasi argues that the high liberal conception of free and equal moral persons requires robust economic liberties as a condition of individual independence and self-authorship, while also justifying social supports for the less advantaged. Free Market Fairness is an important contribution to liberal thought."--Samuel Freeman, University of Pennsylvania "Tomasi's 'market democracy' is a fresh, important research program."--Elizabeth Anderson, University of Michigan "The great political power of free market ideas in recent decades has been unmatched by philosophical and moral defenses. John Tomasi's fresh exploration of market liberty will challenge orthodoxies left and right. An important and timely book."--Stephen Macedo, Princeton University "This is one of the very best philosophical treatments of libertarian thought, ever. John Tomasi cements his position as one of America's leading social and political philosophers."--Tyler Cowen, author of Creative Destruction "This book represents the most ambitious recent effort by a political philosopher to square the circle: free markets and fairness. Even readers who disagree with Tomasi's conclusions will find insight and clarity on every page."--Richard Epstein, New York University "Tomasi's elegant book resembles a long and friendly conversation between Friedrich Hayek and John Rawls--a conversation which, astonishingly, reaches agreement."--Deirdre McCloskey, author of Bourgeois Dignity and The Bourgeois Virtues "Tomasi is sympathetic to, and captures much of the point of, positions to the right of his, and positions to the left. The result is disarming and genuine. Readers will find themselves turning the pages, hoping not so much to spot the flaw as simply to learn something, and they will not be disappointed."--David Schmidtz, University of Arizona "This book makes a case that needed making and that will have a large impact on contemporary thinking about social justice."--Michael Zuckert, University of Notre Dame "Hayekian freedom and Rawlsian social justice both evoke attractive visions of how human beings might live together--something seldom acknowledged in our polarized political world. John Tomasi's Free Market Fairness treats both traditions with depth, nuance, and unremitting fair-mindedness, and then points us toward a synthesis. Social democrats and libertarians equally need to read this book."--Charles Murray, American Enterprise Institute "Political philosophers are apt to dig in to carefully constructed ideological bunkers from which they lob argumentative mortar shells at their opponents. John Tomasi prefers instead to build bridges. Well-crafted and provocative, Free Market Fairness will surely stimulate much conversation--and perhaps a few mortar rounds in response."--Loren Lomasky, University of Virginia "This is a terrific book--lively, stimulating, novel, and important. Written with clarity and lightness, it is appealingly wide-ranging, spanning political philosophy, intellectual history, and more. It will be widely read and cited."--Jacob T. Levy, McGill University

The Best Book on the Market Kumarian Press

What ever happened with that liberal intellectual "boom" of the 1980s and 1990s? In The Disappearing Liberal Intellectual, Eric Lott--author of the prizewinning Love and Theft--shows that the charter members of the "new left" are suffering from a condition that he has dubbed "boomeritis." Too secure in their university appointments, lecture tours, and book deals, the once rising stars of the liberal elite--including Richard Rorty, Todd Gitlin, Michael Lind, Paul Berman, Greil Marcus, and Henry Louis Gates, Jr.--have drifted away from their radical moorings toward the political center. At once a chronicle of recent intellectual life and a polemic against contemporary liberalism's accommodations of the conservative status quo, The Disappearing Liberal Intellectual eviscerates the complacency that has seeped into the politics of the would-be vanguard of American intellectual thought. Lott issues a wake-up call to the great public intellectuals of our day and challenges them to reinvigorate political debate on campus, in their writing, and on the airwaves.

The Free Market Reader Agathon Press

Challenges the philosophical tenets of "Freakonomics" through case studies that demonstrate the theory that the more costly something is, the less of it people will do, in an economic analysis that covers such topics as price discrimination and corporatescandals.

Debacle Simon and Schuster

From a MacArthur “ Genius, ” an intellectual history of the free market, from ancient Rome to the twenty-first century After two government bailouts of the US economy in less than twenty years,

free market ideology is due for serious reappraisal. In Free Market, Jacob Soll details how we got to this current crisis, and how we can find our way out by looking to earlier iterations of free market thought. Contrary to popular narratives, early market theorists believed that states had an important role in building and maintaining free markets. But in the eighteenth century, thinkers insisted on free markets without state intervention, leading to a tradition of ideological brittleness. That tradition only calcified in the centuries that followed. Tracing the intellectual evolution of the free market from Cicero to Milton Friedman, Soll argues that we need to go back to the origins of free market ideology in order to truly understand it—and to develop new economic concepts to face today ’ s challenges.

The War on Guns Basic Books

Al Gore is bad for the planet... Talk about really inconvenient truths--that's one of the many you'll find in Iain Murray's rollicking expos é of environmental blowhards who waste more energy, endanger more species, and actually kill more people (yes, that's right) than the environmental villains they finger. Did you know that estrogen from birth control and "morning after" pills is causing male fish across America to develop female sex organs? Funny how "pro-choice" and "environmentalist" liberals never talk about that. Or how about this: the Live Earth concert to "save the planet" released more CO2 into the atmosphere than a fleet of 2,000 Humvees emit in a year? We hear a lot about AIDS in Africa, but the number one killer of children in much of Africa is malaria--and guess who was responsible for banning the pesticide that used to have malaria under control? Iain Murray, a sprightly conservative environmental analyst with a long record of skewering liberal hypocrisy, has dug up seven of the all-time great environmental catastrophes caused by the Left and exposed them in The Really Inconvenient Truths.

The 5 Big Lies About American Business Regnery Publishing

This is a brief, clear, and accessible account of one of the central issues of economics--the potential of the free market system to solve social and economic problems.

Free Market Fairness Simon and Schuster

For example, he describes how: --

Essentials of Economics and Free Enterprise Basic Books

\* Explains how the 2008 financial meltdown came about and how to revitalize global and domestic economies \* Shows how capitalist economies developed and why the state matters in their functioning Free market purists claim that the state is an inefficient institution that does little for society beyond providing stability and protection. The activities related to distributing resources and economic growth, they say, are better left to the invisible hand of the marketplace. These notions now seem tragically misguided in the wake of the 2008 market collapse and bailout. Mark Martinez describes how the flawed myth of the "invisible hand" distorted our understanding of how modern capitalist markets developed and actually work. Martinez draws from history to illustrate that political processes and the state are not only instrumental in making capitalist markets work but that there would be no capitalist markets or wealth creation without state intervention. He brings his story up to the present day to show how the seeds of an unprecedented government intervention in the financial markets were sown in past actions. The Myth of the Free Market is a fascinating and accessible introduction to comparative economic systems as well as an incisive refutation of the standard mantras of neoclassical free market economic theory.