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largest federal budget surplus in American history -- and the prospect of paying off the entire national debt in just eight years. He inherited a strong dollar and sound fiscal policy. He inherited a nation whose economy was so strong that commentators who just a decade before were predicting American decline were now complaining about American dominance. And yet, Dubya blew it. Squandered everything he'd inherited from

President Clinton. We thought if Junior was good at anything, it was inheriting things. It's Still the Economy, Stupid is the story of how America's CEO -- our first MBA president -- has trashed our economy. It shows: • How he wasted the surplus on massive tax cuts for the hyper-rich. • How he talked down the economy for his short-term political gain, then passed an economic program that has put 1.8 million Americans out of work and cost

investors \$4.4 trillion. • How he abandoned his free-trade rhetoric to adopt protectionist tariffs, effectively raising taxes on consumers. • How he walked away from needed investments in education, training, and all the things that make us smarter, safer, and stronger economically. • How he plans to go on from here to cripple Social Security and to allow the privileged to avoid even more taxes. It makes you wonder:

What do they teach you at Harvard Business School?
Falling Behind
Simon and Schuster
From the hugely popular star of TVUs "Judge Mathis," comes the inspirational story of a young man who rose from delinquent to Detroit District Court Judge to national television personality. Color photos.

Hand to Mouth

Penguin
Michelle Kennedy had a typical middle class

American childhood in Vermont. She attended college, interned in the U.S. Senate, married her high school sweetheart and settled in the suburbs of D.C. But the comfortable life she was building quickly fell apart. At age twenty-four Michelle was suddenly single, homeless, and living out of a car

with her three small children. She waitressed night shifts while her kids slept out in the diner's parking lot. She saved her tips in the glove compartment, and set aside a few quarters every week for truck stop showers for her and the kids. With startling humor and honesty, Kennedy

describes the triumphs.
frustration
of never
having
enough money
for a
security
deposit on
an
apartment—but
t having too
much to
qualify for
public
assistance.
Without A
Net is a
story of
hope.
Michelle
Kennedy
survives on
her wits, a
little luck,
and a lot of
courage. And
in the end,
she

It's the Middle Class,
Stupid! Open Road
+ Grove/Atlantic
The liberal class plays
a vital role in a
democracy. It gives
moral legitimacy to
the state. It makes
limited forms of
dissent and
incremental change
possible. The liberal
class posits itself as
the conscience of the
nation. It permits us,
through its appeal to
public virtues and the
public good, to define
ourselves as a good
and noble people.
Most importantly, on
behalf of the power
elite the liberal class
serves as bulwarks
against radical
movements by
offering a safety valve
for popular
frustrations and
discontentment by
discrediting those

who talk of profound
structural change.
Once this class loses
its social and political
role then the delicate
fabric of a democracy
breaks down and the
liberal class, along
with the values it
espouses, becomes an
object of ridicule and
hatred. The door that
has been opened to
proto-fascists has been
opened by a bankrupt
liberalism The Death
of the Liberal Class
examines the failure
of the liberal class to
confront the rise of
the corporate state
and the consequences
of a liberalism that
has become
profoundly
bankrupted. Hedges
argues there are five
pillars of the liberal
establishment — the
press, liberal religious
institutions, labor
unions, universities
and the Democratic

Party — and that each of these institutions, more concerned with status and privilege than justice and progress, sold out the constituents they represented. In doing so, the liberal class has become irrelevant to society at large and ultimately the corporate power elite they once served.

It's Still the Economy, Stupid
Simon and Schuster
The Urban Crucible boldly reinterprets colonial life and the origins of the American Revolution. Through a century-long history of three seaport towns--Boston, New York, and Philadelphia--Gary Nash discovers subtle changes in social and political awareness and describes the coming of the

revolution through popular collective action and challenges to rule by custom, law and divine will. A reordering of political power required a new consciousness to challenge the model of social relations inherited from the past and defended by higher classes. While retaining all the main points of analysis and interpretation, the author has reduced the full complement of statistics, sources, and technical data contained in the original edition to serve the needs of general readers and undergraduates.

Linked Knopf Canada
"I recommend a book by Professor Williams, it is really worth a

read, it's called White Working Class." -- Vice President Joe Biden on Pod Save America An Amazon Best Business and Leadership book of 2017 Around the world, populist movements are gaining traction among the white working class. Meanwhile, members of the professional elite—journalists, managers, and establishment politicians--are on the outside looking in, left to argue over the reasons. In White Working Class, Joan C. Williams,

described as having rich, nor are they of millions of
"something particularly people who have
approaching rock bothered by proven to be a
star status" by the income inequality. potent political
New York Times, Their dream is not force. For anyone
explains why so to join the upper stunned by the rise
much of the elite's middle class, with of populist,
analysis of the its different nationalist
white working class culture, but to stay movements,
is misguided, true to their own wondering why so
rooted in class values in their own many would
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Williams explains against their own
that many people economic interests,
have conflated While white or simply feeling
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with "poor"--but often dismissed as their own country,
the working class racist or White Working
is, in fact, the xenophobic, Class will be a
elusive, Williams shows convincing primer
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middle class. They consciousness. workers--and
often resent the White Working voters.
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professionals alike. bracing narrative Been Middle Class
But they don't that sketches a Candlewick Press
resent the truly nuanced portrait The scourge of

America's economy isn't the success of the 1 percent—quite the opposite. The real problem is the government's well-meaning but misguided attempt to reduce the payoffs for success. Four years ago, Edward Conard wrote a controversial bestseller, *Unintended Consequences*, which set the record straight on the financial crisis of 2008 and explained why U.S. growth was accelerating relative to other high-wage economies. He warned that loose monetary policy would produce neither growth nor

inflation, that expansionary fiscal policy would have no lasting benefit on growth in the aftermath of the crisis, and that ill-advised attempts to rein in banking based on misplaced blame would slow an already weak recovery. Unfortunately, he was right. Now he's back with another provocative argument: that our current obsession with income inequality is misguided and will only slow growth further. Using fact-based logic, Conard tracks the implications of an economy now constrained by both its capacity for risk-

taking and by a shortage of properly trained talent—rather than by labor or capital, as was the case historically. He uses this fresh perspective to challenge the conclusions of liberal economists like Larry Summers and Joseph Stiglitz and the myths of “crony capitalism” more broadly. Instead, he argues that the growing wealth of most successful Americans is not to blame for the stagnating incomes of the middle and working classes. If anything, the success of the 1 percent has put upward pressure on employment and wages. Conard

argues that high payoffs for success motivate talent to get the training and take the risks that gradually loosen the constraints to growth. Well-meaning attempts to decrease inequality through redistribution dull these incentives, gradually hurting not just the 1 percent but everyone else as well. Conard outlines a plan for growing middle- and working-class wages in an economy with a near infinite supply of labor that is shifting from capital-intensive manufacturing to knowledge-intensive, innovation-driven

fields. He urges us to stop blaming the success of the 1 percent for slow wage growth and embrace the upside of inequality: faster growth and greater prosperity for everyone. The Revolt Against the Masses Harvard Business Press Since the end of World War II, most people around the world regarded the United States as the land of opportunity. The baby boomers and Generation X knew it best as "the land of milk and honey." It was a place where people could easily raise a family and with hard work could achieve anything they set their mind to. The American Dream, a dream of a land

where life is better, richer and fuller for everyone, was alive. Much has changed, though, in the past four decades. Most Americans today do not realize that since the early 1990s, when the world markets began to merge and globalization took place, America went through a significant transformation. Today, the America of yesterday, a place where children grew up to ultimately earn more than their parents, is no longer reality but, in most cases, just wishful thinking. In today's globalized world, working in America no longer feels any different than earning a living in Europe or Japan. Indeed, income levels and employment opportunities now

appear to be similar. Are they, though? Do Americans still have the edge or has the American Dream finally slipped away? Is it possible to conceive that American workers could be disadvantaged when compared to those living and working in other countries? While most people live their everyday lives never knowing, one thing is clear. Recently, political catchphrases such as "Make America Great Again," deeply resonated with frustrated Americans on both sides of the political divide, more so than election pollsters and the media anticipated during the 2016 presidential election. Undoubtedly, anxiety about the future is in

the air, but what causes it? Can the past be restored? One thing is certain. Americans cannot afford to remain complacent with the status quo. Visit the author's webpage [HERE](#). [The Mezzanine](#) Scholastic Inc. A vivid character-driven narrative, fused with important new economic and political reporting and research, that busts the myths about middle class decline and points the way to its revival. For over a decade, Jim Tankersley has been on a journey to understand what the hell happened to the world's greatest middle-class success story -- the post-World-War-II boom that faded into decades of stagnation

and frustration for American workers. In [The Riches of This Land](#), Tankersley fuses the story of forgotten Americans--struggling women and men who he met on his journey into the travails of the middle class-- with important new economic and political research, providing fresh understanding how to create a more widespread prosperity. He begins by unraveling the real mystery of the American economy since the 1970s - not where did the jobs go, but why haven't new and better ones been created to replace them. His analysis begins with the revelation that women and minorities played a far more crucial role in building the post-war middle class than

today's politicians typically acknowledge, and policies that have done nothing to address the structural shifts of the American economy have enabled a privileged few to capture nearly all the benefits of America's growing prosperity. Meanwhile, the "angry white men of Ohio" have been sold by Trump and his ilk a theory of the economy that is dangerously backward, one that pits them against immigrants, minorities, and women who should be their allies. At the culmination of his journey, Tankersley lays out specific policy prescriptions and social undertakings that can begin moving the needle in the effort to make new and

better jobs appear. By fostering an economy that opens new pathways for all workers to reach their full potential -- men and women, immigrant or native-born, regardless of race -- America can once again restore the upward flow of talent that can power growth and prosperity. *Death of the Liberal Class* Univ of California Press This short book rewrites the history of modern American liberalism. It shows that what we think of as liberalism—the top-and-bottom coalition we associate with President

Obama—began not with Progressivism or the New Deal but rather in the wake of WWI, in disillusionment with American society. In the 1920s, the first thinkers to call themselves liberals adopted the hostility to bourgeois life that had long characterized European intellectuals of both the left and right. The aim of liberalism's founders—such as Herbert Croly, Randolph Bourne, H.G. Wells, Sinclair Lewis, and H.L.

Mencken—was to create an American version of the aristocracy long associated with European statism. Critical of mass democracy and middle-class capitalism, liberals despised the businessman 's pursuit of profit as well as the conventional individual 's pursuit of pleasure; and in the 1950s liberalism expressed itself in the scornful critique of popular culture. It was precisely the success of a recently elevated middle-class culture that

frightened the leaders of the New Class, who took up the priestly task of de-democratizing America in the name of administering newly developed rights. The neo-Malthusianism that emerged from the 1960s did not aim to control the breeding habits of the lower classes, as its eugenicist precursors had done, but to mock and restrain the buying habits of the middle class. Today 's brand of liberalism, led by Barack Obama, has displaced the old Main Street private-sector

middle class with a new middle class composed of public-sector workers allied with crony capitalists and the country 's arbiters of elite style and taste. White Working Class Ballantine Books
The Tamil Brahmins were a traditional, mainly rural, high-caste elite who have been transformed into a modern, urban, middle-class community since the late nineteenth century. Many Tamil Brahmins today are in professional and managerial

occupations, such as engineering and information technology; most of them live in Chennai and other Tamilnadu towns, but others have migrated to the rest of India and overseas. This book, which is mainly based on the authors ethnographic research, describes and analyses this transformation. It is also a study of how and why the Tamil Brahmins privileged status within a hierarchical society has been perpetuated in the face of both a strong anti-

Brahman movement in Tamilnadu, and a series of wider social, cultural, economic, political, and ideological changes that might have been expected to undermine their position completely. The major topics discussed include Brahman rural society, urban migration and urban ways of life, education and employment, the position of women, and religion and culture. The Tamil Brahmins class position, including the internal division into the

upper- and lower-middle classes, and the process of class reproduction, are examined closely to analyze the congruence between Tamil Brahmanhood and middle classness, which as comparison with other Brahman and non-Brahman groups shows is highly unusual in contemporary India."

The 9.9 Percent Encounter Books
The real-life Nickel and Dimed—the author of the wildly popular “Poverty Thoughts” essay tells what it’s like to be working poor in America. ONE OF THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT

BOOKS OF THE YEAR--Esquire “ VASTATINGLY SMART AND FUNNY. I am the author of Nickel and Dimed, which tells the story of my own brief attempt, as a semi-undercover journalist, to survive on low-wage retail and service jobs. TIRADO IS THE REAL THING. ” —Barbara Ehrenreich, from the Foreword As the haves and have-nots grow more separate and unequal in America, the working poor don ’ t get heard from much. Now they have a voice—and it ’ s forthright, funny, and just a little bit furious. Here, Linda Tirado tells what it ’ s like, day after day, to work, eat, shop, raise kids, and keep a roof over your head

without enough DE money. She also answers questions often asked about those who live on or near minimum wage: Why don ’ t they get better jobs? Why don ’ t they make better choices? Why do they smoke cigarettes and have ugly lawns? Why don ’ t they borrow from their parents? Enlightening and entertaining, Hand to Mouth opens up a new and much-needed dialogue between the people who just don ’ t have it and the people who just don ’ t get it. Ask a Manager National Geographic Books A compelling look at a new class of the affluent - the middle-class millionaires – whose attitudes and values are influencing

and reshaping American life In this groundbreaking book, Russ Alan Prince and Lewis Schiff examine the far-reaching impact of the middle class millionaires – people who enjoy a net worth ranging from one million to ten million dollars and have earned rather than inherited their wealth. Comprising 8.4 million households and growing in number, the attitudes and behaviors of these working rich are exerting a powerful influence over our society. So who are these people? They believe in the benefits of hard work. They believe in investing in themselves, and in self improvement. They are more likely to focus on drawing financial gain from

their work, and less inclined to be discouraged by failure. And they don't spend money on the extravagances indulged in by the very rich; instead, they wield their affluence according to middle-class values and ideals. From home security systems to health care, technology to travel, their spending choices are affecting us all – from the products we buy, to the communities in which we live, to the aspirations and values of the broader middle class and American population as a whole. In the bestselling tradition of Bobos in Paradise and The Millionaire Next Door, **THE MIDDLE CLASS MILLIONAIRE** is a captivating narrative

– part sociology, and part aspirational journey into the lives, attitudes, and values of the middle-class millionaires. Based on extensive surveys and research into more than 3,600 middle-class millionaire households around the country, this book will reshape our understanding of what it takes to be successful – and how all of us can achieve similar success. [A New Contract with the Middle Class](#) Verso Books A National Book Critics Circle Award – winner elevates the ordinary events that occur to a man on his lunch hour into “ a constant delight ” of a novel (The Boston Globe). In this startling, witty, and inexhaustibly

inventive novel, New York Times – bestselling author Nicholson Baker uses a one-story escalator ride as the occasion for a dazzling reappraisal of everyday objects and rituals. From the humble milk carton to the act of tying one's shoes, *The Mezzanine* at once defamiliarizes the familiar world and endows it with loopy and euphoric poetry. Baker's accounts of the ordinary become extraordinary through his sharp storytelling and his unconventional, conversational style. At first glance, *The Mezzanine* appears to be a book about nothing. In reality, it is a brilliant celebration of things, simultaneously demonstrating the value of reflection and

the importance of everyday human experiences. “ A very funny book . . . Its 135 pages probably contain more insight into life as we live it today than anything currently on the best-seller list. ” —The New York Times

“ Captures the spirit of American corporate life and invests it with a passion and sympathy that is entirely unexpected. ” —The Seattle Times

“ Among the year ’ s best. ” —The Boston Globe

“ Baker writes with appealing charm . . . [He] clowns and shows off . . . rambles and pounces hard; he says acute things, extravagant things, terribly funny things. ” —Los Angeles Times Book Review

“ Wonderfully

readable, in fact gripping, with surprising bursts of recognition, humor and wonder. ” —The Washington Post

Book World

No, You Shut Up Page Publishing Inc

The New York Times bestselling expos é of what passes for business as usual in Washington today

There was a time, not so very long ago, when perfectly rational people ran the Republican Party.

So how did the party of Lincoln become the party of lunatics? That is what this book aims to answer.

Fear not, the Dems come in for their share of tough talk—they are zombies, a party of the living dead. Mike Lofgren came to Washington in the early eighties—those

halcyon, post – Nixonian glory days—for what he imagined would be a short stint on Capitol Hill. He has witnessed quite a few low points in his twenty-eight years on the Hill—but none quite so pitiful as the antics of the current crop of legislators whom we appear to have elected. Based on the explosive article Lofgren wrote when he resigned in disgust after the debt ceiling crisis, *The Party Is Over* is a funny and impassioned expos é of everything that is wrong with Washington. Obama and his tired cohorts are no angels but they have nothing on the Republicans, whose wily strategists are bankrupting the country one craven vote at a time. Be

prepared for some fireworks.

Inner City Miracle
Penguin

The international hit returns with even more wit and insight into the hidden rules that make England English.

Love & War Harvard University Press

The middle class is often viewed as the heart of American society, the key to the country's democracy and prosperity. Most Americans believe they belong to this group, and few politicians can hope to be elected without promising to serve the middle class. Yet today the American middle class is increasingly seen as under threat. In *The*

American Middle Class: A Cultural History, Lawrence R. Samuel charts the rise and fall of this most definitive American population, from its triumphant emergence in the post-World War II years to the struggles of the present day. Between the 1920s and the 1950s, powerful economic, social, and political factors worked together in the U.S. to forge what many historians consider to be the first genuine mass middle class in history. But from the cultural convulsions of the 1960s, to the 'stagflation' of the 1970s, to Reaganomics in the 1980s, this segment of the population has been under severe stress. Drawing on a rich array of voices

from the past half-century, *The American Middle Class* explores how the middle class, and ideas about it, have changed over time, including the distinct story of the black middle class. Placing the current crisis of the middle class in historical perspective, Samuel shows how the roots of middle-class troubles reach back to the cultural upheaval of the 1960s. *The American Middle Class* takes a long look at how the middle class has been winnowed away and reveals how, even in the face of this erosion, the image of the enduring middle class remains the heart and soul of the United States.

Reading Classes

Simon and Schuster

Taking apart the ideology of the "middle class" Tidings of a shrinking middle class in one part of the world and its expansion in another absorb our attention, but seldom do we question the category itself. We Have Never Been Middle Class proposes that the middle class is an ideology. Tracing this ideology up to the age of financialization, it exposes the fallacy in the belief that we can all ascend or descend as a result of our aspirational and precautionary investments in property and education.

Ethnographic accounts from Germany, Israel, the USA and elsewhere illustrate how this belief orients us, in our private lives as much as in our politics, toward accumulation-enhancing yet self-undermining goals. This original meshing of anthropology and critical theory elucidates capitalism by way of its archetypal actors. Killer Politics Penguin
With a timely new foreword by Robert Frank, this groundbreaking book explores the very meaning of happiness and prosperity in America today.

Although middle-income families don't earn much more than they did several decades ago, they are buying bigger cars, houses, and appliances. To pay for them, they spend more than they earn and carry record levels of debt. Robert Frank explains how increased concentrations of income and wealth at the top of the economic pyramid have set off "expenditure cascades" that raise the cost of achieving many basic goals for the middle class. Writing in lively

prose for a general audience, Frank employs up-to-date economic data and examples drawn from everyday life to shed light on reigning models of consumer behavior. He also suggests reforms that could mitigate the costs of inequality. *Falling Behind* compels us to rethink how and why we live our economic lives the way we do.