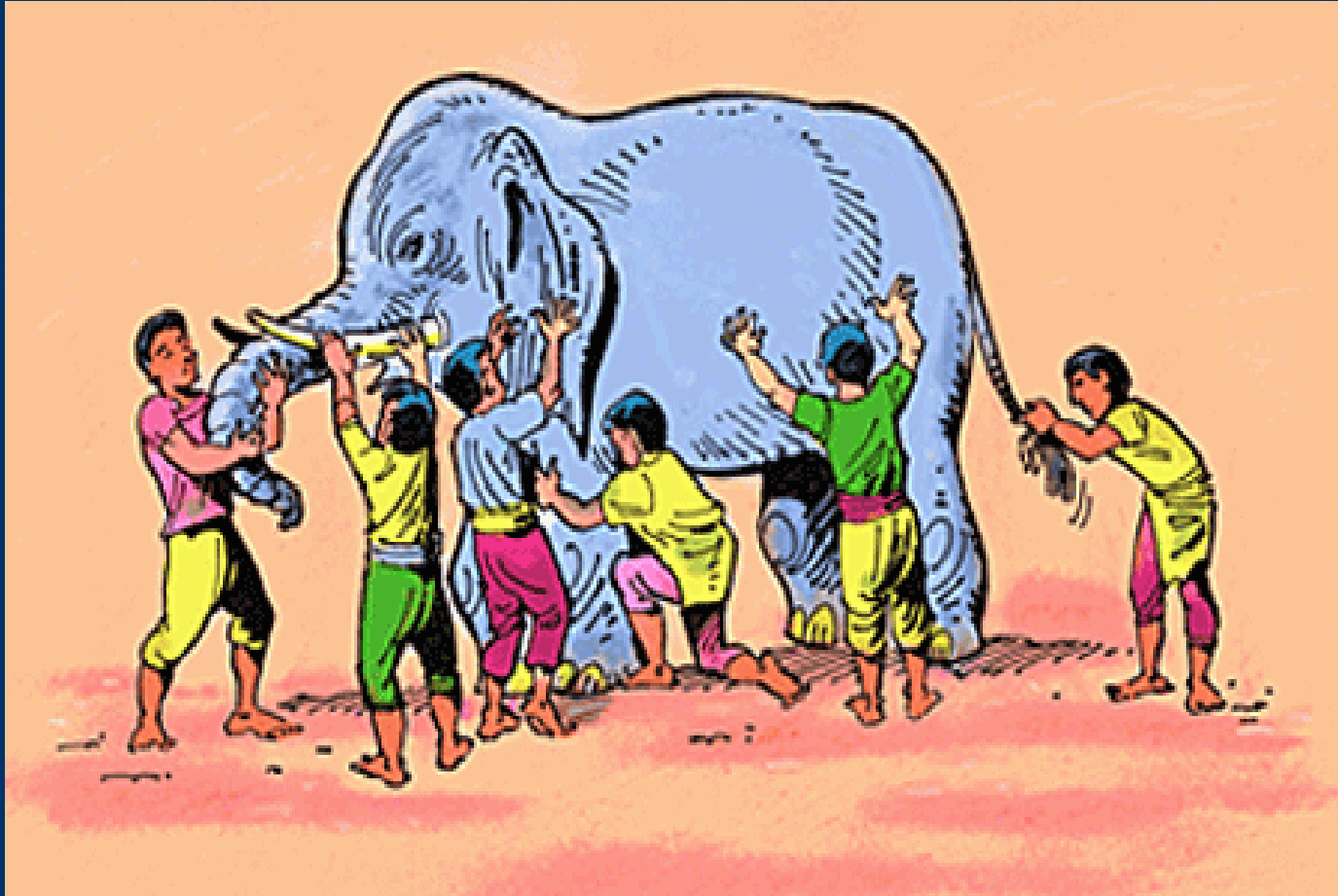


Reading Towards Sustainability

The Blind Men and the Elephant Reading List

The authors in this list show you that we understand much about our existence and can control our destiny if we so choose. These varied books interestingly overlap and share a number of similar observations. Like interpretations from different blind men, the more you read, the better picture of the elephant you get. And the more of us blind people that get involved and contribute to the greater good, the better off we will be. I invite you to read more, enrich your life, and in your own way, help make this a better world.

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The Parable

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The Buddha answered, "Once upon a time there was a certain raja who called to his servant and said, 'Come, good fellow, go and gather together in one place all the men of Savatthi who were born blind... and show them an elephant.' 'Very good, sire,' replied the servant, and he did as he was told. He said to the blind men assembled there, 'Here is an elephant,' and to one man he presented the head of the elephant, to another its ears, to another a tusk, to another the trunk, the foot, back, tail, and tuft of the tail, saying to each one that that was the elephant.



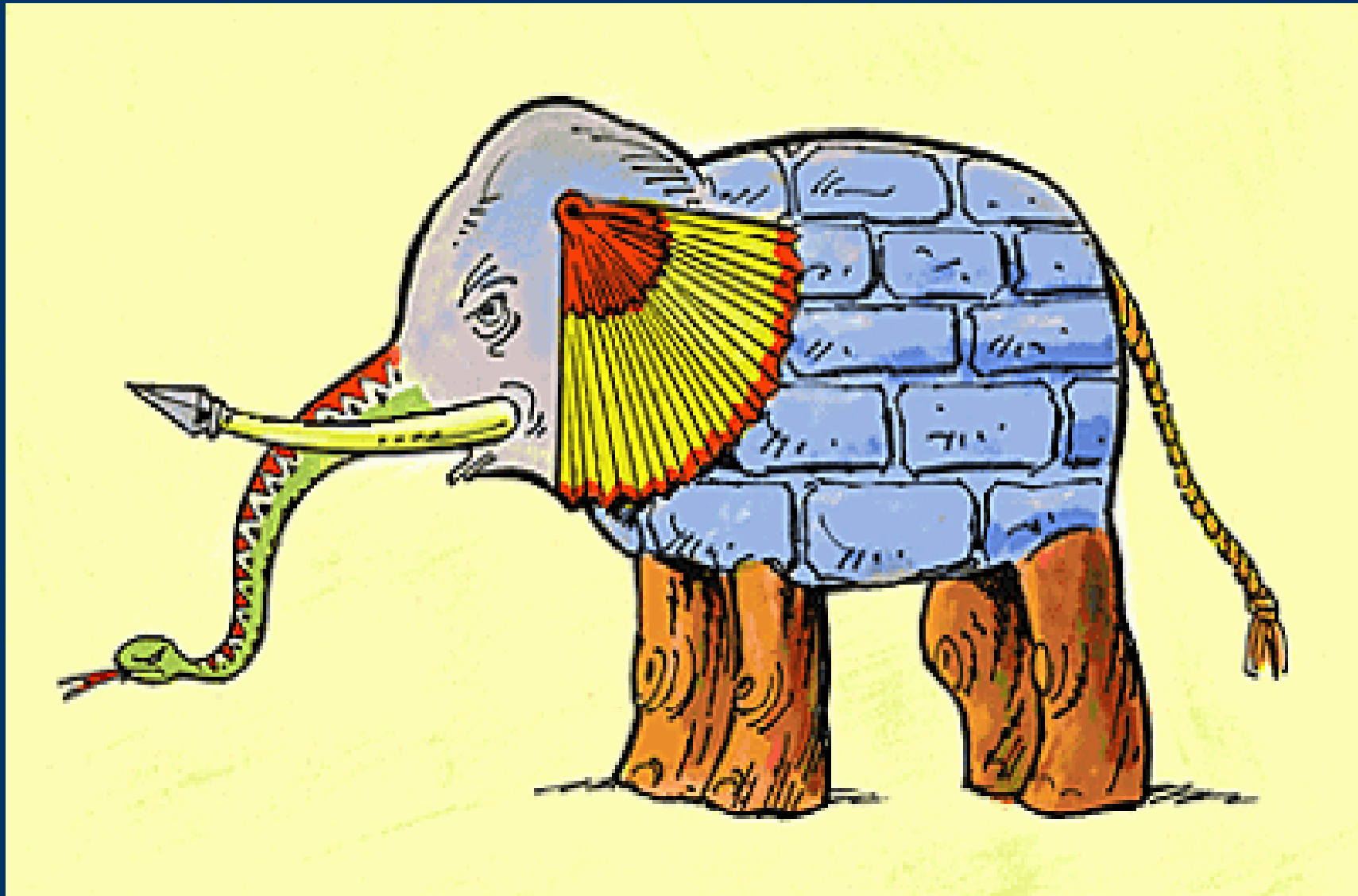
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"When the blind men had felt the elephant, the raja went to each of them and said to each, 'Well, blind man, have you seen the elephant? Tell me, what sort of thing is an elephant?'

"Thereupon the men who were presented with the head answered, 'Sire, an elephant is like a pot.' And the men who had observed the ear replied, 'An elephant is like a winnowing basket.' Those who had been presented with a tusk said it was a ploughshare. Those who knew only the trunk said it was a plough; others said the body was a grainery; the foot, a pillar; the back, a mortar; the tail, a pestle, the tuft of the tail, a brush.

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"Then they began to quarrel, shouting, 'Yes it is!' 'No, it is not!' 'An elephant is not that!' 'Yes, it's like that!' and so on, till they came to blows over the matter.

Brethren, the raja was delighted with the scene.

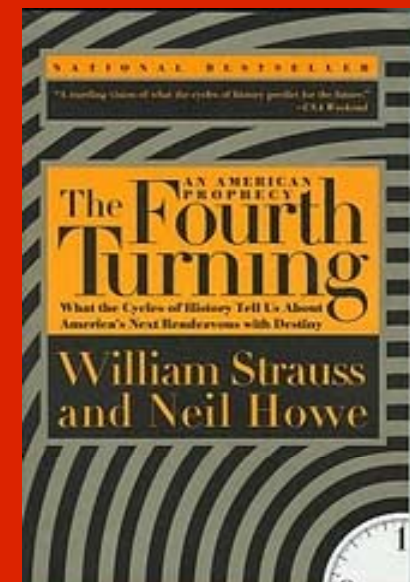
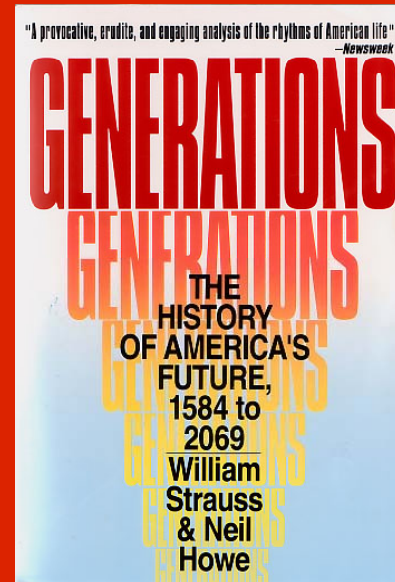
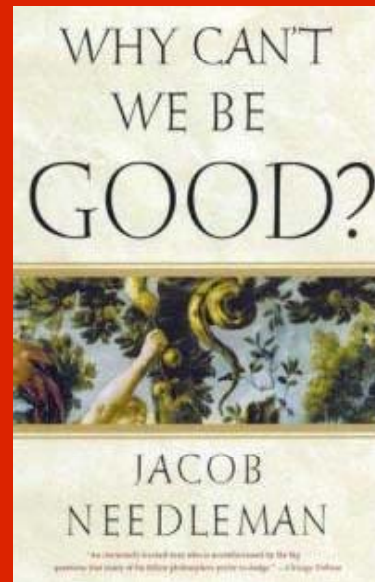
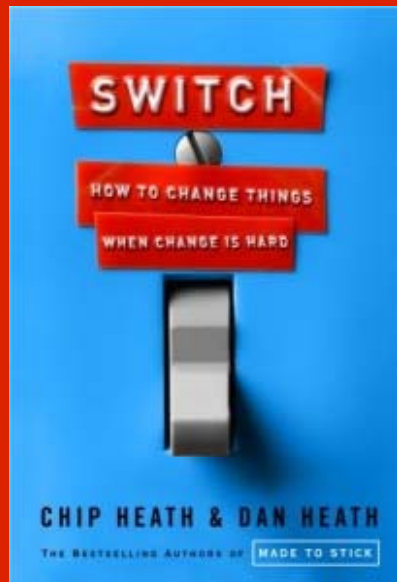
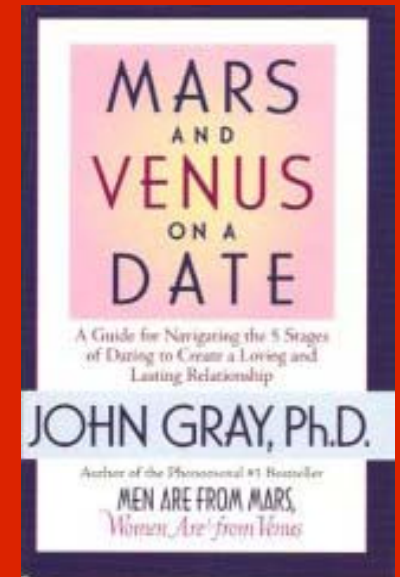
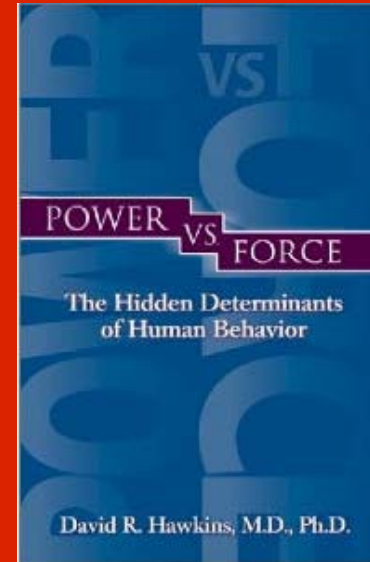
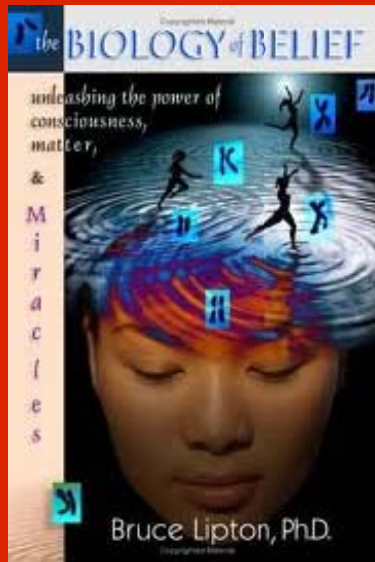
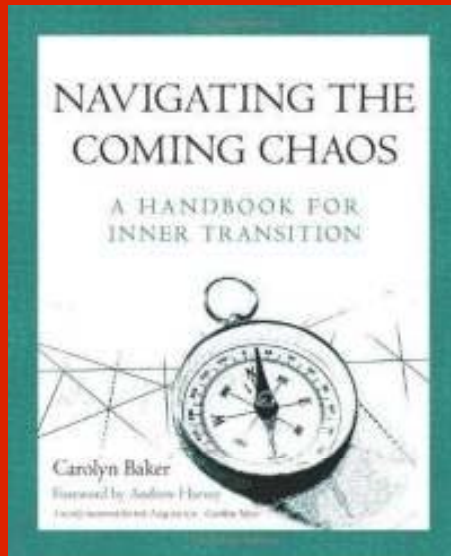
"Just so are these preachers and scholars holding various views blind and unseeing.... In their ignorance they are by nature quarrelsome, wrangling, and disputatious, each maintaining reality is thus and thus."

Then the Exalted One rendered this meaning by uttering this verse of uplift

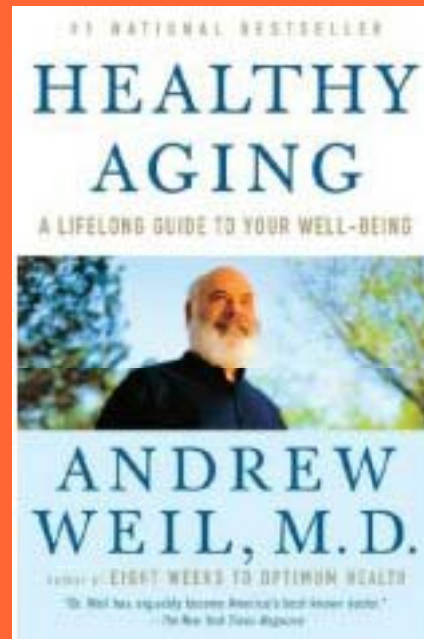
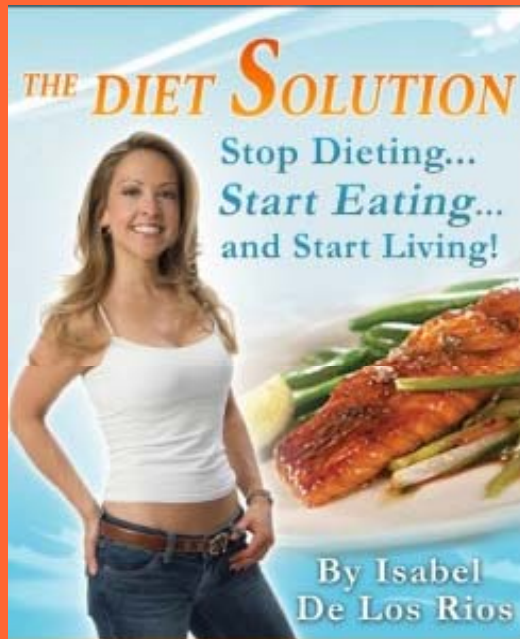
O how they cling and wrangle, some who claim
For preacher and monk the honored name!
For, quarreling, each to his view they cling.
Such folk see only one side of a thing.

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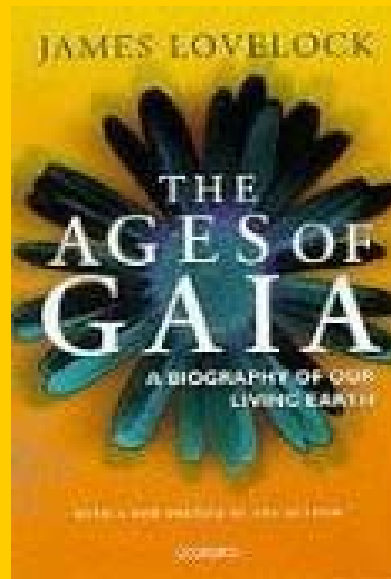
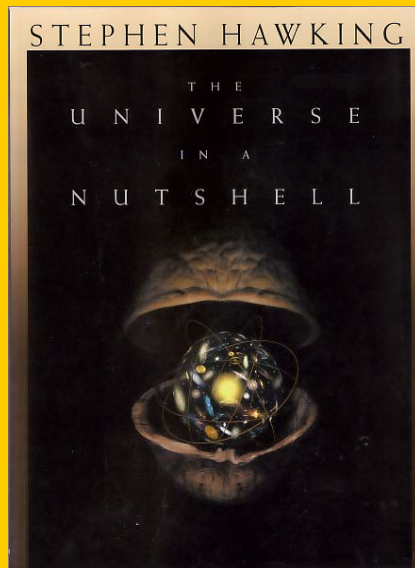


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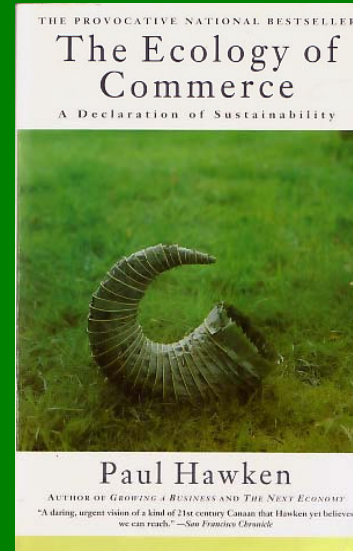
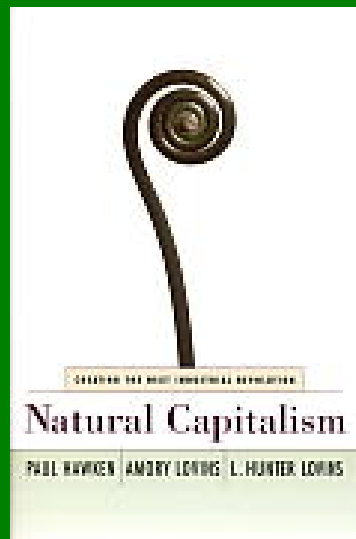
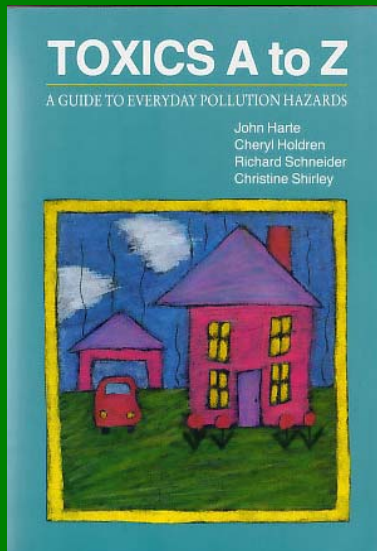
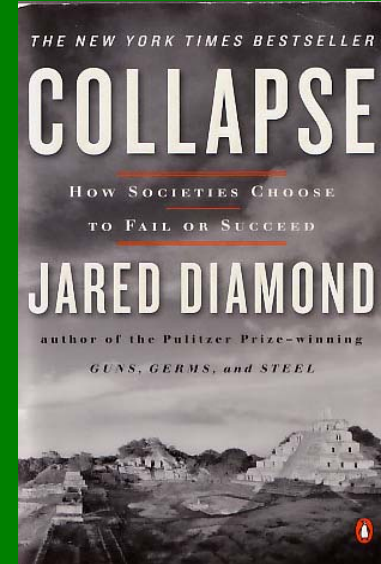
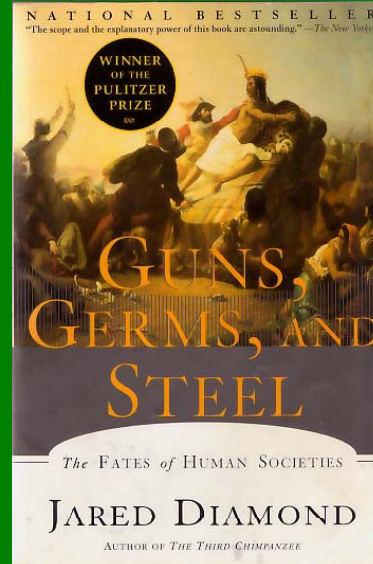
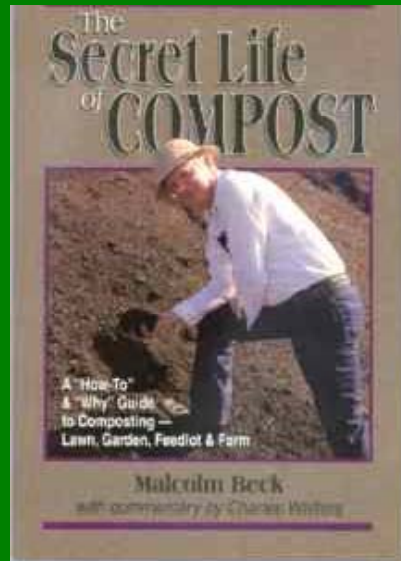
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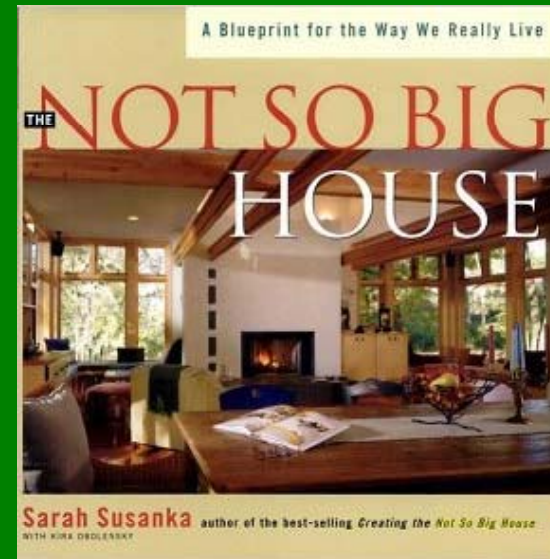
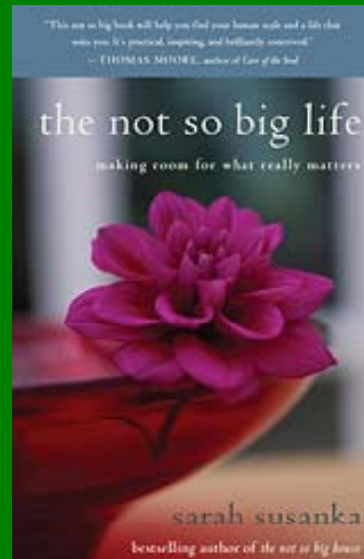
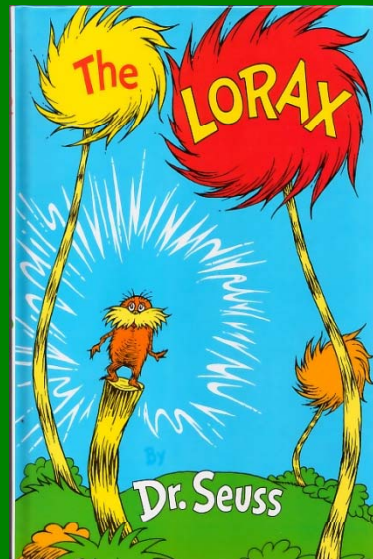
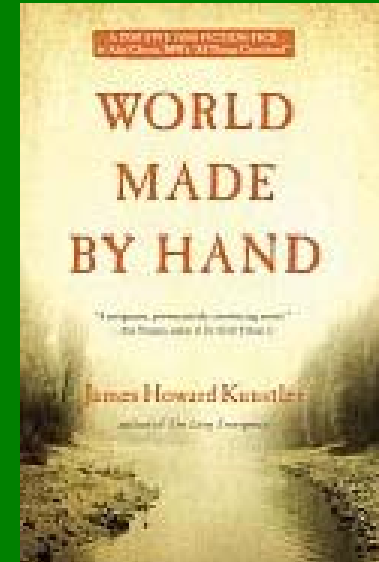
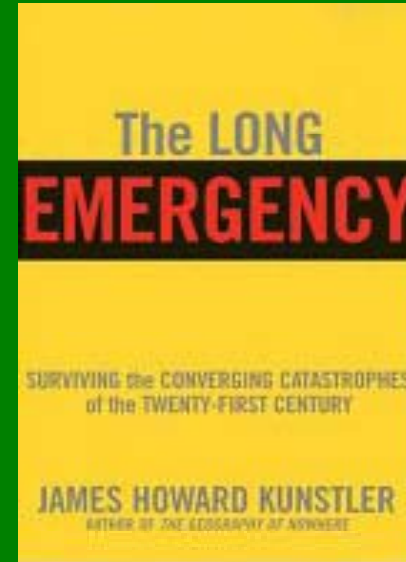
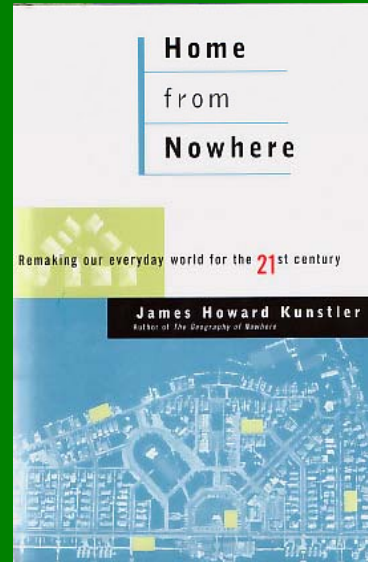
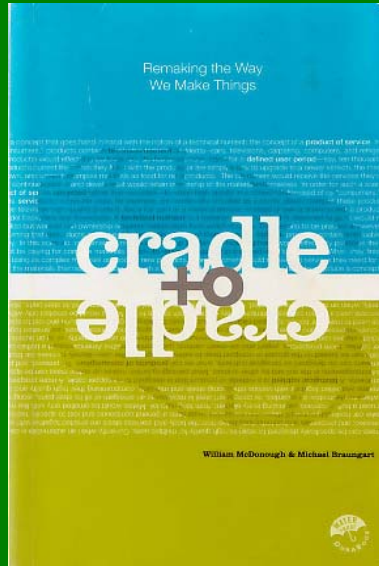
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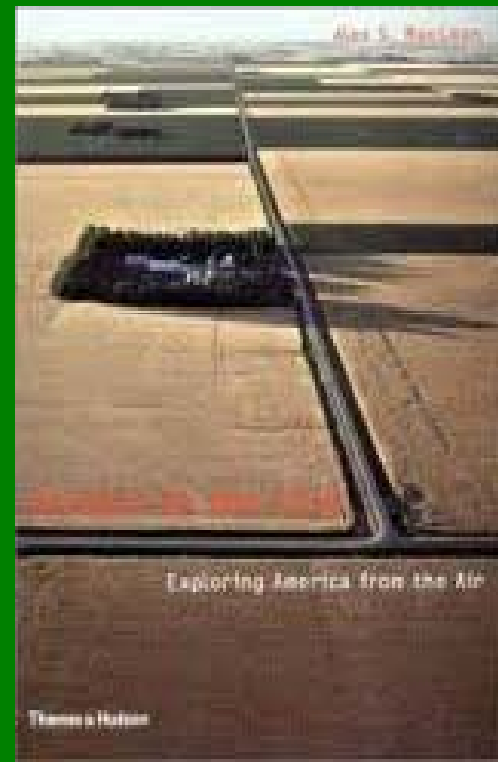
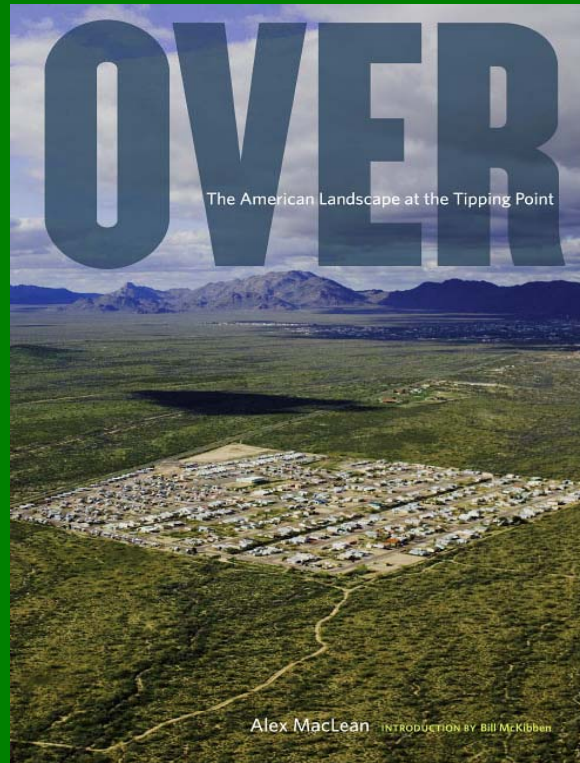
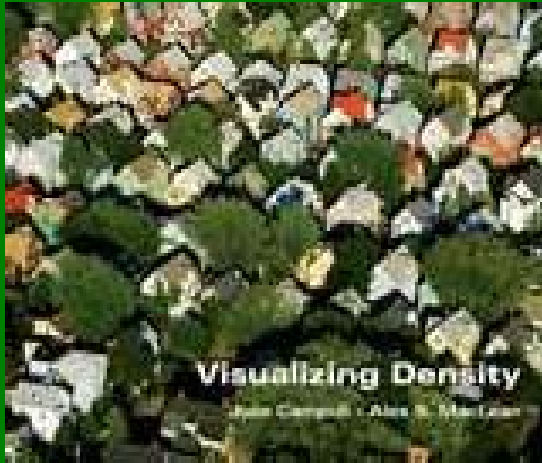
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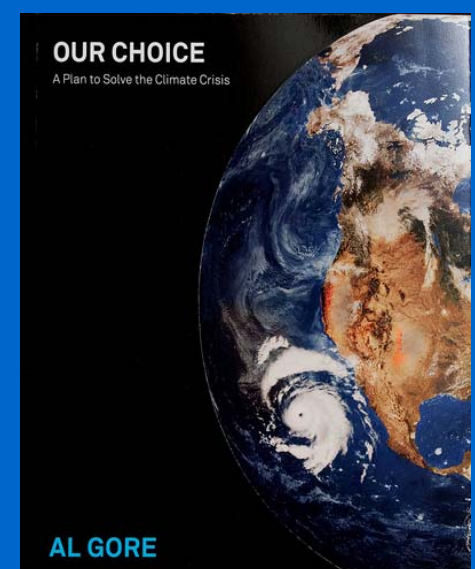
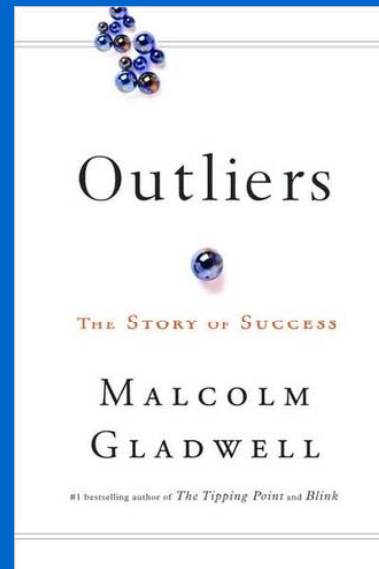
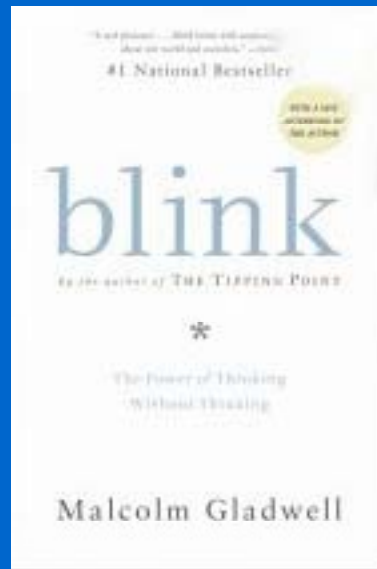
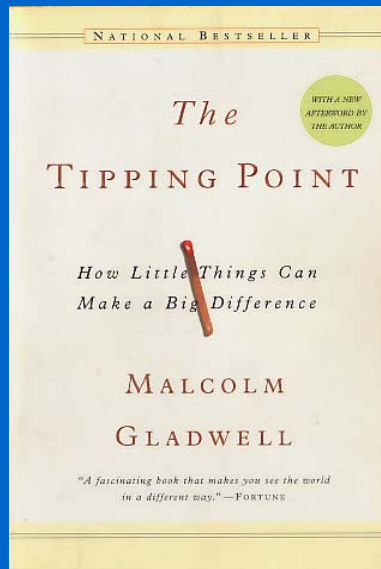
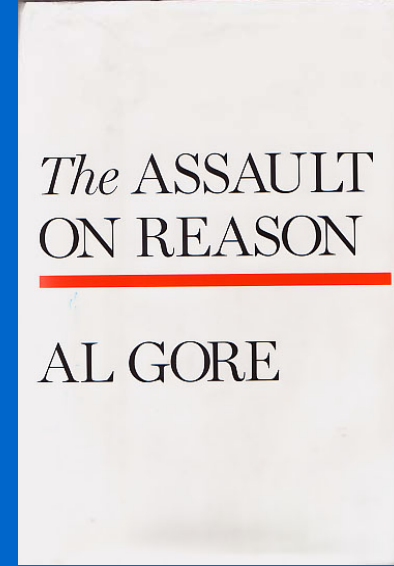
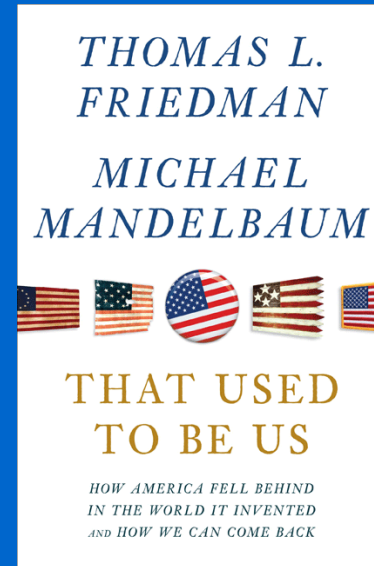
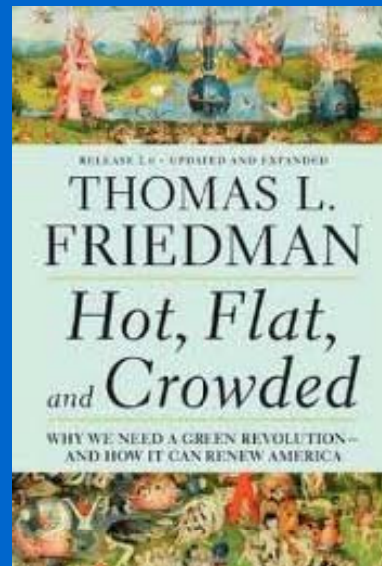
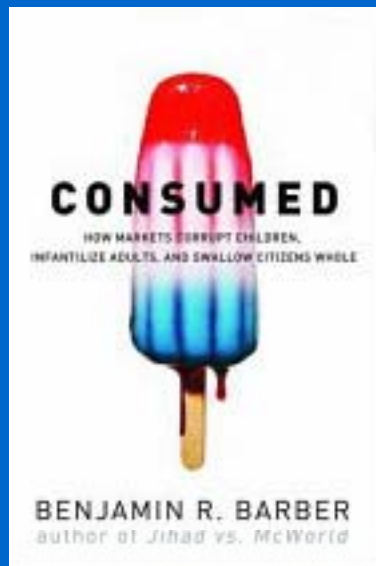
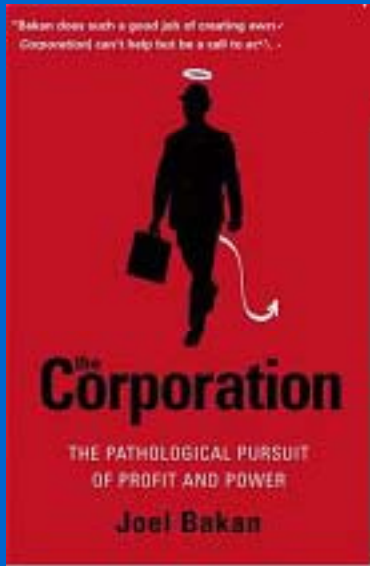
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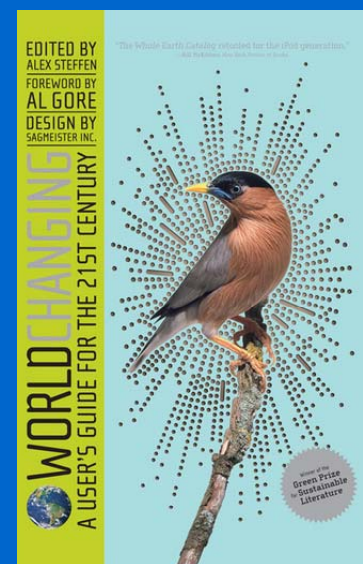
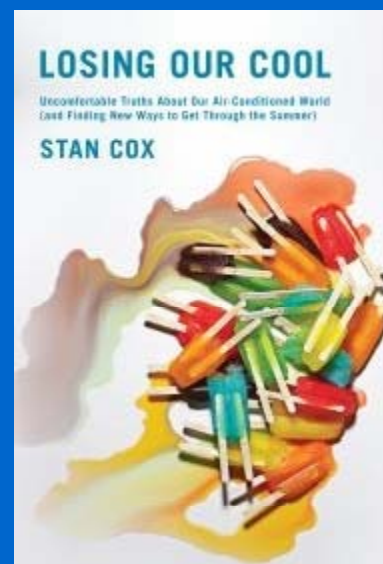
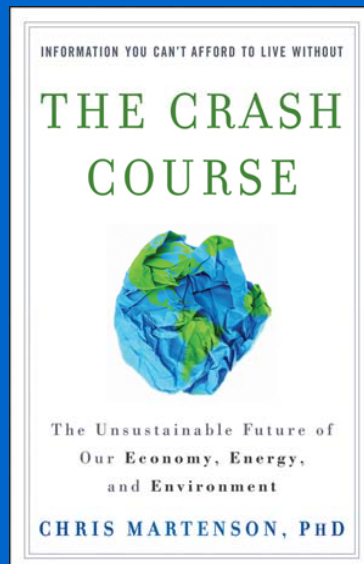
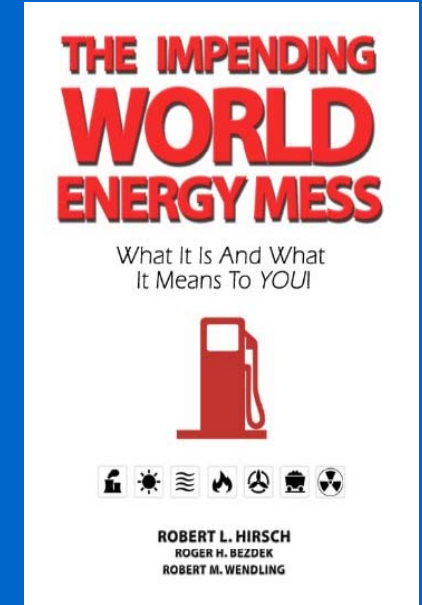
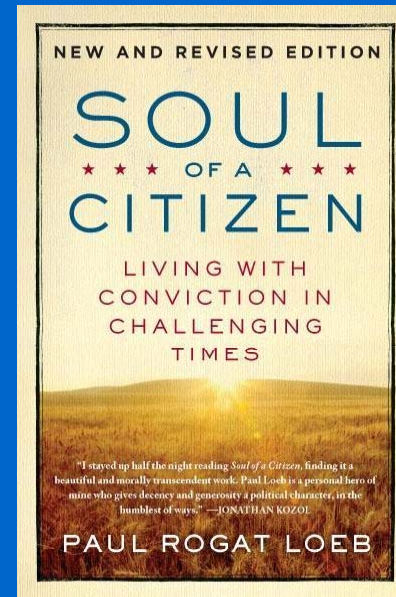
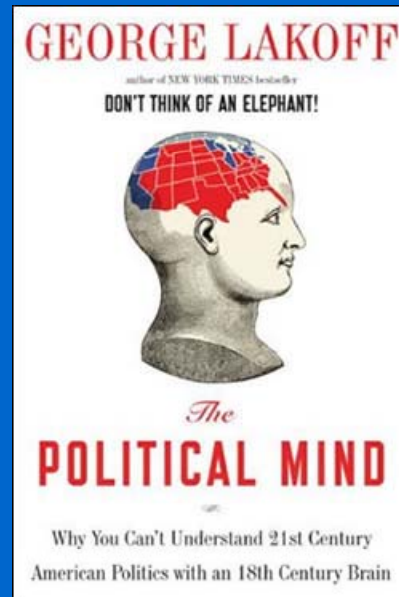
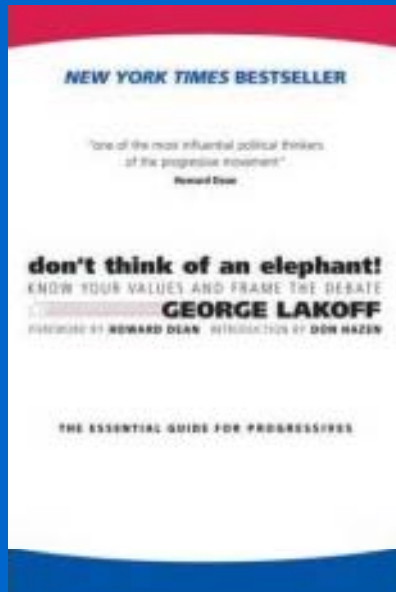
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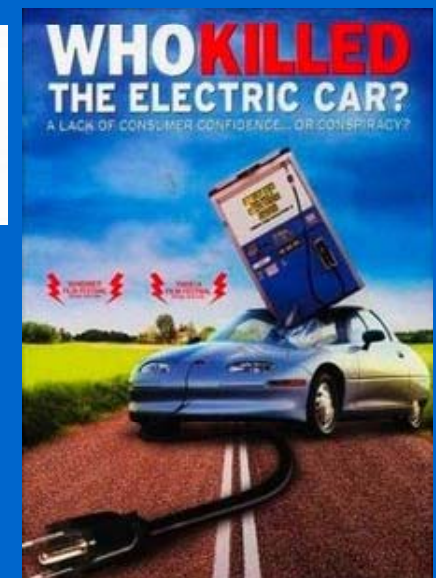
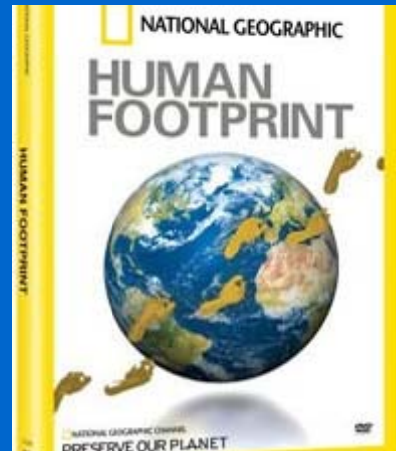
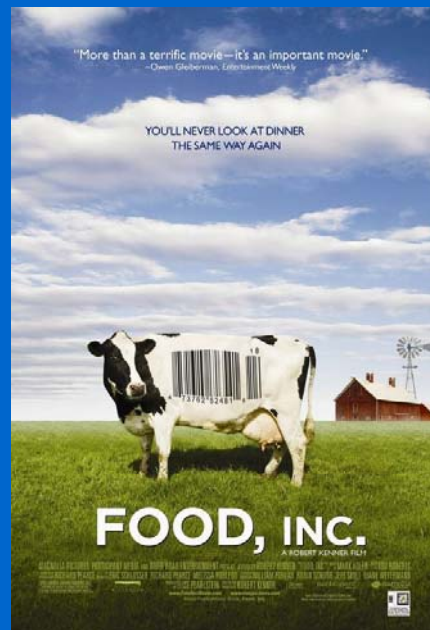
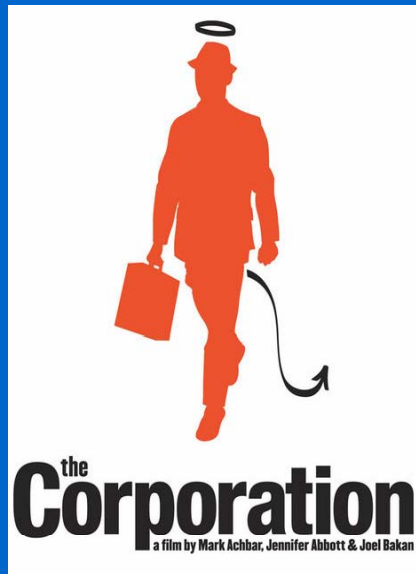
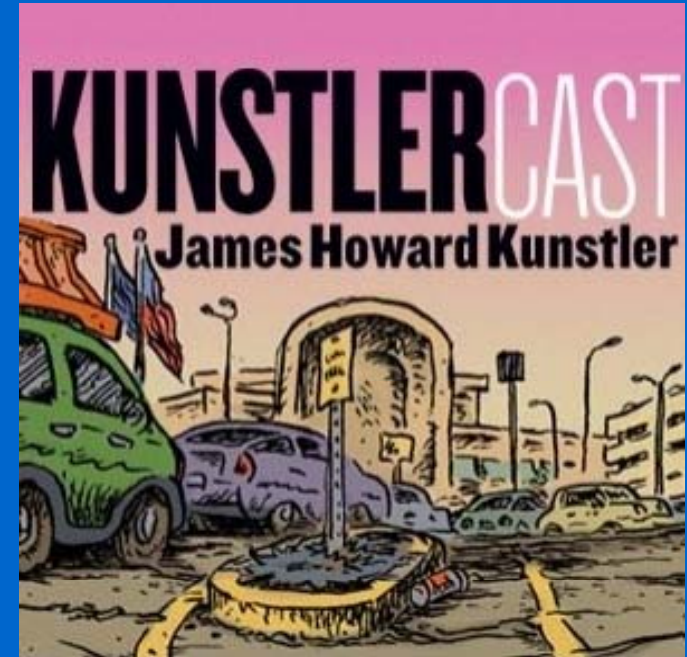
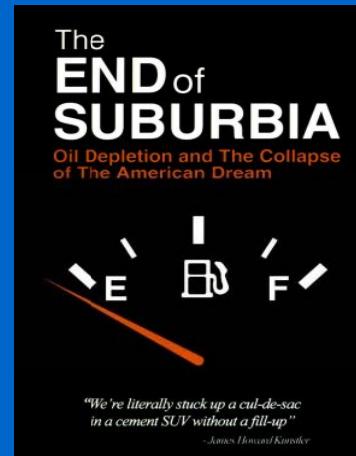
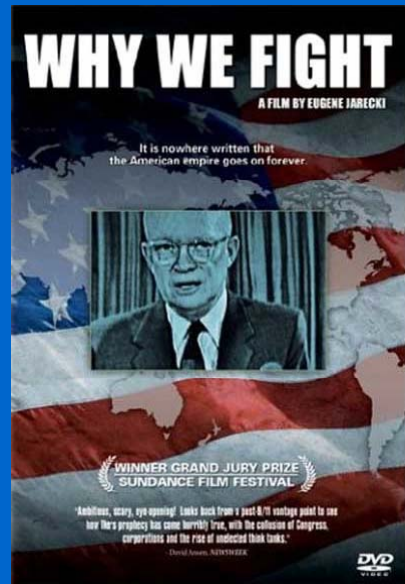
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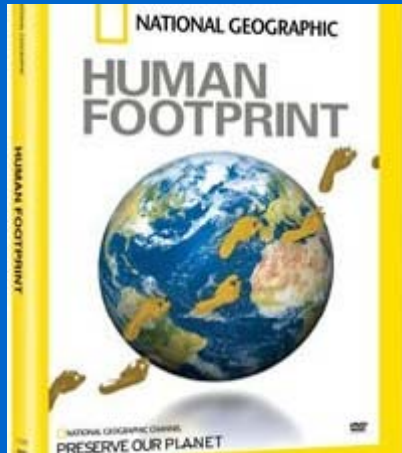
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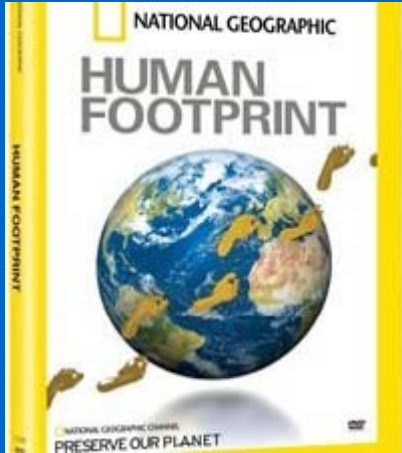


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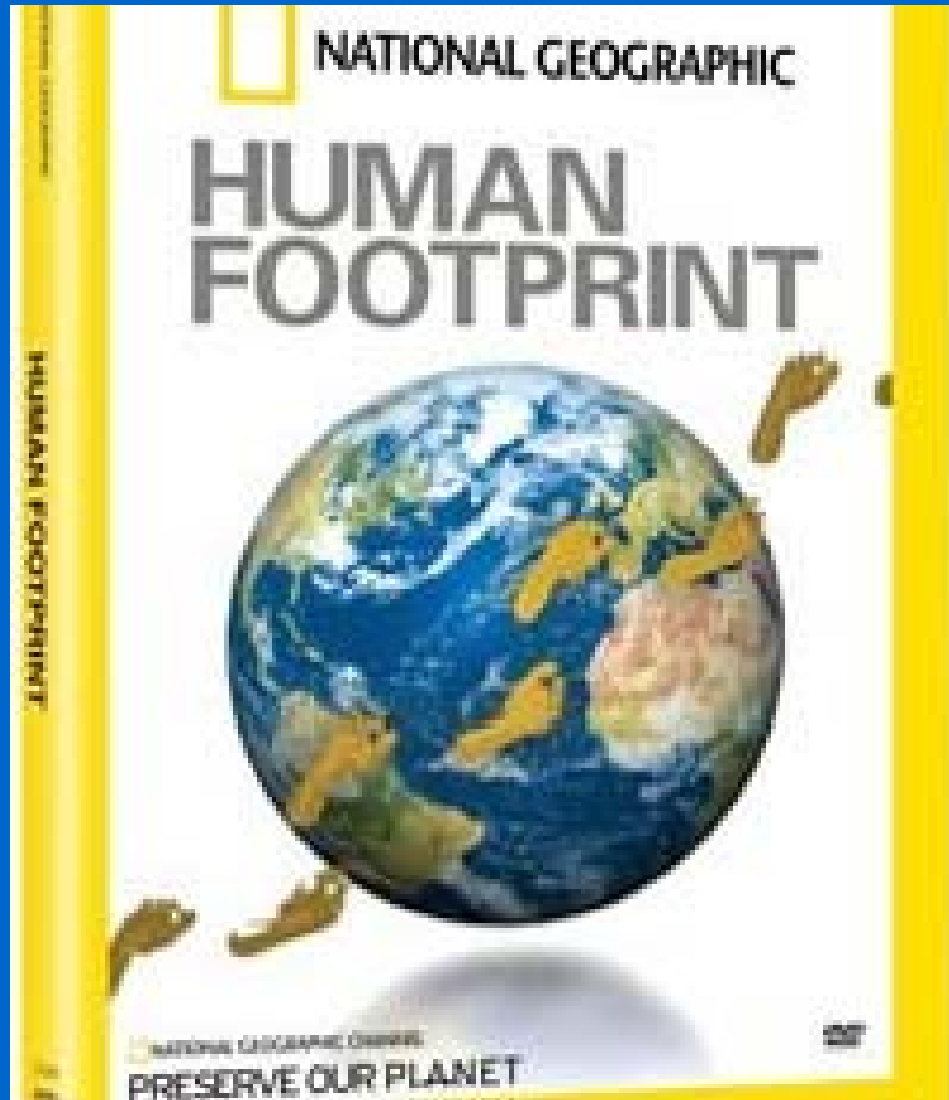
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These books had a big impact on me. Let me know what you think about them. If you read a book that changed your outlook on life, let me know. You can email me at stelman@evl.net. Thanks.

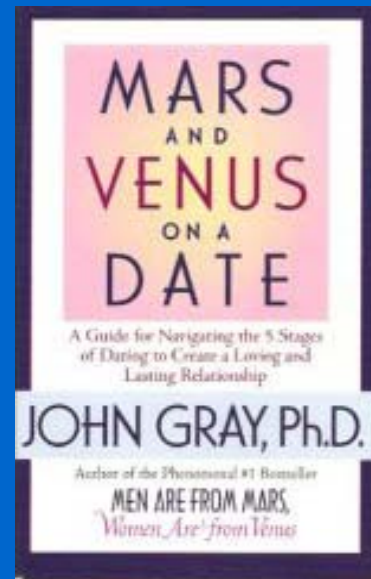
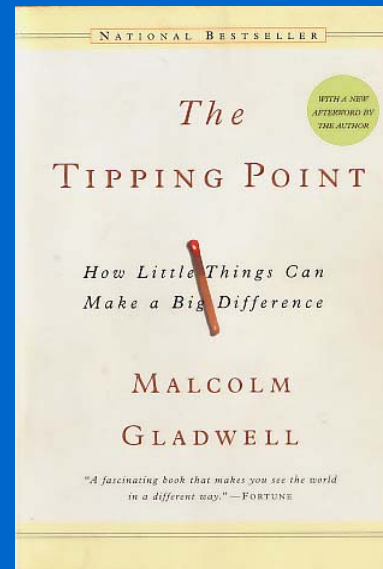
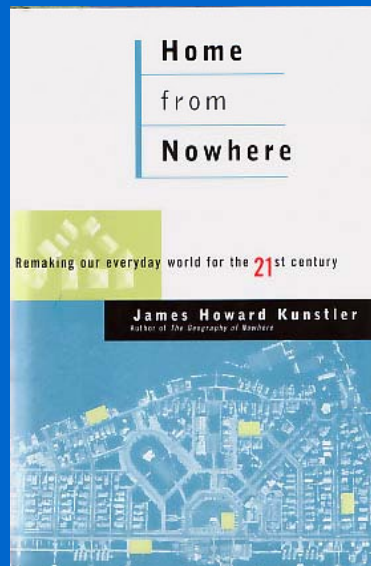
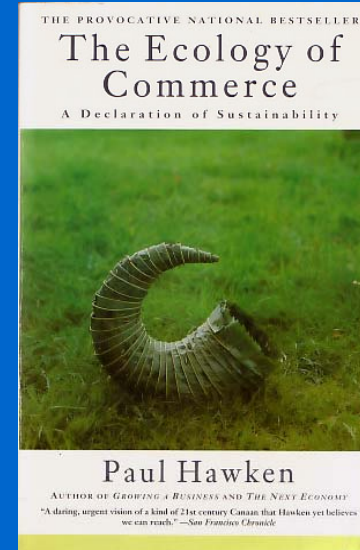
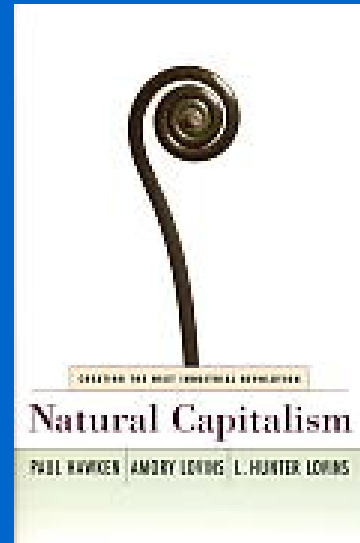
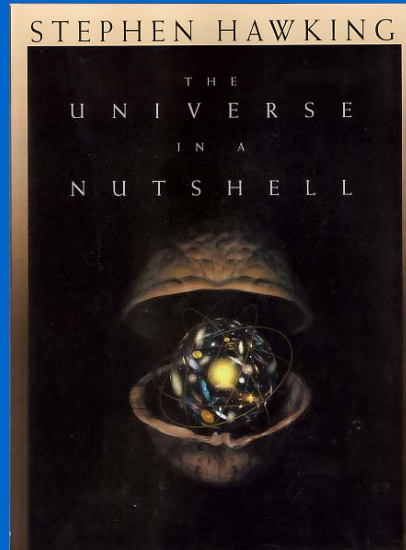
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These books just keep getting better. As of this 43rd edition, my top ten are "The Fourth Turning", "That Used to Be Us", "Why Can't We Be Good?", "Cradle to Cradle", "Over", "The Impending World Energy Mess", "The Crash Course", "Power vs. Force", "The Political Mind", and "The Long Emergency". In the context of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" we have a chance to change our lives and change the world. If you would like to share a book that changed your outlook on life, please let me know. You can email me at steve.stelzer@sbcglobal.net .		
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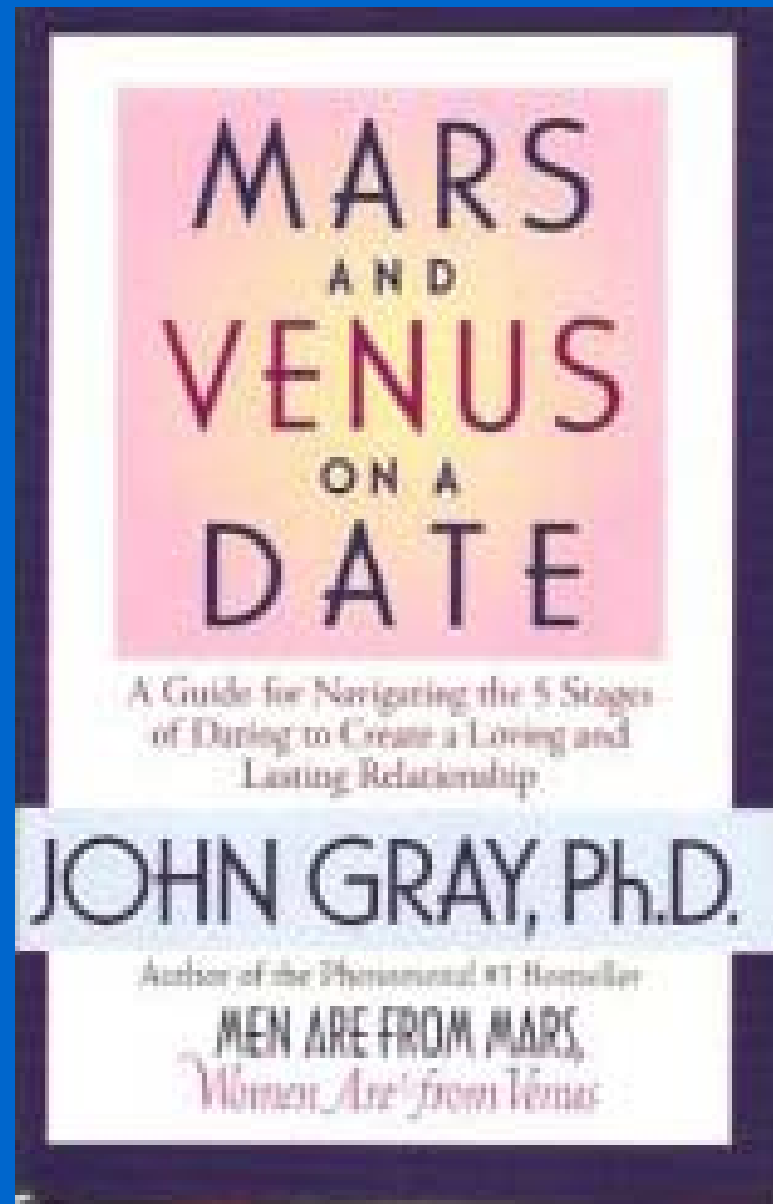
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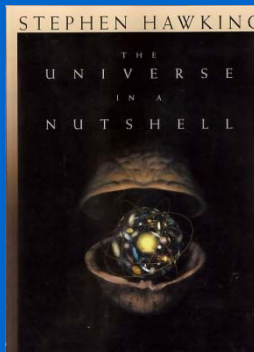
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For the first two billion years or so, the rate of increase in complexity [of DNA] must have been of the order of one bit of information every hundred years. The rate of increase of DNA complexity gradually rose to about one bit a year over the last few million years. But then, about six or eight thousand years ago, a major new development occurred.

2001

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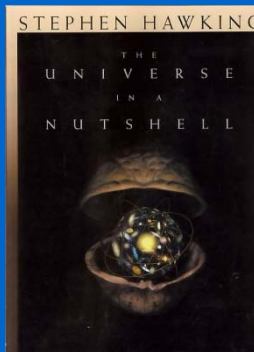
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We developed written language.

This meant that information could be passed from one generation to the next without having to wait for the very slow process of random mutations and natural selection to code it into the DNA sequence.

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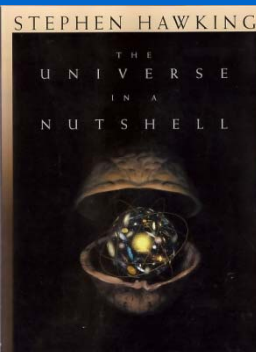
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The amount of complexity increased enormously. A single paperback romance could hold as much information as the difference in DNA between apes and humans, and a 30 volume encyclopedia could describe the entire sequence of human DNA.

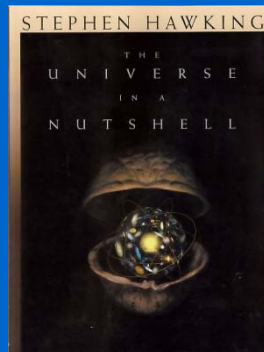
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Even more important, the information in books can be updated rapidly. The current rate at which human DNA is being updated by biological evolution is about one bit a year. But there are two hundred thousand new books published each year, a new-information rate of over a million bits a second.

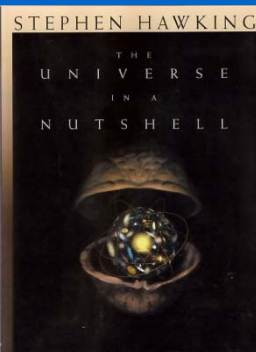
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Of course, most of this information is garbage, but even if only one bit in a million is useful, that is still a hundred thousand times faster than biological evolution.

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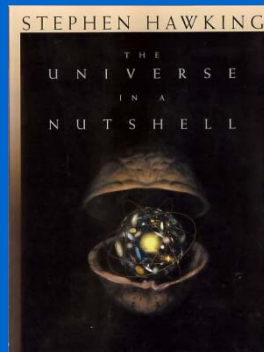


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This transmission of data through external, nonbiological means has led the human race to dominate the world and to have an exponentially increasing population.

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....children growing up in homes with many books get 3 years more schooling than children from bookless homes, independent of their parents' education, occupation, and class. This is as great an advantage as having university-educated rather than unschooled parents, and twice the advantage of having a professional rather than an unskilled father.

Speaking of Reading

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THAT USED
TO BE US

HOW AMERICA FELL BEHIND
IN THE WORLD IT INVENTED
AND HOW WE CAN COME BACK

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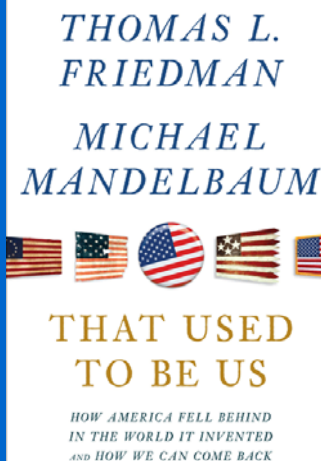
It holds equally in rich nations and poor; in the past and in the present; under Communism, capitalism, and Apartheid; and most strongly in China.

The study went on to say that Chinese children who had five hundred or more books at home got 6.6 years more schooling than Chinese children without books.

As few as 20 books in a home made an appreciable difference.

Speaking of Reading

2011



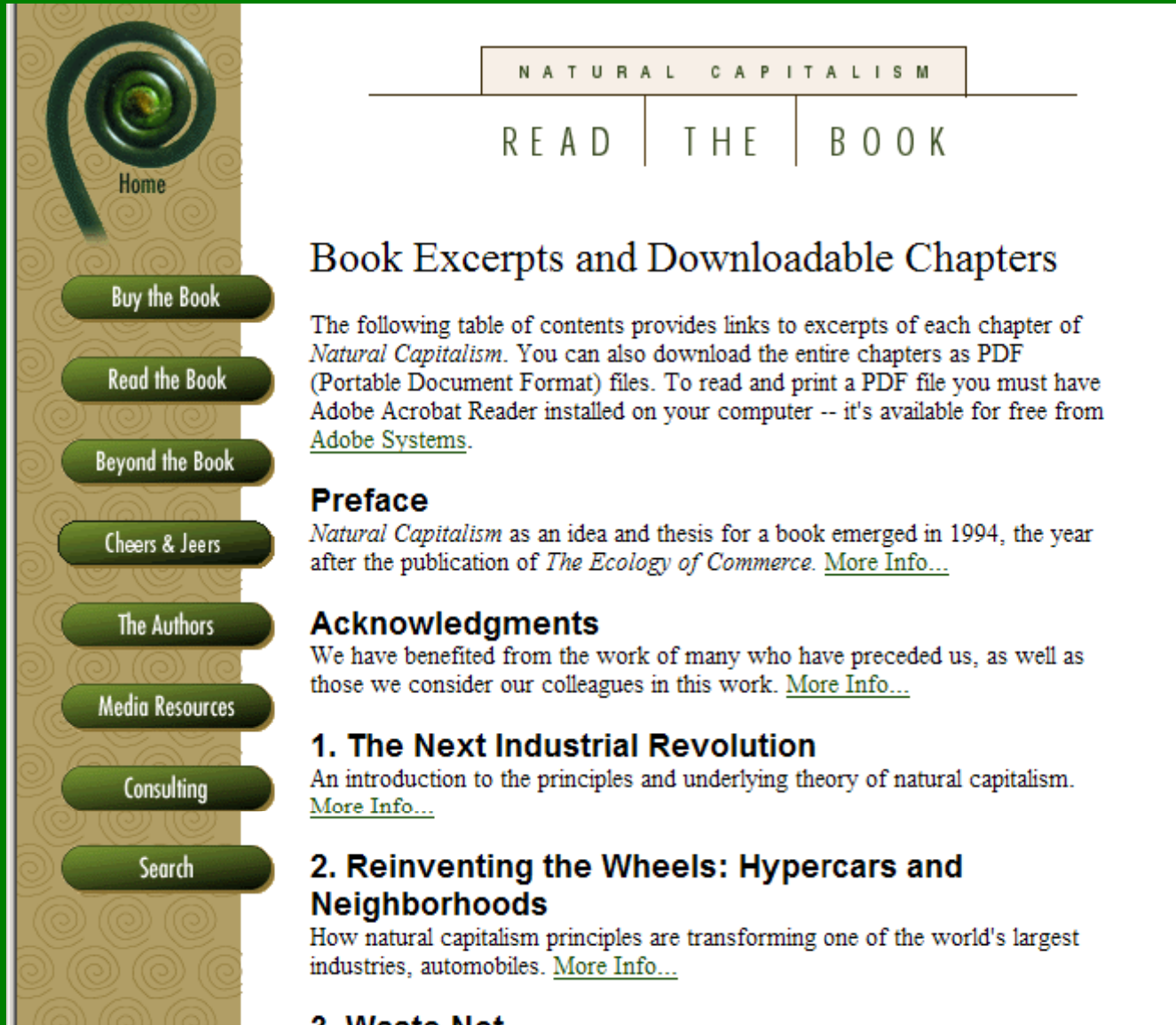
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Reading, writing and revelation: How the written word helps refresh body, mind and soul. Ursula Sautter | October 2010 issue, ODE Magazine

Now, science is starting to prove what readers and writers have long known: Words can help us repair and revitalize our bodies as well as our minds. As a result, bibliotherapy (reading specific texts in response to particular situations or conditions) is becoming more and more popular among psychologists, physicians, librarians and teachers.



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The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'Natural Capitalism' website. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with a green spiral logo at the top labeled 'Home'. Below the logo are buttons for 'Buy the Book', 'Read the Book', 'Beyond the Book', 'Cheers & Jeers', 'The Authors', 'Media Resources', 'Consulting', and 'Search'. The main content area has a header with 'NATURAL CAPITALISM' in a box, followed by 'READ THE BOOK' in large letters. Below this is a section titled 'Book Excerpts and Downloadable Chapters' with a paragraph of text and a link to 'Adobe Systems'. Further down are sections for 'Preface', 'Acknowledgments', and two numbered chapters: '1. The Next Industrial Revolution' and '2. Reinventing the Wheels: Hypercars and Neighborhoods', each with a brief description and a 'More Info...' link.

NATURAL CAPITALISM

READ THE BOOK

Book Excerpts and Downloadable Chapters

The following table of contents provides links to excerpts of each chapter of *Natural Capitalism*. You can also download the entire chapters as PDF (Portable Document Format) files. To read and print a PDF file you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer -- it's available for free from [Adobe Systems](#).

Preface

Natural Capitalism as an idea and thesis for a book emerged in 1994, the year after the publication of *The Ecology of Commerce*. [More Info...](#)

Acknowledgments

We have benefited from the work of many who have preceded us, as well as those we consider our colleagues in this work. [More Info...](#)

1. The Next Industrial Revolution

An introduction to the principles and underlying theory of natural capitalism. [More Info...](#)

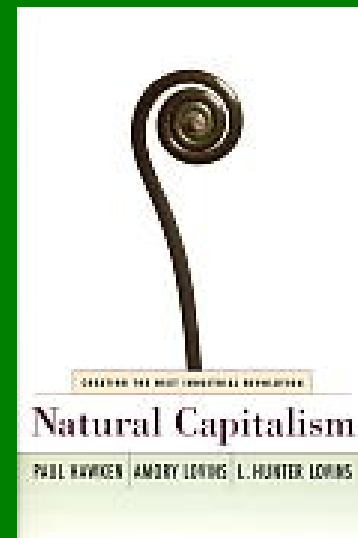
2. Reinventing the Wheels: Hypercars and Neighborhoods

How natural capitalism principles are transforming one of the world's largest industries, automobiles. [More Info...](#)

3. Waste Not

1999

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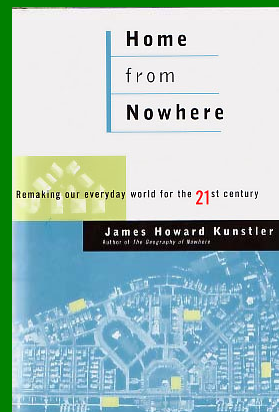
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The public realm in America became so atrocious in the postwar decades that the Disney Corporation was able to create an artificial substitute for it and successfully sell it as a commodity....The design quality of everything at EuroDisney is about five notches *beneath* that of the most mediocre French street corner.....The design quality of Disney World in Orlando, on the other hand, is about 1.5 notches *better* than the average American suburban shopping mall or housing subdivision – so Americans love it.

Historically Americans have a low regard for the public realm, and this is very unfortunate because the public realm is the physical manifestation of the common good. When you degrade the public realm, as we have, you degrade the common good.

1996

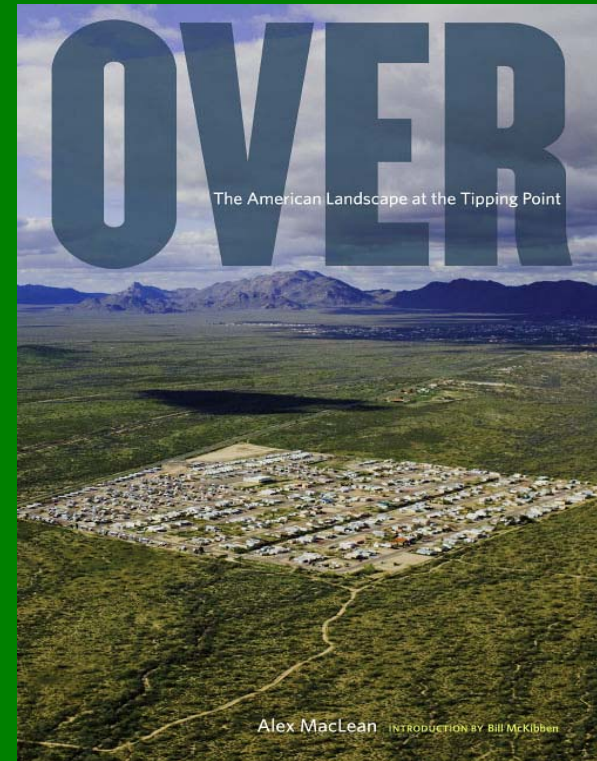
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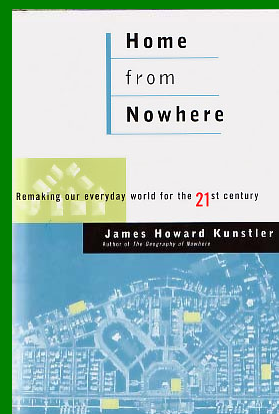
Scene from Above

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Civic life is what goes on in the public realm. Civic life refers to our relations with our fellow human beings – in short, our roles as citizens. Sometime in the past forty years we ceased to speak of ourselves as citizens and labeled ourselves consumers.....Consumers, unlike citizens, have no implicit responsibilities, obligations, or duties to anything larger than their own needs and desires, certainly not to anything like the common good. How can this be construed as anything but an infantile state of existence?.....And is it any wonder that we cannot solve any of our social problems, which are problems of the public realm and the common good?

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1996

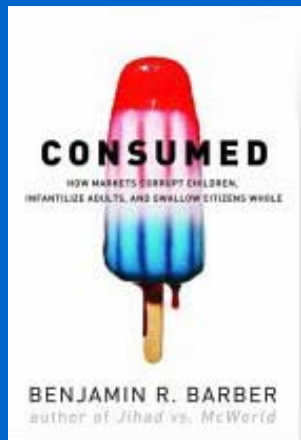


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There are five forms of market domination that constitute the substance of my argument that consumer culture has a totalizing although not totalitarian impact on our lives. I will argue that the consumer market is

- *ubiquitous* (it is everywhere);
- *omnipresent* (it is all the time and aspires to fill up all time);
- *addictive* (it creates its own forms of reinforcement);
- *self-replicating* (it spreads virally);
- And it is *omnilegitimate* (it engages in active self-rationalization and self-justification, eroding the moral bases for resisting it)

2007



The Elephant in the Room

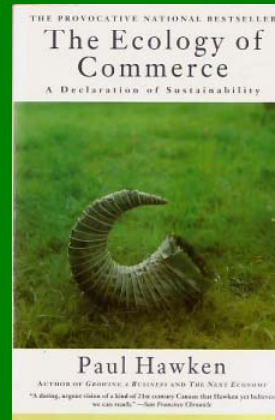
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The ideology of corporate life has taken over our culture and political system. We may spend an hour in church or temple every week, but spend forty, fifty, or sixty hours at the workplace in a job that demands and receives the greatest devotion we bestow on anyone or anything outside of (and sometimes including) our families. Work or some form of collective labor has always been a defining element of society,

but never before has the output of work become the dominant organizing principle of the world's peoples.

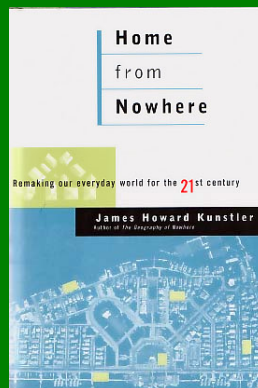
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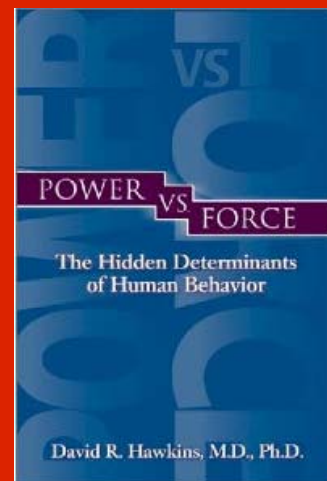
It is significant that the word *communicate* shares the same root with the word *community*, which is the Latin *communicare*, “to put in common,” for we are suffering a crisis of community in this country and it expresses itself physically in the poor connections between the furnishings of our everyday world, especially in our disregard for the public realm.... When buildings fail to define public space at a scale congenial to humans – as along any commercial highway strip – people cannot *be* there in safety and comfort. They will not walk there. They will not communicate there..... Such places are therefore profoundly uncivil. They impoverish and diminish us socially and the *community* pays an enormous price for this incivility in terms of social dysfunction, ruined institutions, and misbehavior. Civilization becomes impossible under these conditions.



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Great works of art, music, and architecture that have come down to us through out the centuries are enduring representations of the effect of high attractor patterns.....But of all the arts, **architecture** is the most tangible and influential in the lives of men everywhere. We live, shop, go to work, and seek our entertainment in buildings; thus, the form of the structure itself deserves the utmost attention, because its influence is a background to so much human activity.....

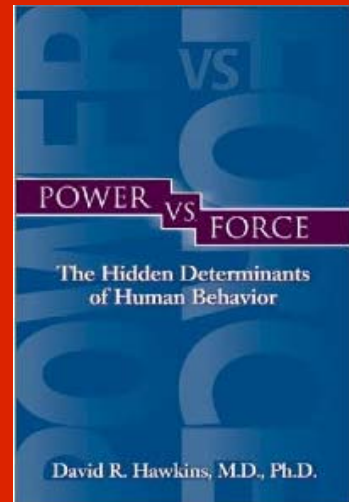
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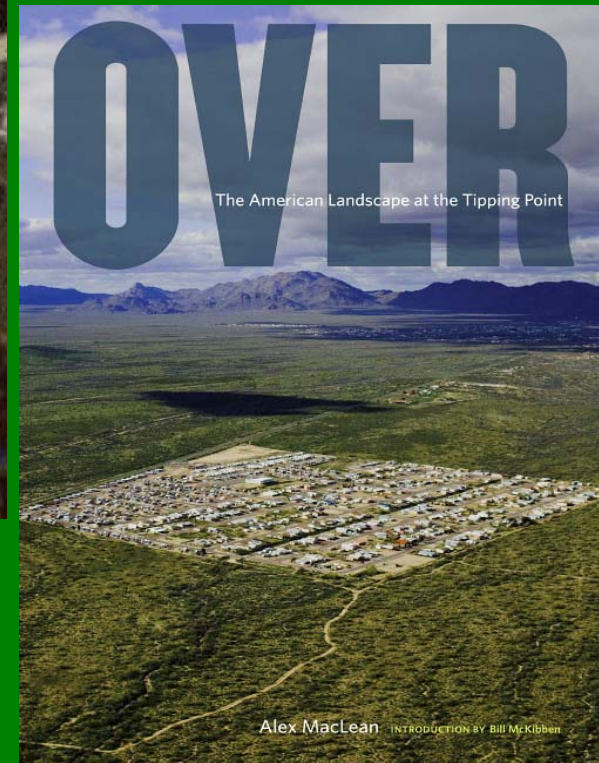
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An architecturally ugly neighborhood becomes part of a feedback loop of blight and violence; the sleazy, dehumanized housing projects of urban ghettos manifest their weak power patterns in squalor and crime.

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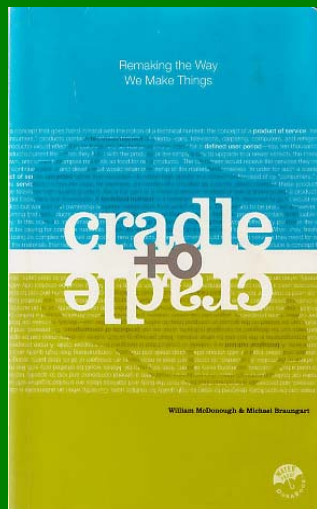
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If there are three times as many cars in twenty years as there are today on the planet, of course, it won't matter very much if they are highly efficient ultralight cars made from advanced carbon fibers and get a hundred miles to a gallon, or are even nutrivehicles. The planet will be crawling with cars, and we will need other options. A more far-ranging assignment? “Design transportation.”

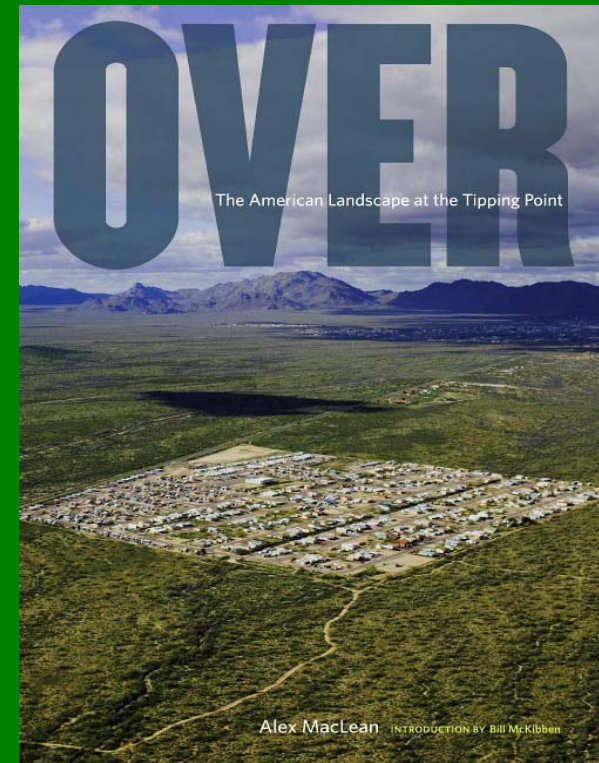
Sound fanciful? Of course, but remember, the car itself was a fanciful notion in a world of horse and carriage.

Original Top Ten

2002

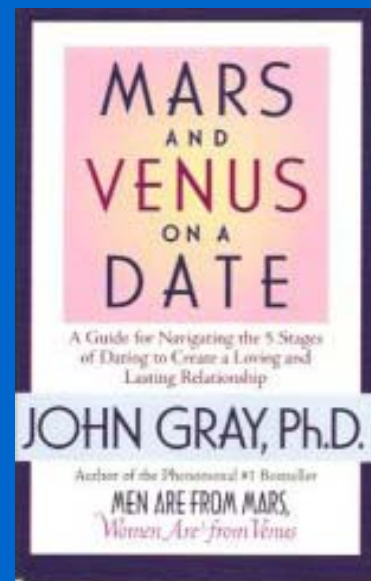
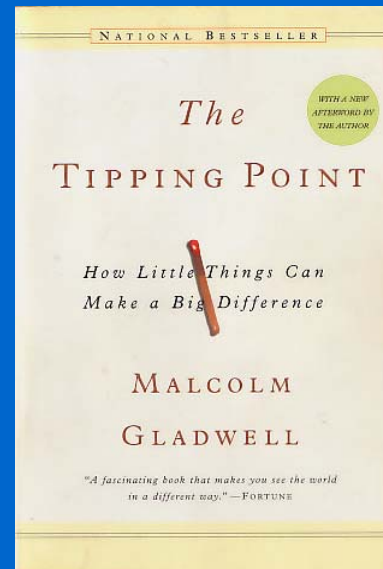
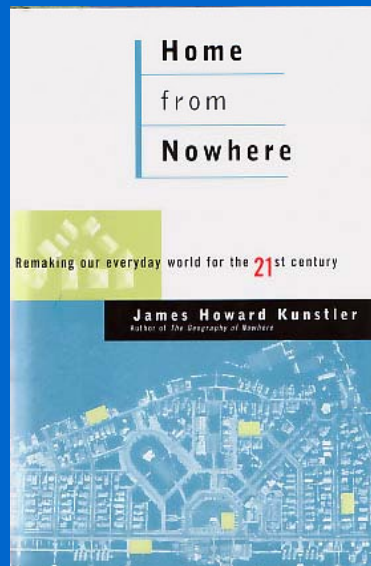
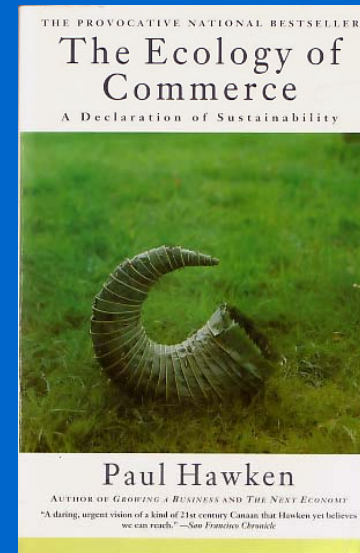
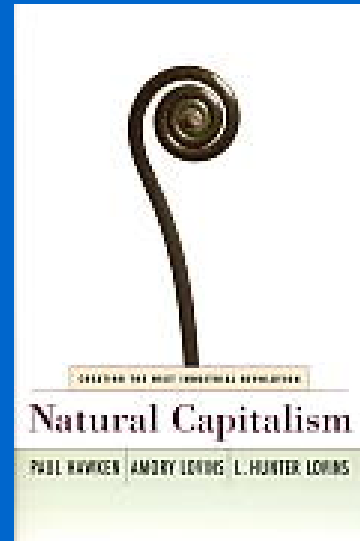
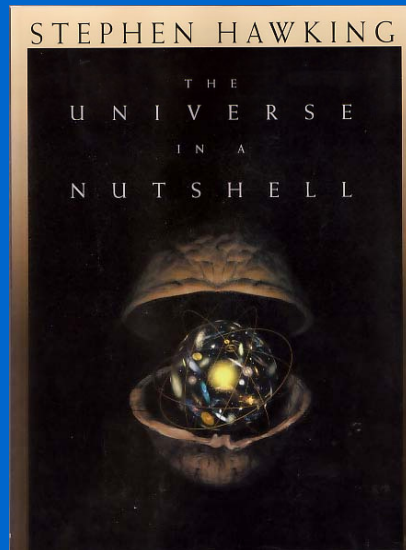


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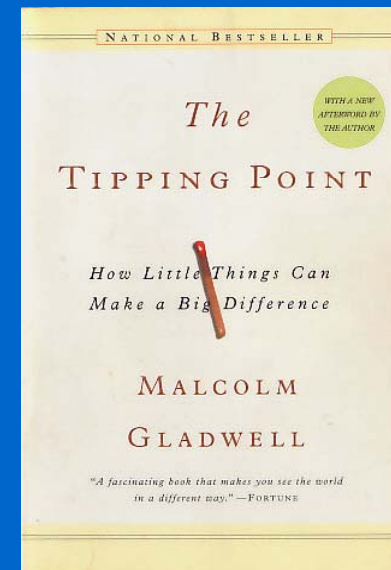


Still on the list from the beginning..

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The Tipping Point is the moment of critical mass, the threshold, the boiling point. There was a Tipping Point for violent crime in New York in the early 1990's, and a Tipping Point for the reemergence of Hush Puppies, just as there is a Tipping Point for the introduction of any new technology.

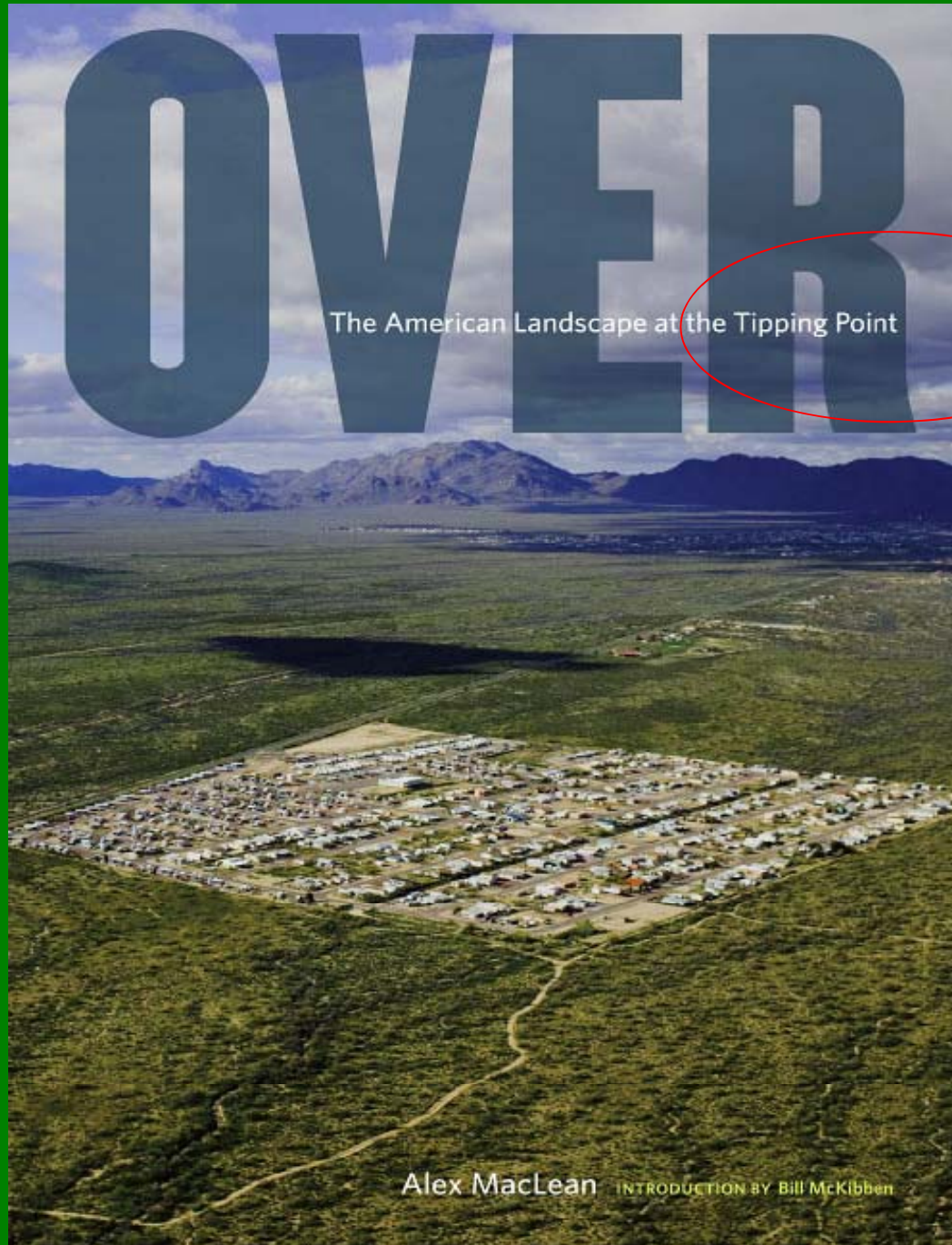
First of all, they are clear examples of contagious behavior.....
The second distinguishing characteristic of these two examples is that in both cases little changes had big effects...
Finally, both changes happened in a hurry.



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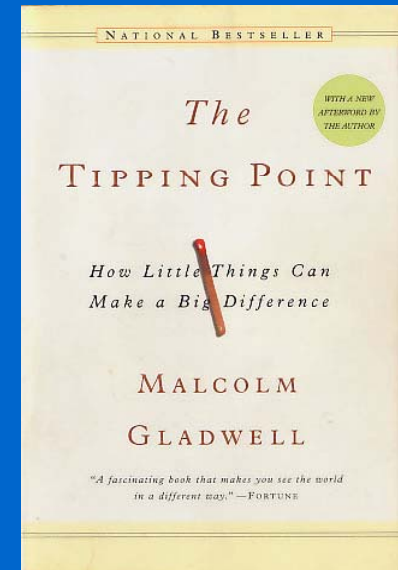
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The Law of the Few says that there are exceptional people out there who are capable of starting epidemics. All you have to do is find them. The lesson of stickiness is the same. There is a simple way to package information that, under the right circumstances, can make it irresistible. All you have to do is find it.



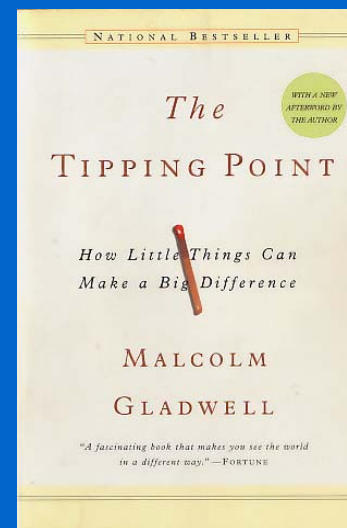
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Criminals do not, in other words, sound like the kind of people who could be swept up by the infectious winds of an epidemic. Yet somehow, in NYC, this is exactly what occurred. In the years between the beginning and the middle of the 1990's, NYC did not get a population transplant. Nobody went out into the streets and successfully taught every would-be delinquent the distinction between right and wrong.

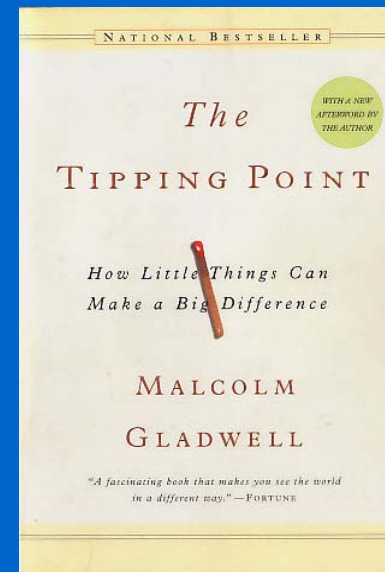
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There were just as many psychologically damaged people living in the city at the peak of the crime wave as in the trough. But for some reason tens of thousands of those people suddenly stopped committing crimes.

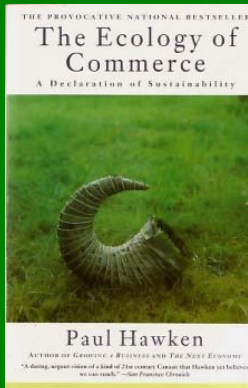
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Corporations are portrayed in the media as models of efficiency producing a stream of goods and services. But evidence suggests that the behavior of many individuals in the modern corporation is remarkably similar to that of addicts.....







Anything we do that prevents us from knowing ourselves or fully experiencing the world around us can be called an addiction. Work, television, food, money, sex, sports, and other activities are all addictive when we rely on them to avoid feeling. For every addict there is a fix, an experience that we repeat over and again, giving us the illusion that we are alive while in fact numbing us to self and the world around us.



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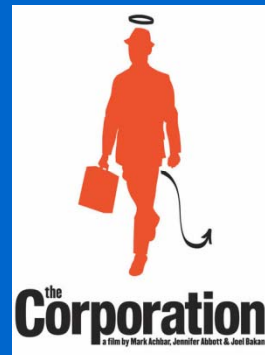
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PERSONALITY DIAGNOSTIC CHECKLIST **WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION ICD-10** **MANUAL OF MENTAL DISORDERS DSM-IV**

-  **Callous unconcern for the feelings of others**
-  **Incapacity to maintain enduring relationships**
-  **Reckless disregard for the safety of others**
-  **Deceitfulness: repeated lying and conning others for profit**
-  **Incapacity to experience guilt**
-  **Failure to conform to social norms with respect to lawful behaviours**

Best Checklist

2005

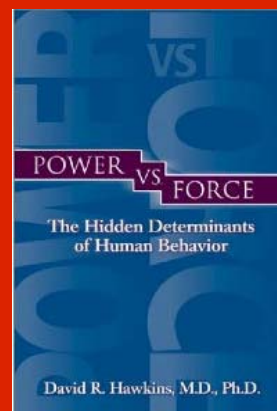


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Alcoholics Anonymous respects freedom, in that it leaves choice up to the individual. Its identifiable power patterns are those of honesty, responsibility, humility, service, and the practice of tolerance, goodwill, and brotherhood. AA doesn't subscribe to any particular ethic, has no code of right and wrong, or good and bad, and avoids moral judgments. AA doesn't try to control anyone, including its own members. What it does instead is chart a path... AA is the original example of the power of these principles to cure hopeless disease and change destructive personality patterns of members. *From this paradigm came all subsequent forms of group therapy*, through the discovery that groups of people coming together on a formal basis to address their mutual problems have enormous power.....

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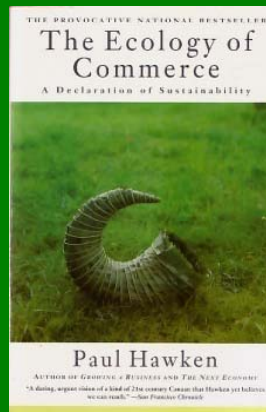
1995



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This book proposes three approaches, all guided by the example of nature. The first is to entirely eliminate waste from our industrial production.....Instead of organizing systems that efficiently dispose of or recycle our waste, we need to design systems of production that have little or no waste to begin with.

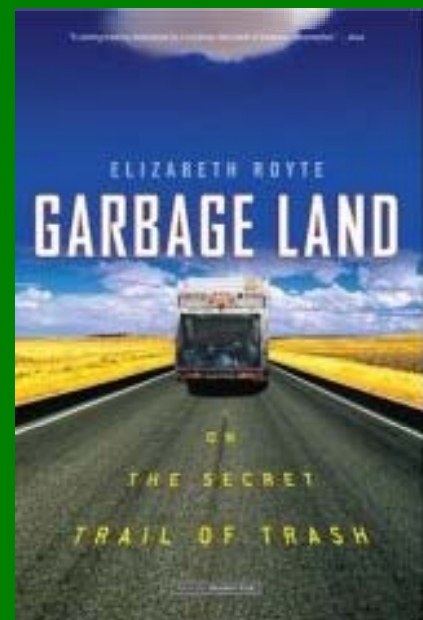
The second principle is to change from an economy based on carbon fuels from the past....to one based on current sunshine, including photovoltaics, solar thermal, wind, and waves. This is primarily achieved by reversing the historical incentives surrounding the production and consumption of energy, away from the cheapest combustion toward the most enduring production.....



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Of all the landfills studied by the Garbage Project, Fresh Kills enjoyed the fastest rate of decomposition. Anthropology students digging in drier landfills have discovered forty-year-old hot dogs that look just like the ones currently sold in the Times Square subway station. Seventy-year-old newspapers can still be read. Cling Wrap still clings. Most landfills are more like mummifiers than composters, it turns out. Achieving a rich, moist brown humus in a sanitary landfill is nothing but a romantic fantasy.....



Speaking of Waste

2005

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Aerobic biodegradation works best when organic material is chipped up, kept moist and warm, and exposed to oxygen with regular turning. ... fair game for digestion by bacteria, fungi, and insects, which use their enzymes to break the large organic compounds into fatty acids, water, and carbon dioxide.

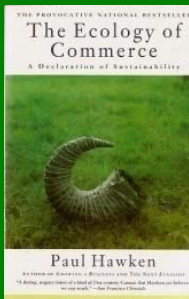


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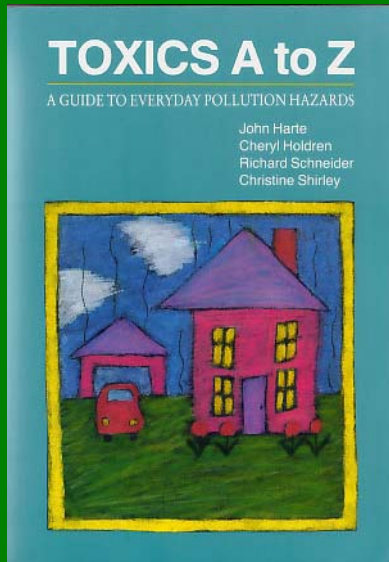
Third, we must create systems of accountability and response that support and strengthen restorative behavior, whether they are in resource utilities, green fees on polluting chemicals, or reliance on local production and distribution. Conversely, we have to look at how our present economic system consistently regards short-term exploitation while penalizing long-term restoration, and then eliminate the ill-placed incentives that allow small sectors of the population to benefit at the expense of the whole.....

All three recommendations have a single purpose: to substantially reduce the impact that each of us has upon our environment.....We need to imagine a life where having less is more satisfying, more interesting, and more secure.



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1991

Vinyl chloride is widely distributed throughout the industrialized world. The highest outdoor concentrations are usually found near vinyl chloride manufacturing plants and near industrial sites that work with polyvinyl chloride plastics. Residents in the Houston, Texas, area are the most likely group to be exposed as a result of industrial activity because 40% of US production capacity is located in that area.

Finding your home in a book

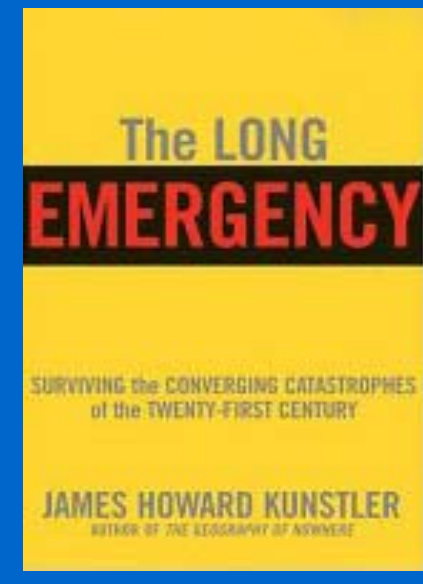
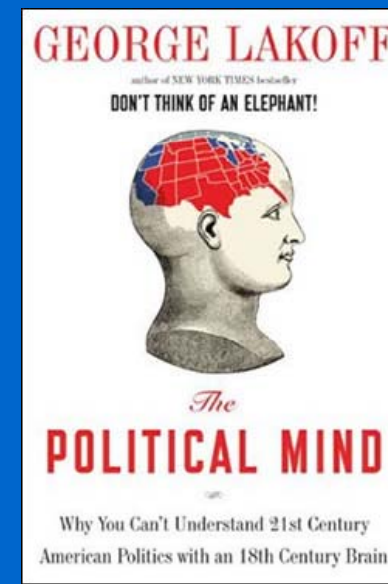
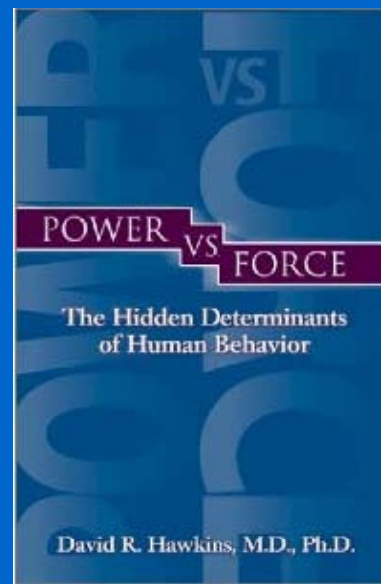
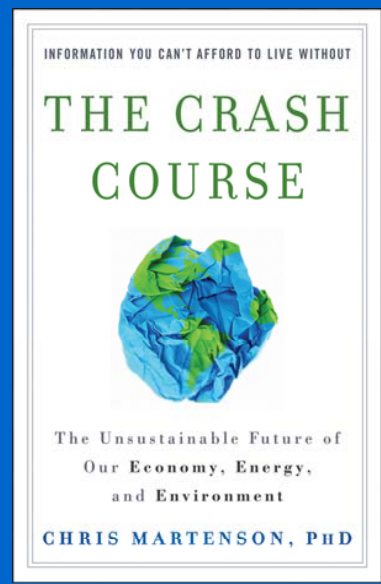
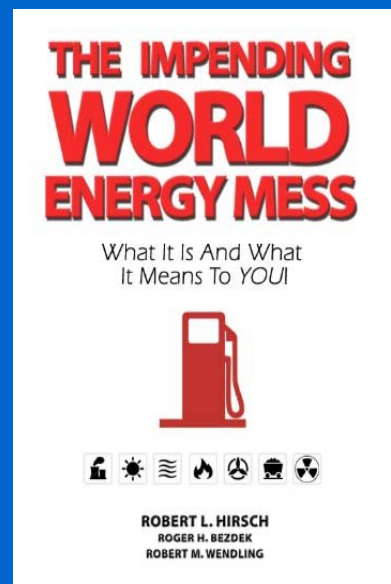
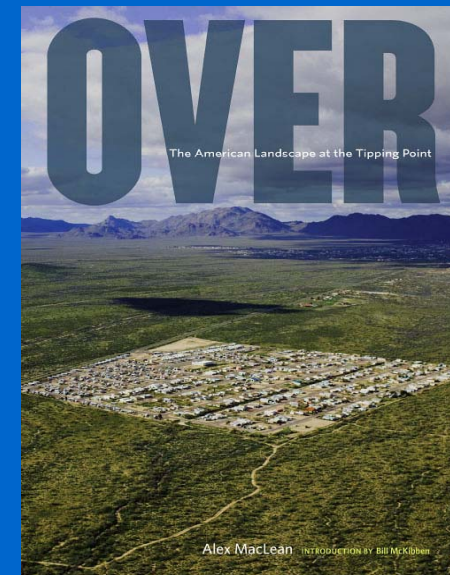
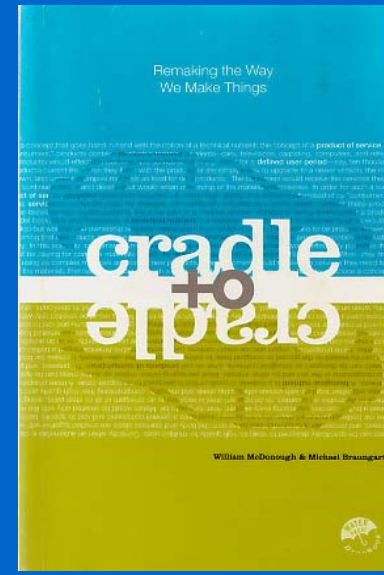
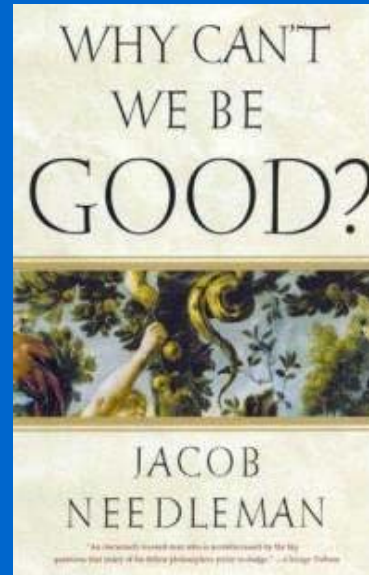
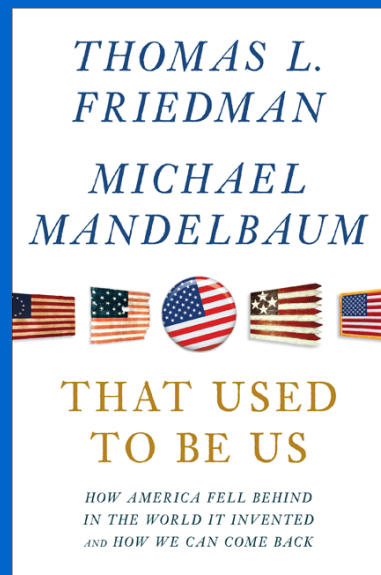
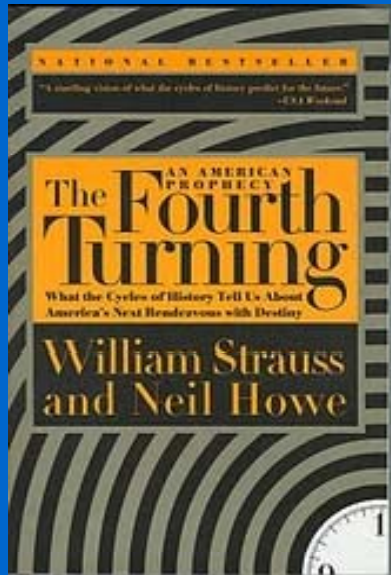
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The role of government is to assume those functions that cannot be undertaken by citizens or private institutions. The true purpose of politics is to create and sustain the conditions for community life. Politics was not intended to be the province of money but the arena wherein individuals could collectively discuss and manage those elements of life that affected the whole of their town, city, or state.

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keep getting better. As of this 43rd edition, my top ten "Turning", "That Used to Be Us", "Why Can't We Be to Cradle", "Over", "The Impending World Energy sh Course", "Power vs. Force", "The Political Mind", and "The Long Emergency". In the context of Dickens' "**A Christmas Carol**" we have a chance to change our lives and change the world. If you would like to share a book that changed your outlook on life, please let me know. You can email me at steve.stelzer@sbcglobal.net.

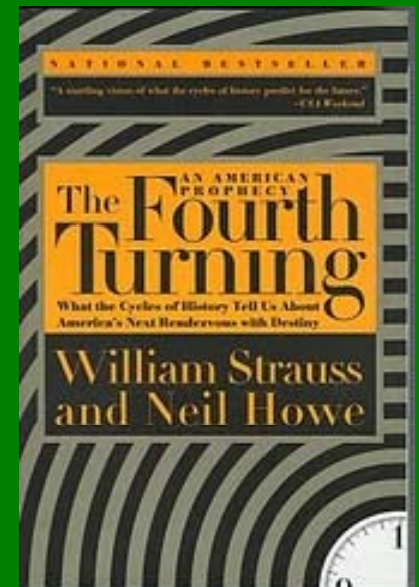
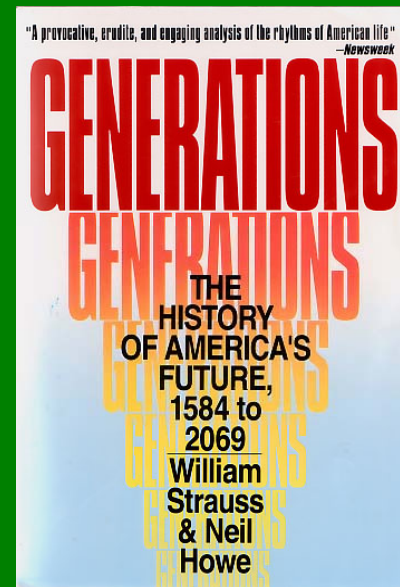
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Valerie Black

History Repeating Itself: William Strauss & Neil Howe

The Ghost of Christmas Past

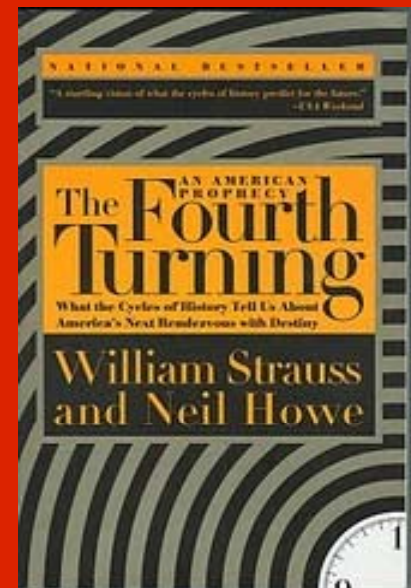


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...at the core of modern history lies this remarkable pattern: Over the past five centuries, Anglo-American society has entered a new era – a new turning – every two decades or so. At the start of each turning, people change how they feel about themselves, the culture, the nation, and the future.

Ghost of Christmas Past

1997

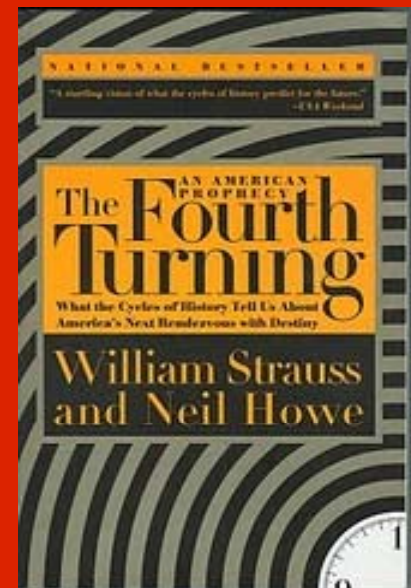


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Turnings come in cycles of four. Each cycle spans the length of a long human life, roughly eighty to one hundred years, a unit of time the ancients called the saeculum. Together, the four turnings of the saeculum comprise history's seasonal rhythm of growth, maturation, entropy, and destruction:

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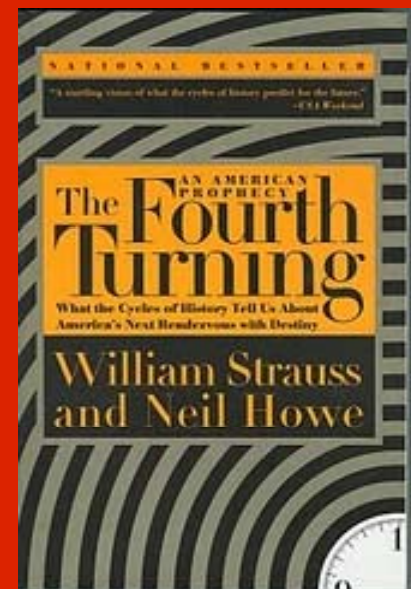


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The First Turning is a High, an upbeat era of strengthening institutions and weakening individualism, when a new civic order implants and the old values regime decays.

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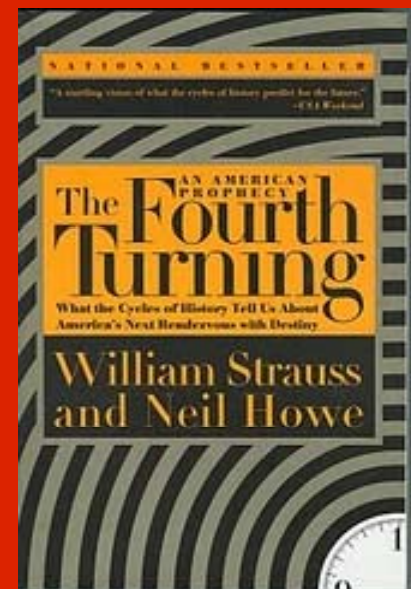


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The Second Turning is an Awakening, a passionate era of spiritual upheaval, when the civic order comes under attack from a new values regime.

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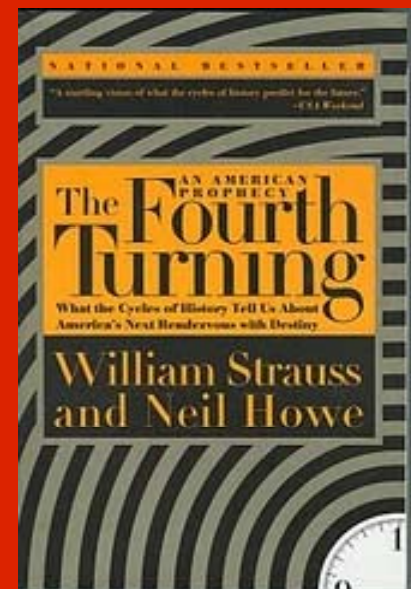


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The Third Turning is an Unraveling, a downcast era of strengthening individualism and weakening institutions, when the old civic order decays and the new values regime implants.

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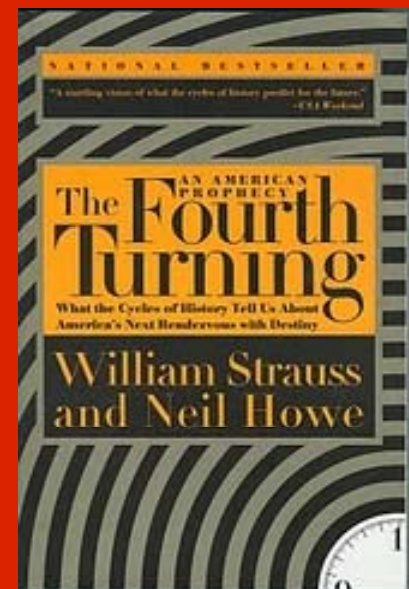


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The Fourth Turning is a Crisis, a decisive era of secular upheaval, when the values regime propels the replacement of the old civic order with new.

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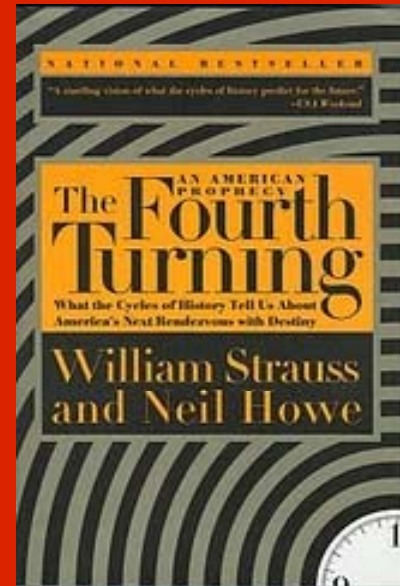
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These 4 architypes are best identified by the turning of their births. A Prophet generation is born during a high (boomers), a Nomad generation is born during an awakening, a Hero generation is born during an unraveling, an Artist generation is born during a crisis. Each architype is an expression of one of the enduring temperaments and lifecycle myths of mankind

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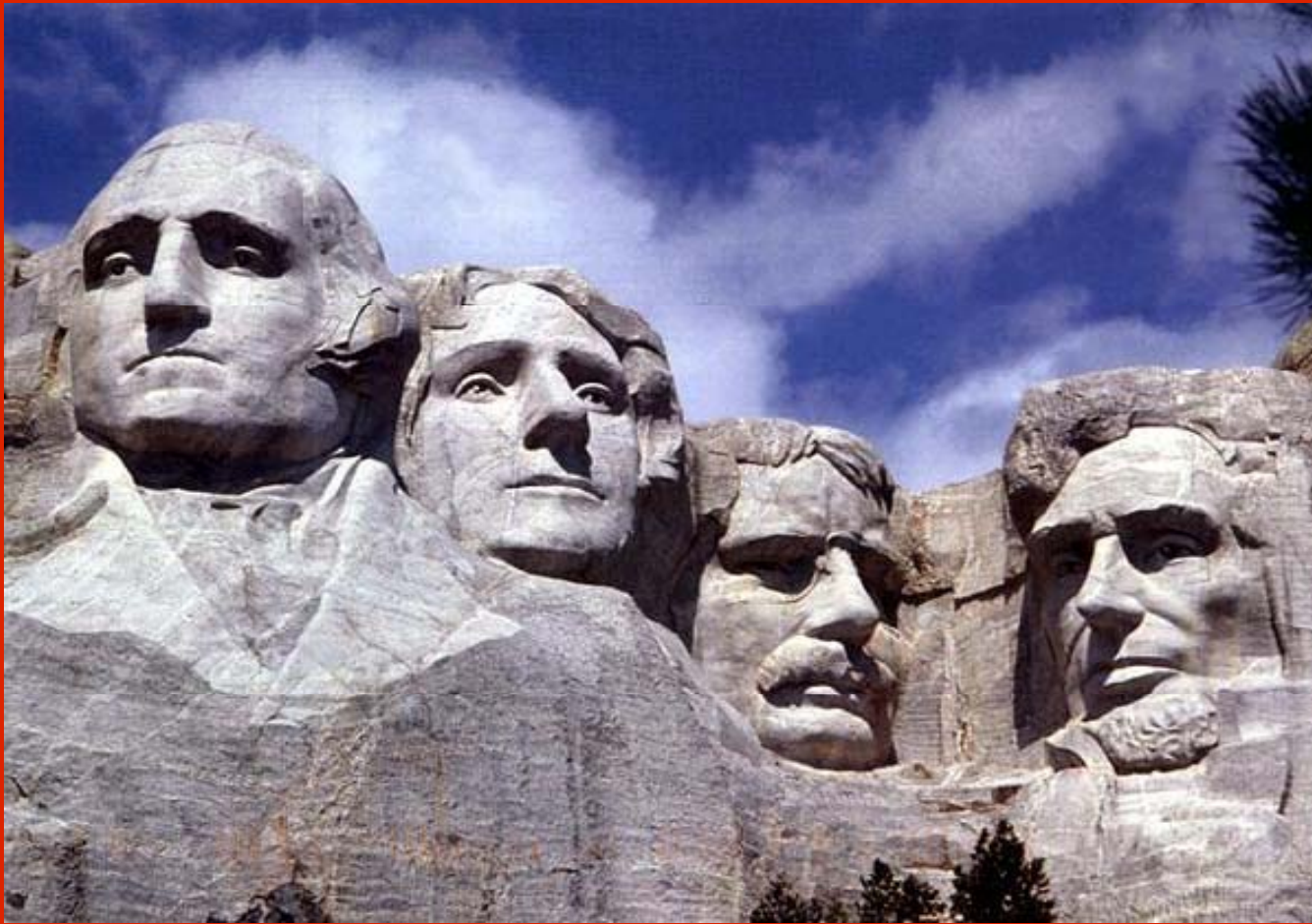
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Nomad: Washington

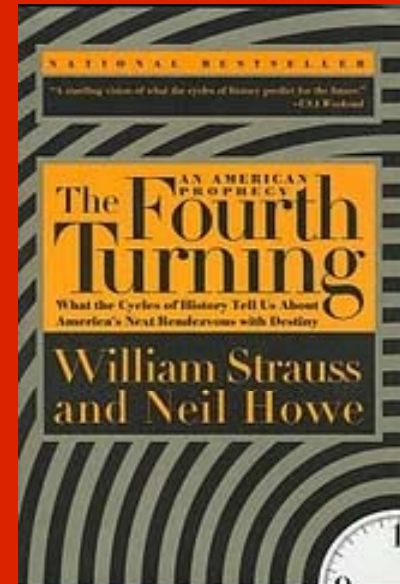
Hero: Jefferson

Artist: Roosevelt

Prophet: Lincoln



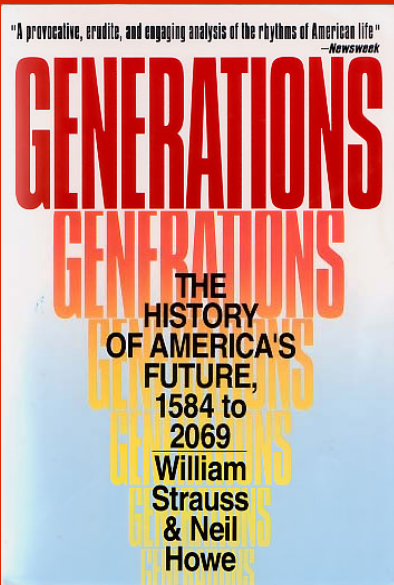
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REVOLUTIONARY SAECULUM				
	<u>Augustan Age of Empire</u>	<u>Great Awakening</u>	<u>French & Indian Wars</u>	<u>American Revolution</u>
	(1704-1727)	(1727-1746)	(1746-1773)	(1773-1794)

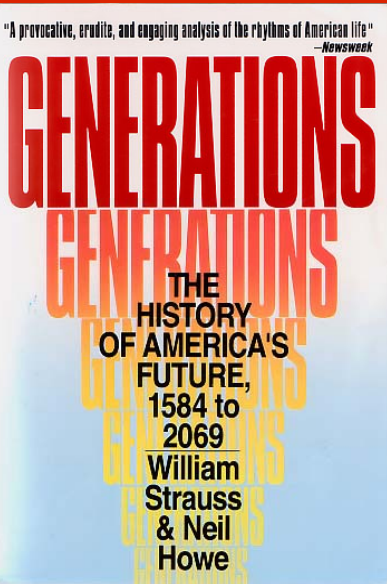


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CIVIL WAR SAECULUM				
	<u>Era of Good Feelings</u>	<u>Transcendental Awakening</u>	<u>Mexican War & Sectionalism</u>	<u>Civil War</u>
	(1794-1822)	(1822-1844)	(1844-1860)	(1860-1865)

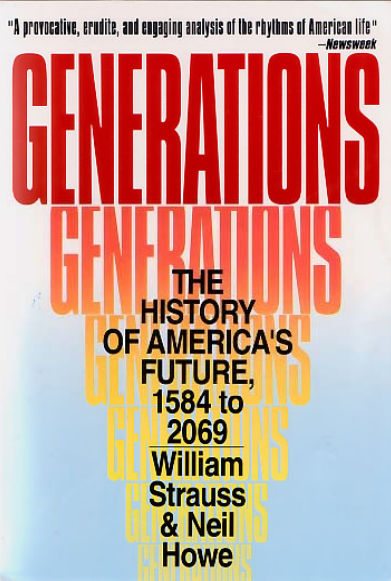


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GREAT POWER SAECULUM				
	<u>Reconstruction & Gilded Age</u>	<u>Third Great Awakening</u>	<u>World War I & Prohibition</u>	<u>Great Depression & World War II</u>
	(1865-1886)	(1886-1908)	(1908-1929)	(1929-1946)

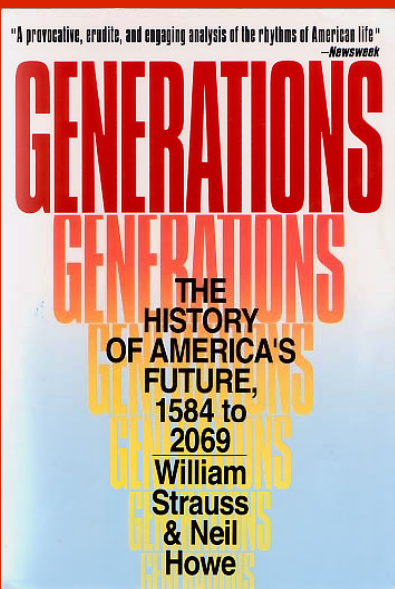


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MILLENNIAL SAECULUM				
	<u>American High</u>	<u>Consciousness Revolution</u>	<u>Culture Wars</u>	<u>Millennial Crisis?</u>
	(1946-1964)	(1964-1984)	(1984-2005?)	(2005?-2026?)



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while Easter ended up with no tree species standing and with about 90% of its former population gone.....

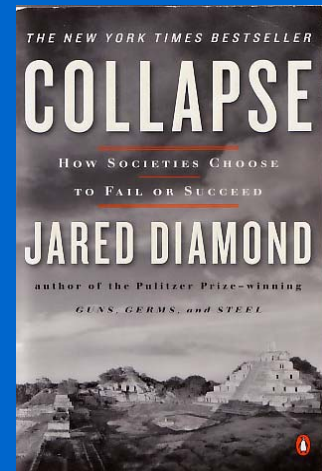
.....Easter's isolation makes it the clearest example of a society that destroyed itself by overexploiting its own resources.

.....The parallels between Easter Island and the whole modern world are chillingly obvious.

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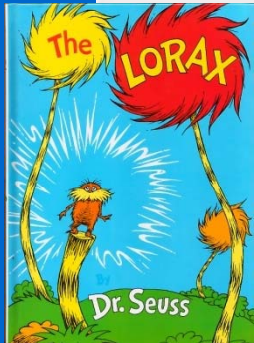
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And at that very moment, we heard a loud whack!
From outside in the fields came a sickening smack
of an axe on a tree. Then we heard the tree fall.
The very last Truffula Tree of them all!



1971

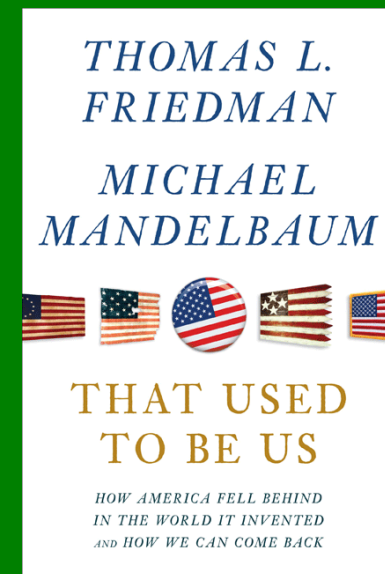
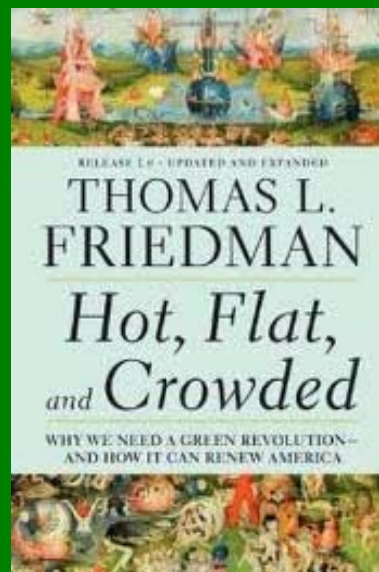
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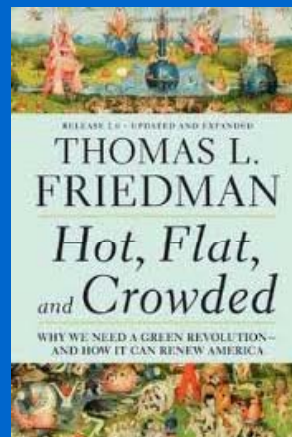


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...our parents were the Greatest **Generation**, building for us in America a world of freedom, abundance, and opportunity to a degree that no generation in history had every enjoyed. My generation (I was born in 1953), the baby boomers, turned out to be the “Grasshopper Generation

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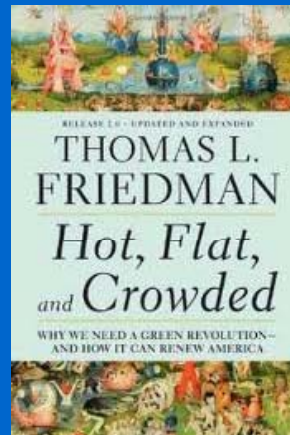
2009



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.....Americans in the past thirty years let out our inner “grasshopper” and gorged on the savings and natural world that had been bequeathed to us – leaving our children huge financial and ecological deficits.

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[America] has a remarkable track record. It has thrived at every **turning** point in its history – with every change in technology and social norms. America built the world's most vibrant economy and democracy precisely because, in every historical turn since its founding, it has applied its own particular formula for prosperity:

2011

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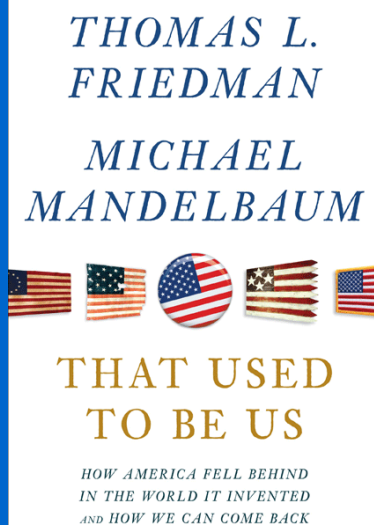
THAT USED
TO BE US

HOW AMERICA FELL BEHIND
IN THE WORLD IT INVENTED
AND HOW WE CAN COME BACK

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- 1) providing public education for more and more Americans
- 2) building and continual modernizing of our infrastructure
- 3) keeping America's doors to immigration open....
- 4) government support for basic research and development
- 5) implementation of necessary regulations on private economic activity

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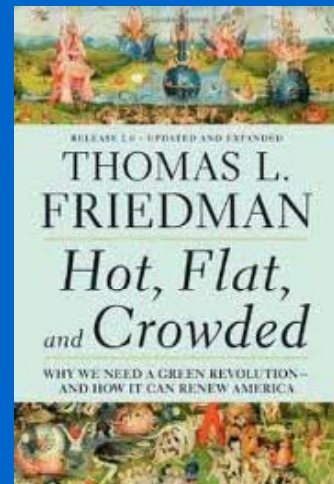
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This is an urgent project, because the way of life we lapsed into in recent years cannot be passed on to another generation without catastrophic consequences.....

“How we respond now will decide the future of human civilization. We are the people we've been waiting for. There is no one else. There is no other time.

It's us and it is now.”

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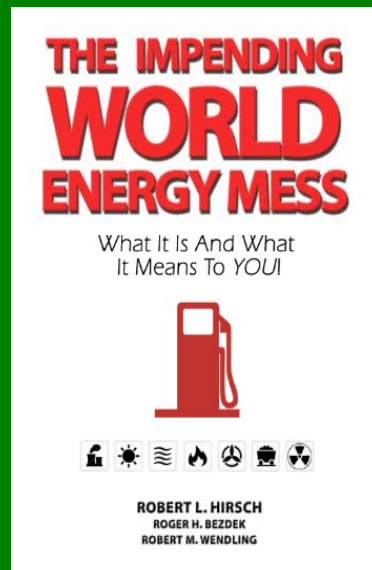


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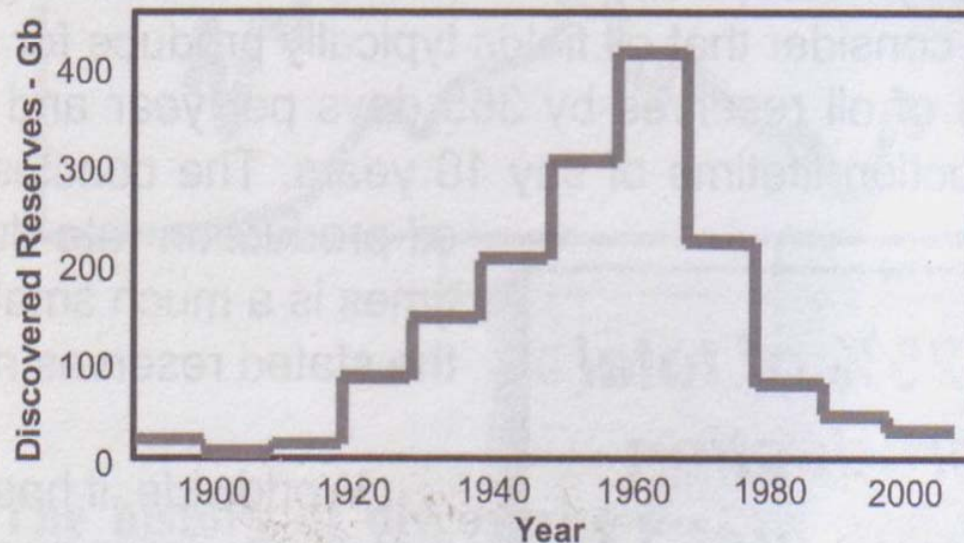


Figure VI-4. Discovery trends for giant oil fields worldwide. Each step represents discoveries for the decade indicated. The peak discovery rate is seen to clearly have occurred in the 1960s.

World Oil Discoveries: Historical Data

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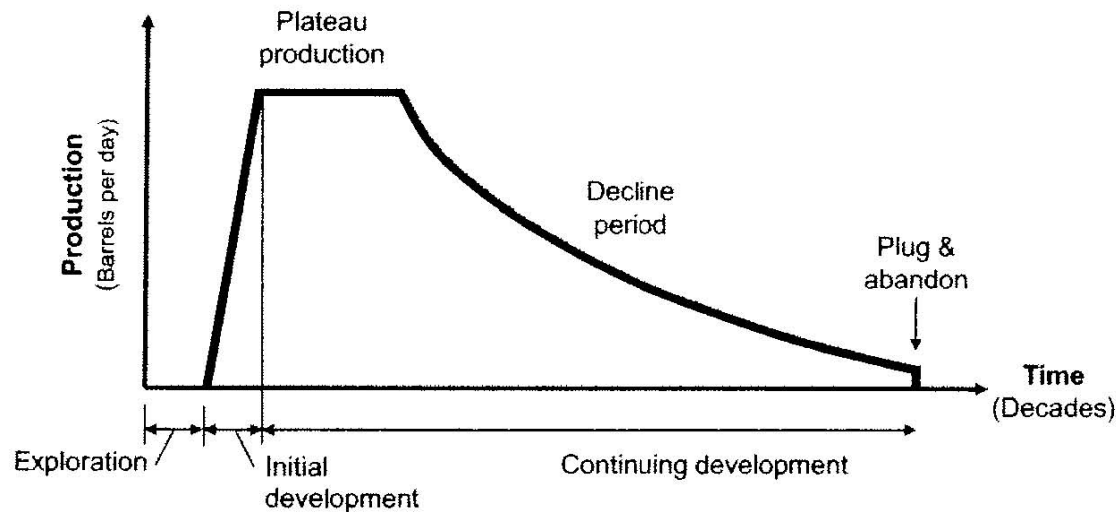


Figure IV-1. Oil production profile of a typical, large oil field. After years of exploration and the drilling of successful appraisal wells, large-scale development begins. Oil production increases to a maximum and may stay flat on a production plateau for a number of years, sometimes a decade or more. Then, despite all human efforts, production decline sets in and can continue for many more decades.

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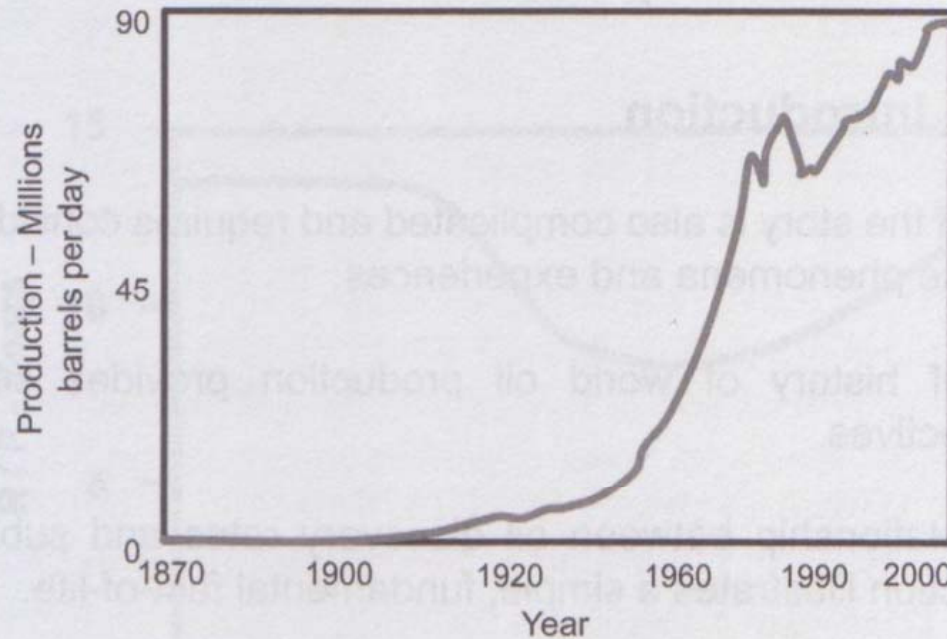


Figure VI-1. World oil production from 1870 to 2009. Measured on the scale of today's production, it's clear that the trend broke upward in the early 1900s and continued unabated, except for the downturn in the mid-1980s when excess supply collided with mitigation resulting from actions taken in the 1970s. Thereafter, the demand increase resumed, generally following increasing world GDP.

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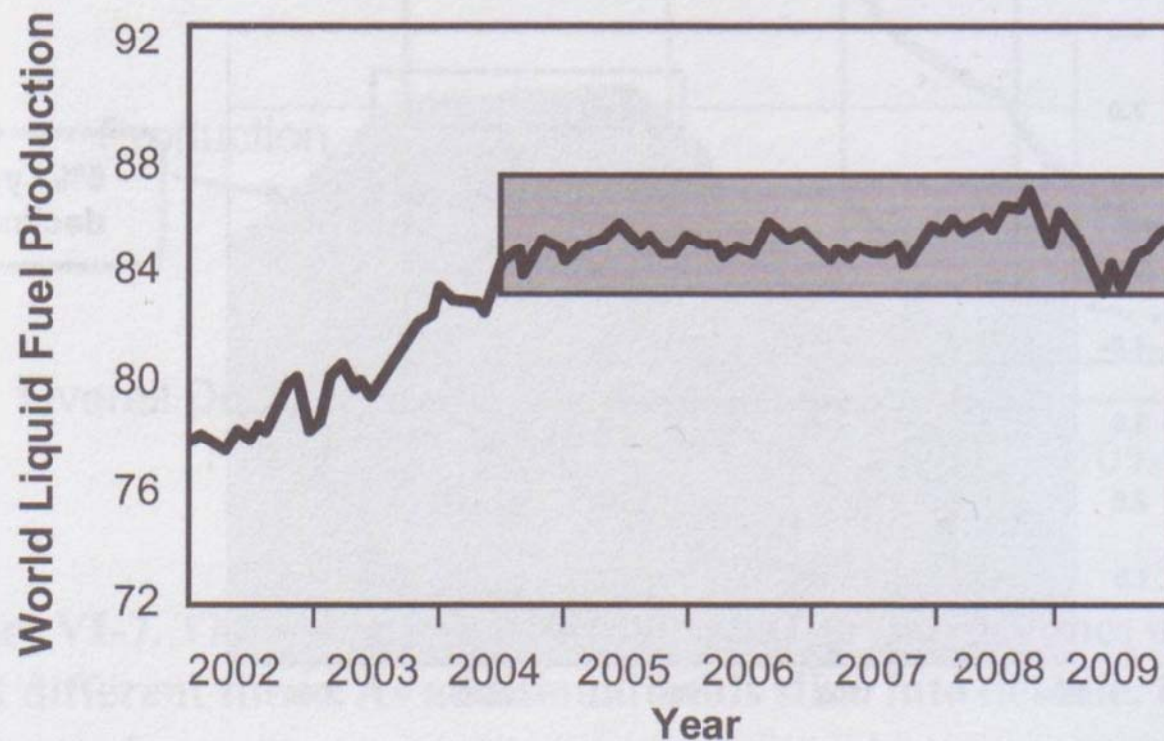


Figure VI-5. World oil production from 2002 - early 2010. World production of all liquids stopped growing in 2004 & has been in a 5% fluctuating band plateau since then.

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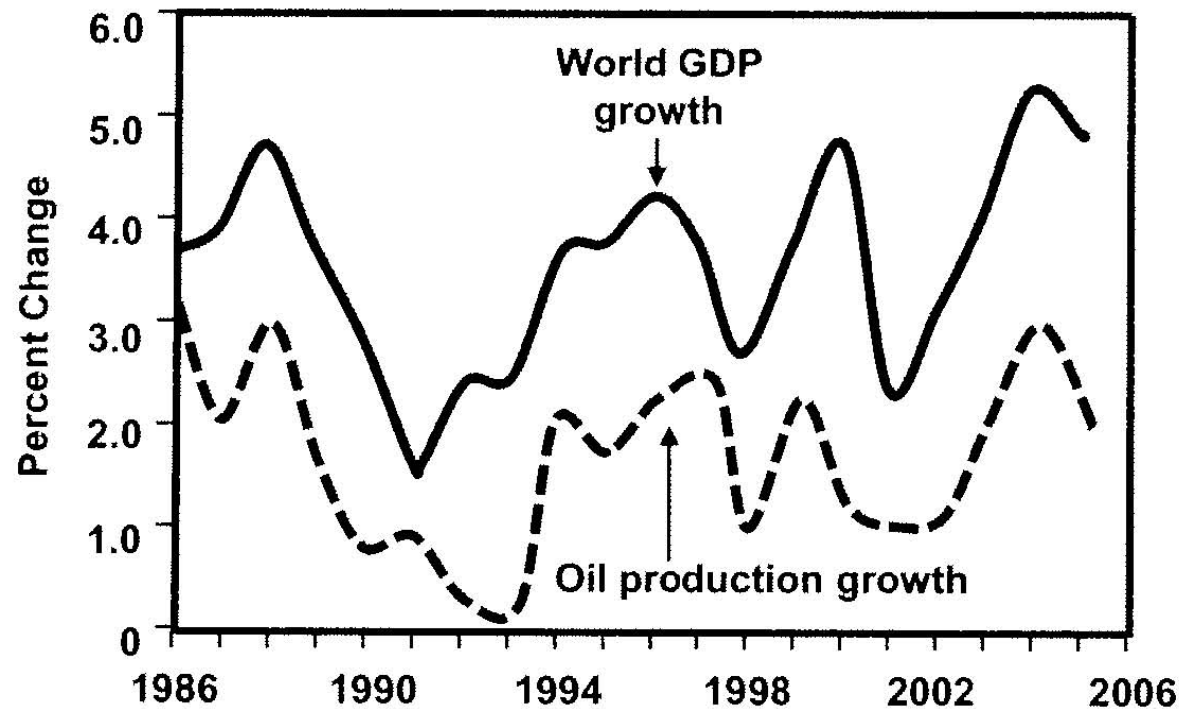
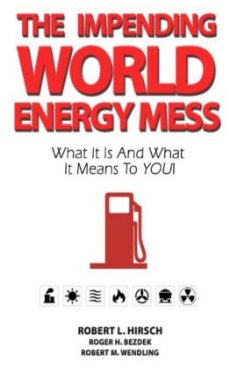


Figure VI-8. Growth in world GDP and world oil production. Over the 20-year period the growth ratio was roughly 2:1, indicating a long history of GDP growth matching oil production growth.

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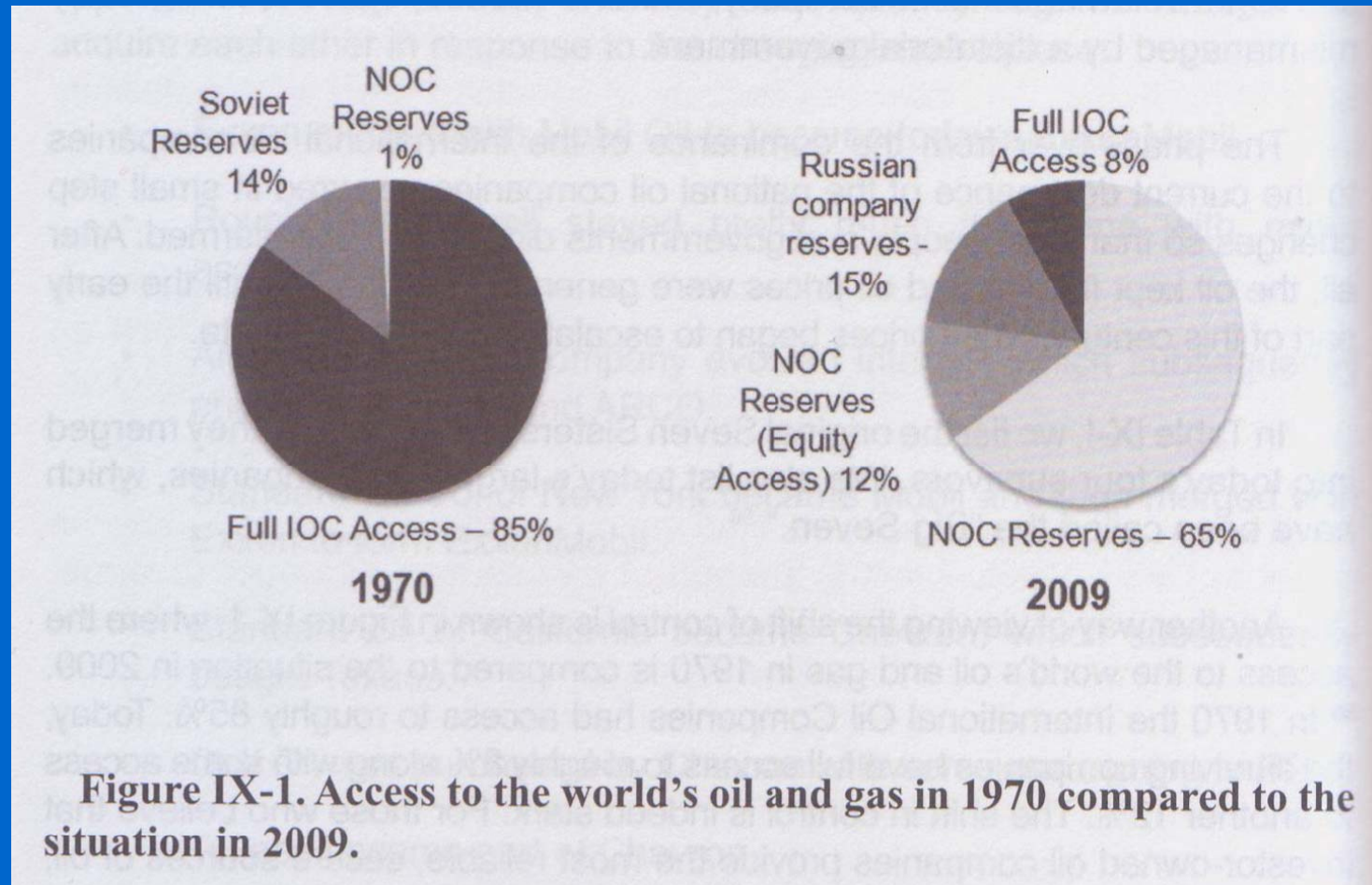
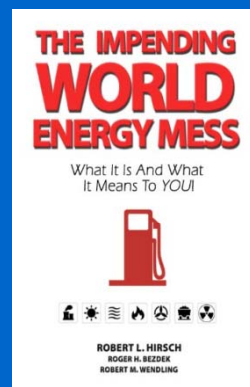


Figure IX-1. Access to the world's oil and gas in 1970 compared to the situation in 2009.

IOC: International Oil Companies

NOC: Nationalized Oil Companies

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Table XVI-1. Largest liquid fuels consuming countries, their recent production, and their recent import dependence. Million barrels day (MMbpd)

Country	Consumption	Production	Imports
United States	19.4	6.7	11.3
China	8.0	3.8	3.6
Japan	4.8	-	5.0
India	2.9	0.8	2.5
Russia	2.8	9.9	Net Exporter
Germany	2.5	-	2.9
Brazil	2.4	1.9	0.4
Canada	2.3	3.2	Net Exporter
South Korea	2.3	-	3.0
Saudi Arabia	2.2	10.8	Net Exporter
Mexico	2.1	3.2	Net Exporter
France	1.9	-	2.4
United Kingdom	1.7	1.5	1.5
Italy	1.7	0.1	1.9

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World production: 85 Million
Barrels per day

US light car consumption: 9 Million
Barrels per day

Daily commute: 2.4 Million
Barrels per day

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While mass transportation is growing in some urban areas in the U.S., it only accounts for about 5% of trips to work. Private vehicle trips to work in a carpool account for roughly 11% of trips, while single-driver trips account for roughly *three quarters* of all trips.

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If carpooling were expanded, significant reductions in gasoline demand would result. Indirect benefits would accrue also, including a decrease in traffic congestion, a decrease in vehicle emissions, and more money in people's pockets for discretionary spending.

“Clearly, the most wasteful practice is the single-driver trip to and from work”

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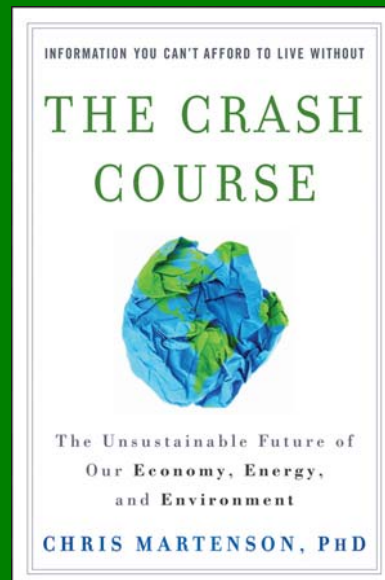
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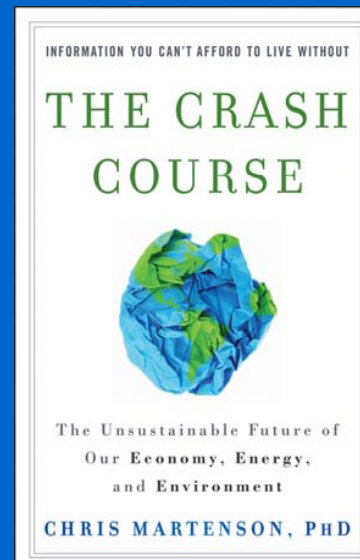


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And how much “work” is embodied in a gallon of gasoline, our favorite substance of them all? Well, if you put a single gallon in a car, drove it away from your home until the gas ran out, and then got out and pushed the car home, you’d find out exactly how much work a gallon of gasoline can do.

2011

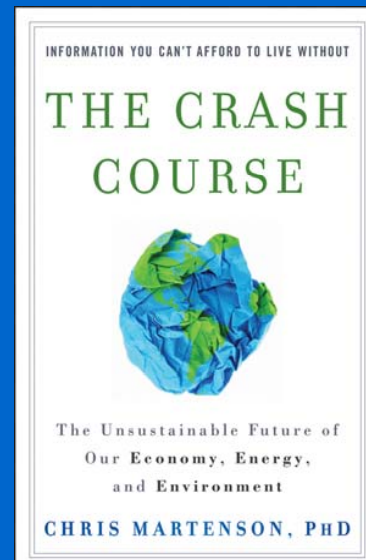
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It turns out that a gallon of gas has the equivalent energy of somewhere between 350 and 500 hours of human labor. Given that a gallon of gas can perform that much human work, how much value would you assign it? How much would 350 to 500 hours of your hard physical labor be worth to you? \$4? \$10?

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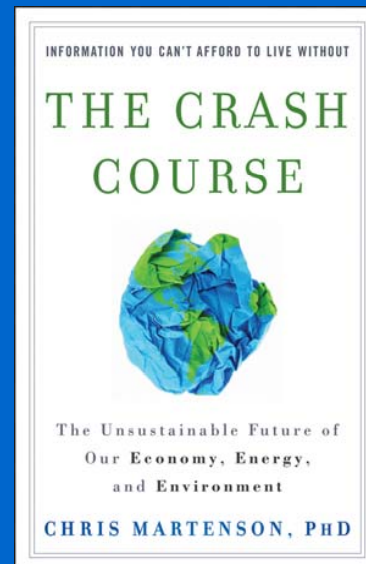


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Our particular brand of economy is based on ever-increasing amounts of everything flowing through it. More money, more debt, more gasoline, more cars, more minerals, more profits, more buildings, more clothes, more, more, more of everything....

...What happens when an economy that *must* grow is being fueled by an energy source that *cannot* grow?

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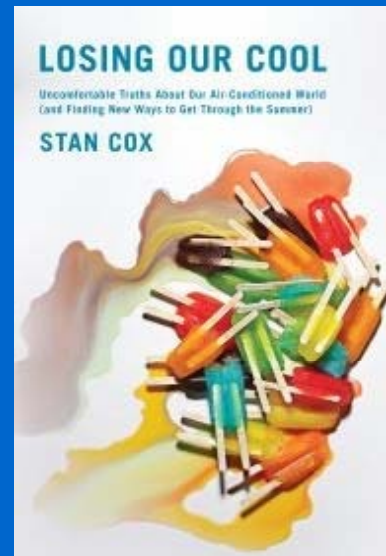


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The lion's share of wattage going into a data center's computing equipment comes out again as waste heat, so the total wattage consumed by computing is included when calculating the load on AC systems. *Running and cooling a single six-foot-high rack of servers occupying seven square feet of floor space can consume as much power as would 30 typical California homes....*

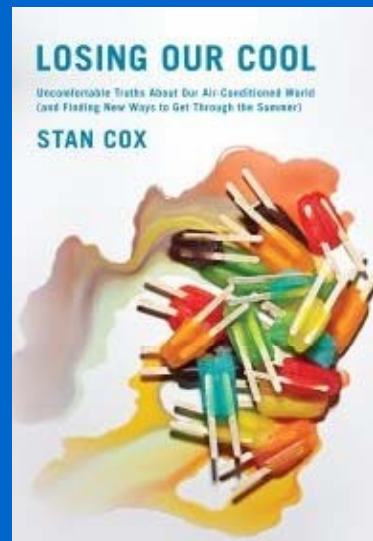
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Efficiency, out of necessity, has been greatly improved, but it has only doubled, not tripled, every 2 years, thereby failing to keep up with energy consumption for running and cooling servers.... between 2000 and 2006 the amount of energy to process a given amount of information fell 88%, yet energy consumption for a given investment in data handling rose 300%. And the numbers and sizes of data centers have swelled.

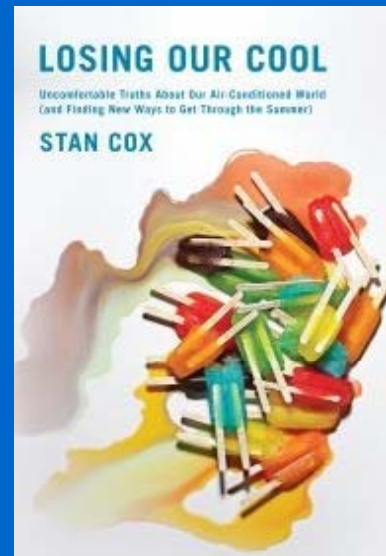
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Take the energy consumed by today's data centers, throw in the growth projected for the near future, along with the energy used by computers and peripheral equipment in homes and commercial buildings, and by 2011 the US computing network will require a quantity of energy annually equivalent to Mexico's total electricity consumption, or by 2014, Australia's.

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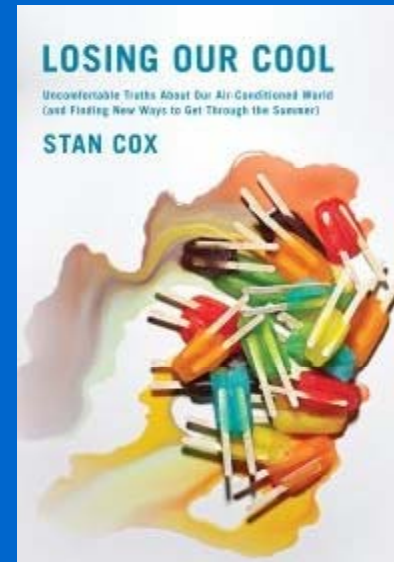
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The EPA estimated that by 2011 peak load placed on the grid by servers and data centers alone would require the output of 25 normal-sized power plants.

2010

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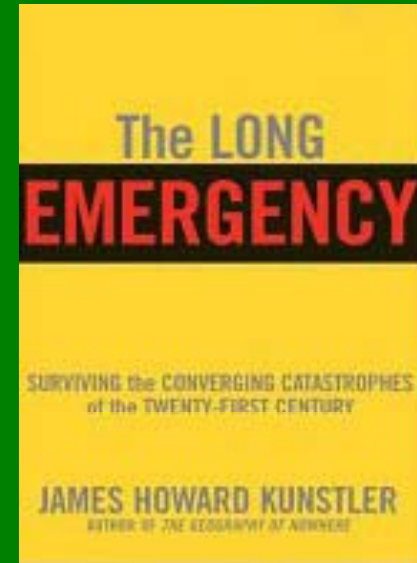
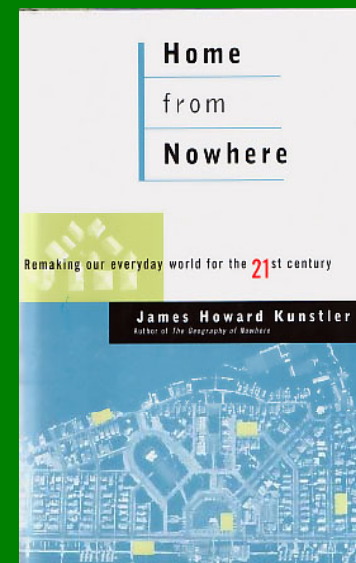
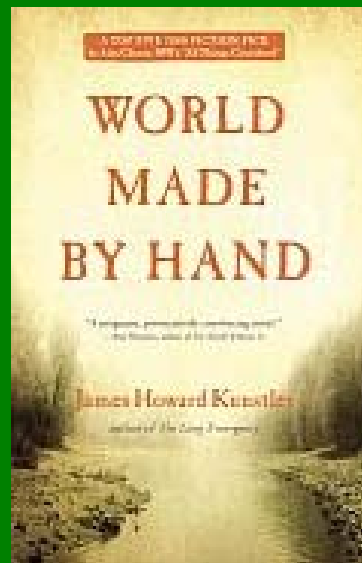
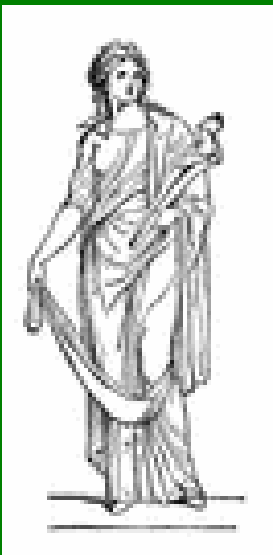


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James Howard Kunstler

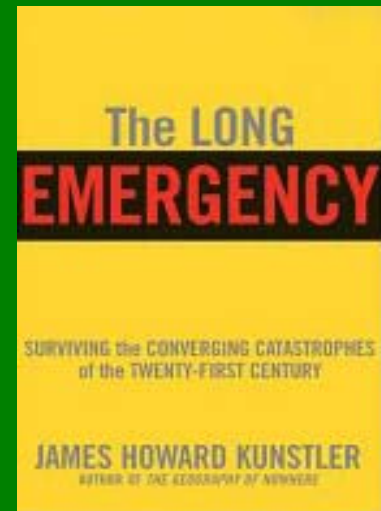
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Cassandra was the daughter of King Priam and Queen Hecuba and the twin sister of Helen of Troy. Her beauty caused Apollo to grant her the gift of prophecy but when she did not return his love, he placed a curse on her so that no one would ever believe her predictions. While Cassandra foresaw the destruction of Troy (she warned the Trojans about the Trojan Horse, the death of Agamemnon, and her own demise), she was unable to do anything to forestall these tragedies since no one believed her.

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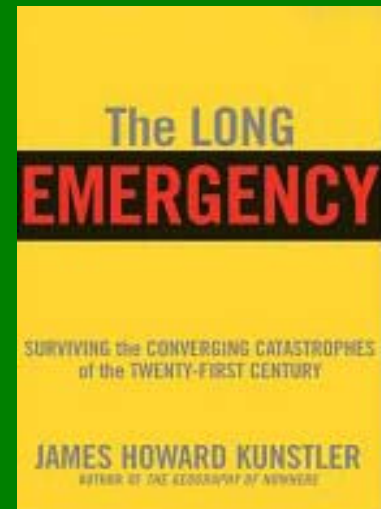


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In any case, the tragic truth is that much of suburbia is unreformable. It does not lend itself to being retrofitted into the kind of mixed-use, smaller-scaled, more fine-grained walkable environments we will need to carry on daily life in the coming age of greatly reduced motoring.

2005

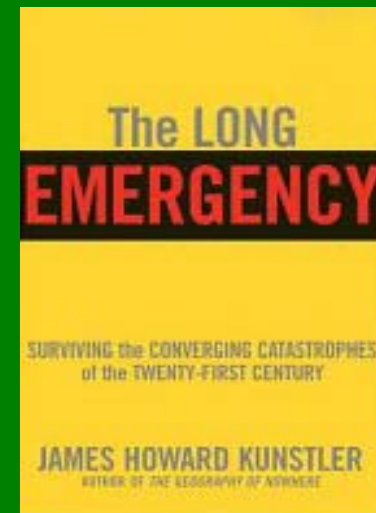
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Nor is a Jolly Green Giant going to come and pick up the millions of suburban houses on their half-acre lots on cul-de-sac streets in the far-flung subdivisions and set them back down closer together to make more civic environments.

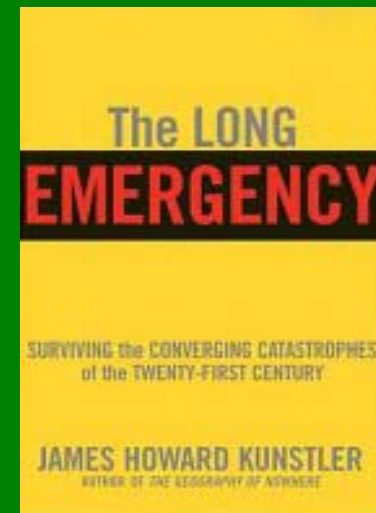
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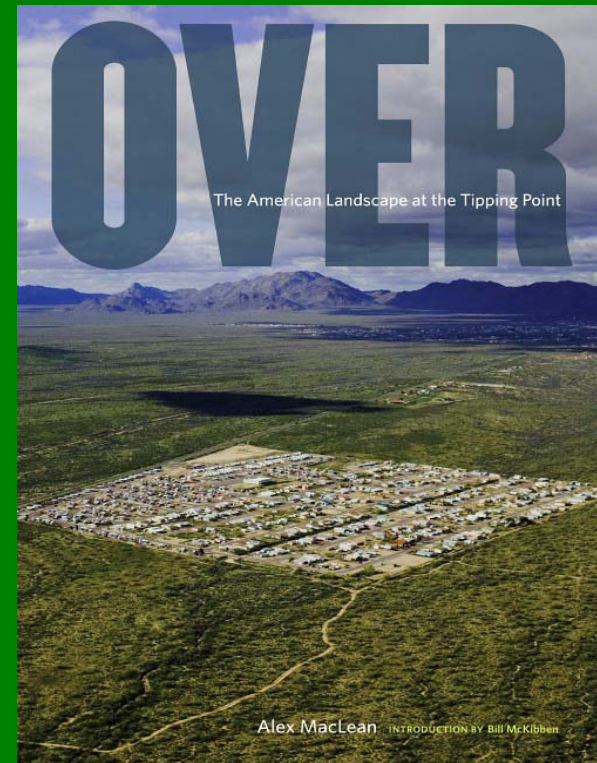
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Instead, this suburban real estate, including the chipboard and vinyl McHouses, the strip malls, the office parks, and all the other components, will enter a phase of rapid and cruel devaluation. Many of the suburban subdivisions will become the slums of the future.

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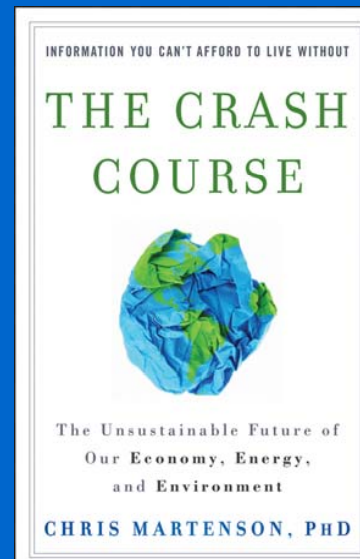
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....up until about 2006, the entire developed world was perpetuating an ongoing *story* that went like this: **Houses always go up in price.** As we now all know, that tale is not true, but it was deeply embedded belief that shaped individual decisions and led even the most sophisticated investors in the world astray. That's the power of a story.

Narratives

2011

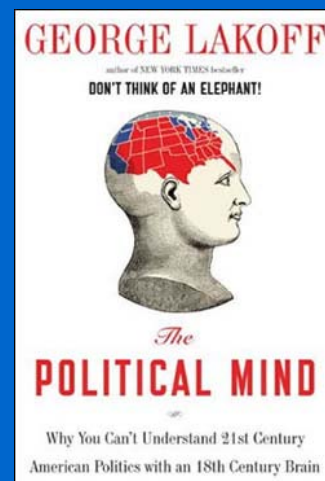


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We live our narratives. The lived story is at the center of modern personality theory. The theory of neural computation, as we shall see later, shows how our brains not only permit this, but favor it. The typical roles played in narratives include Hero, Victim, and Helper. A doctor may not just be a doctor, but a Hero-doctor, saving people's lives.

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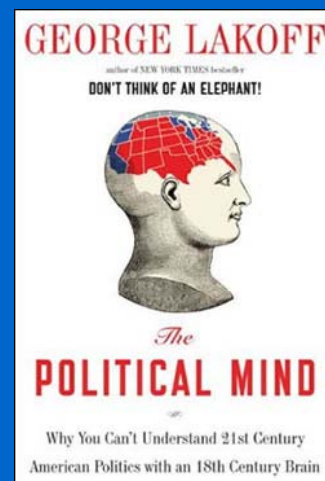


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A housewife may see herself as a Victim-housewife, victimized by society's sexism. A nurse may see herself as the Helper to the Hero-doctor. Or as a Victim of Sexism in medicine. ...The roles in narratives that you understand yourself as fitting give meaning to your life, including the emotional color that is inherent in narrative structures.

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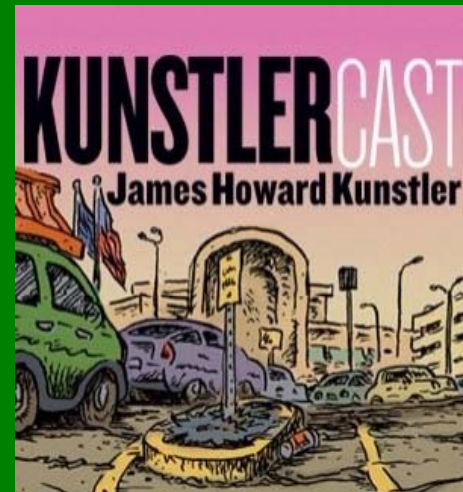
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We're going to have to grow our food differently....more stuff close to home....we'll have to rebuild local economies that we have surrendered to national chain retail and WalMart – they are done, but we don't know it yet - the 12,000 mile supply line to the other side of the world is not goin' on forever despite what **Tom Friedman** says about globalism.

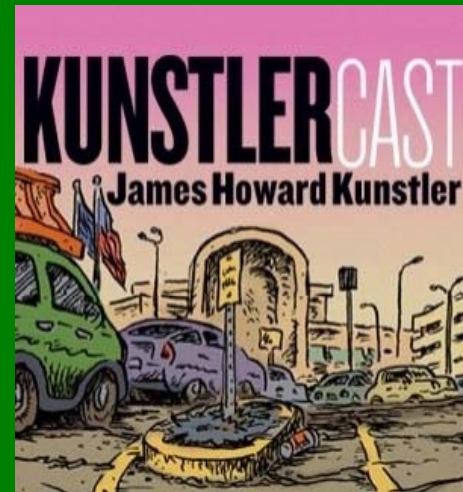
Ghost of Christmas Future



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We're going to have to do school differently- the centralized school districts are going to fail. We're going to have to make a few things in America again or we aren't going to have anything.... America's economy is going to become inwardly focused again, and the inland waterways are going to be very important

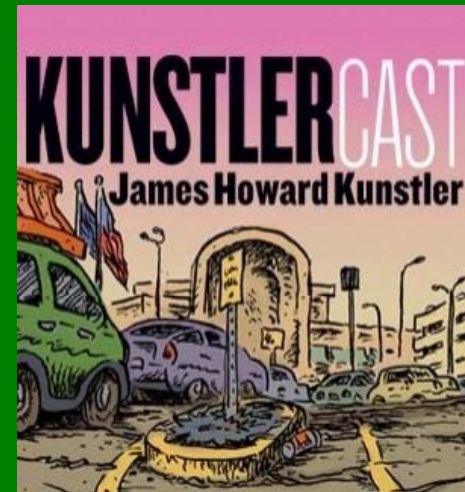
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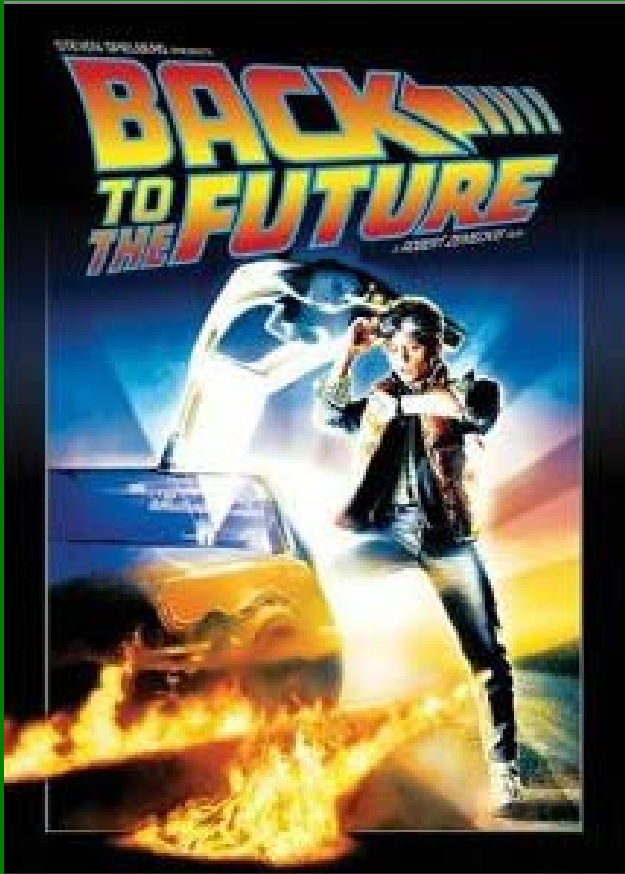
..If suburbia fails, I don't think everyone is going to move to the city.... Big cities are going to contract....60 story condos over the last 30 years will prove to be a really tragic collective choice that we made.....

Ghost of Christmas Future



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The Ghost of Christmas Back to the Future



The Eagles
Hotel California
1976



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“Some rich men came and raped the land,
Nobody caught 'em
Put up a bunch of ugly boxes, and
Jesus people bought 'em
And they called it paradise
The place to be
They watched the hazy sun, sinking in the sea”

The Last Resort from Hotel California

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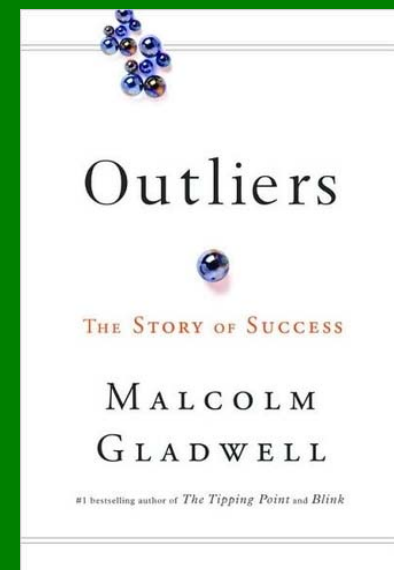
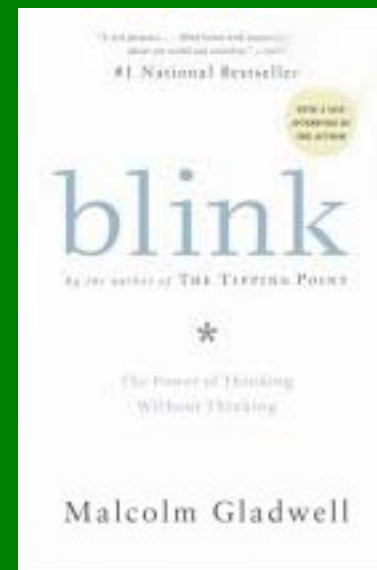
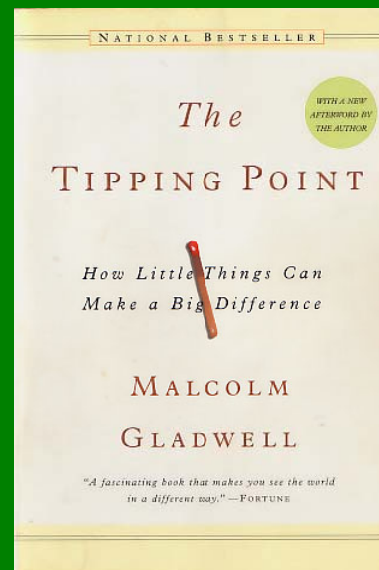
“Who will provide the grand design?
What is yours and what is mine?
'Cause there is no more new frontier
We have got to make it here

We satisfy our endless needs and
justify our bloody deeds,
in the name of destiny and in the name
of God”

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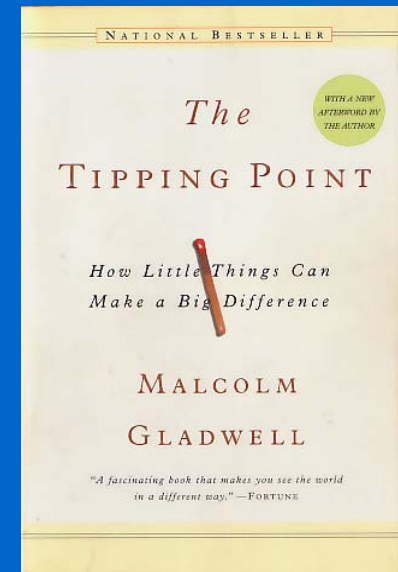
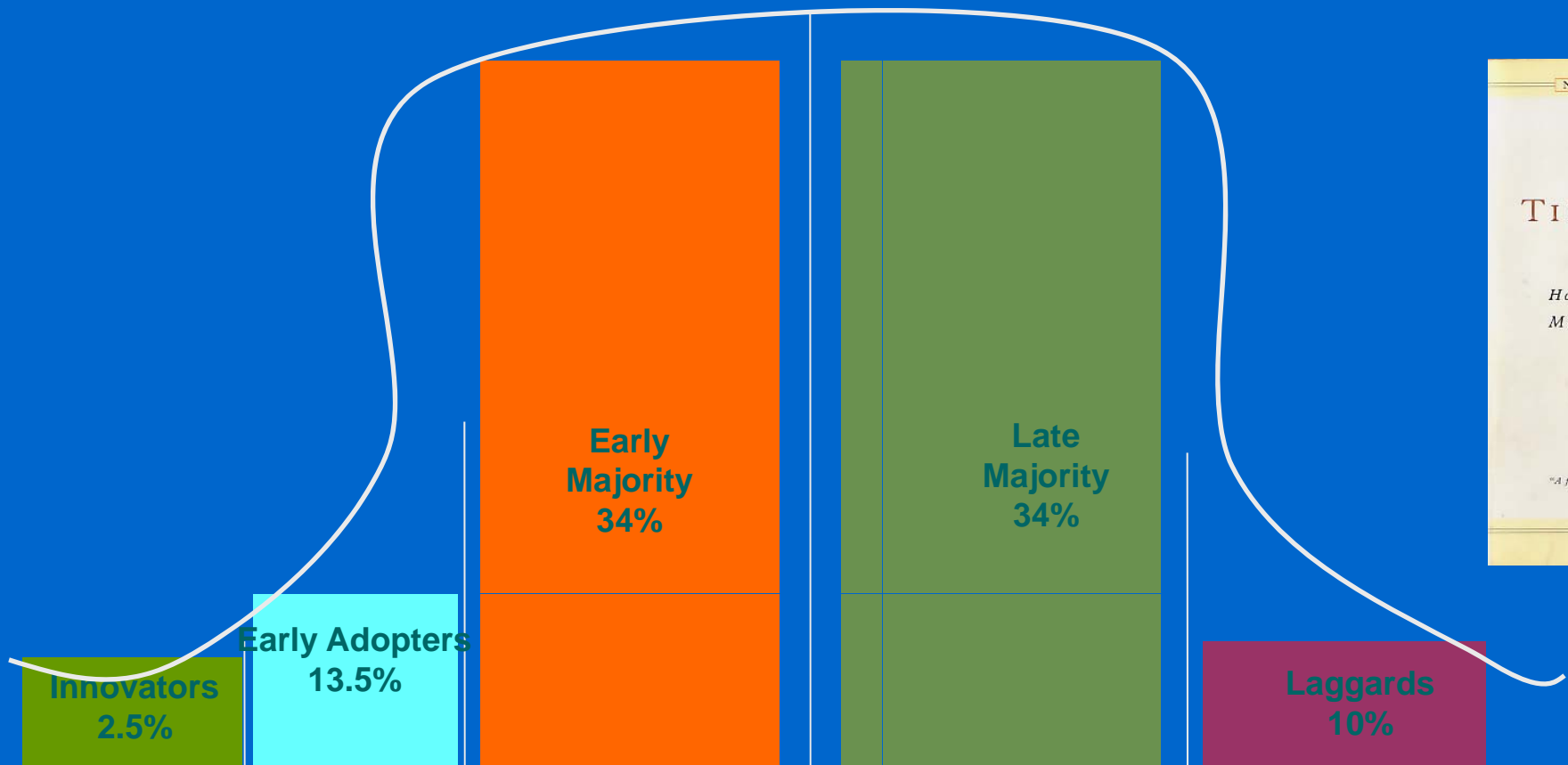
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What *You* Can Do to Turn It Around: Malcolm Gladwell



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Innovation Adoption Curve

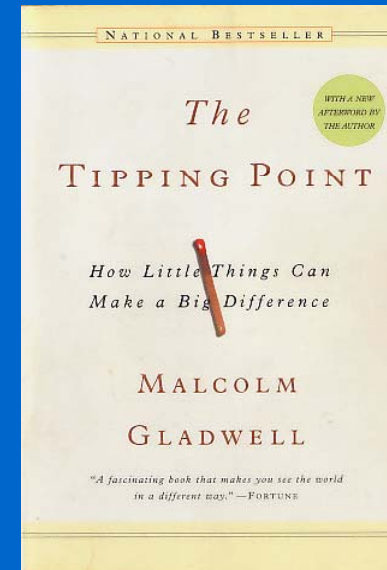


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Moore's argument is that the attitude of the Early Adopters and the attitude of the Early Majority are fundamentally incompatible. Innovations don't just slide effortlessly from one group to the next. There is a chasm between them.

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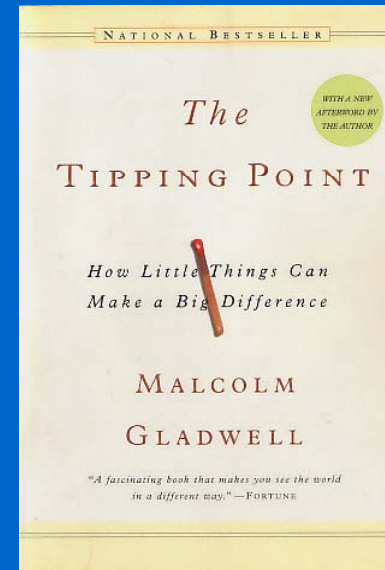


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All kinds of high-tech products fail, never making it beyond the Early Adopters, because the companies that make them can't find a way to transform an idea that makes perfect sense to an Early Adopter into one that makes perfect sense to a member of the Early Majority.

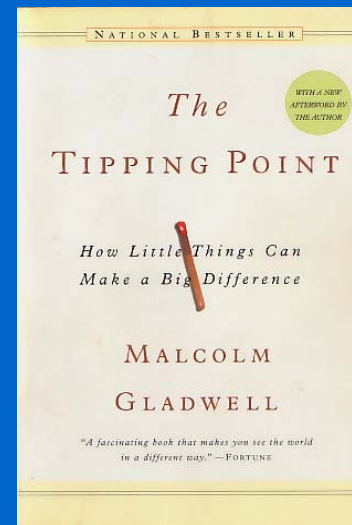
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What Mavens and Connectors and Salesmen do to an idea in order to make it contagious is to alter it in such a way that extraneous details are dropped and others are exaggerated so that the message itself comes to acquire a deeper meaning. If anyone wants to start an epidemic, than –whether it is of shoes or behavior or a piece of software –

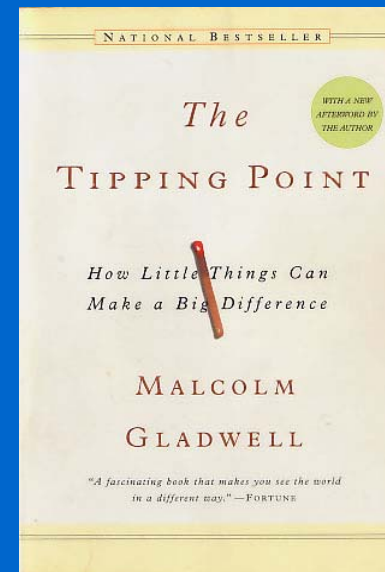
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he or she has to somehow employ Connectors, Mavens, and Salesmen in this very way: he or she has to find some person or some means to translate the message of the Innovators into something the rest of us can understand.

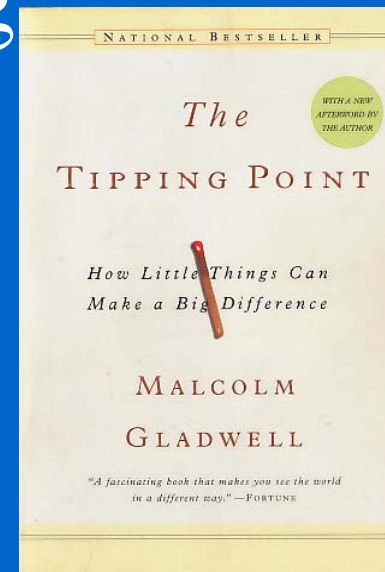
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....when I first got e-mail, back in the mid-90s. I would rush home with great anticipation and dial in on my 4800-baud modem and I would have...four messages from four very good friends. And what would I do? I would immediately compose long, elegant responses. Now, of course, I get up in the morning and go to my computer & have 64 messages, and the anticipation I once felt has been replaced by dread.....

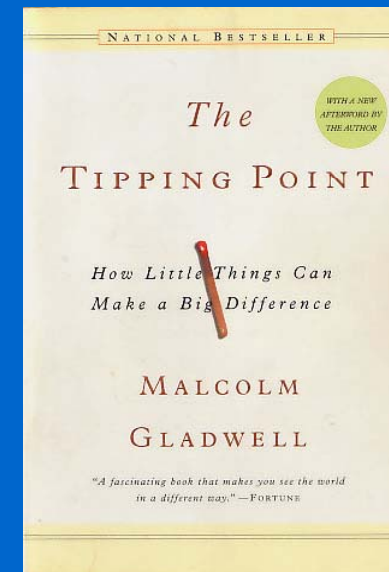
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When people are overwhelmed with information and develop immunity to traditional forms of communication, they turn instead for advice and information to the people in their lives whom they respect, admire, and trust. The cure for immunity is finding Mavens, Connectors, and Salesmen.

2000



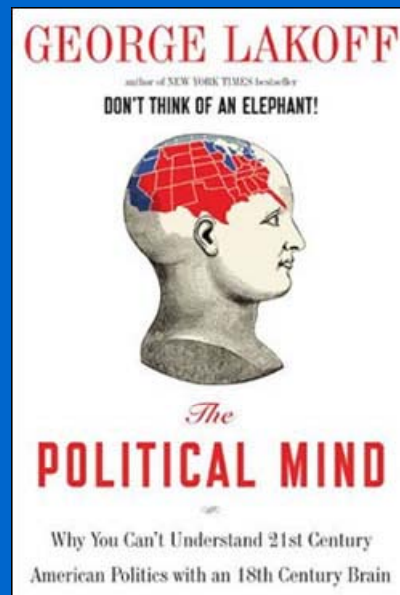
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The science of mind has lit up a vast landscape of unconscious thought – the 98% of thinking your brain does that you are not aware of. **Most of it matters for politics.** The mind that we cannot see plays an enormous role in how our country is governed.

2008

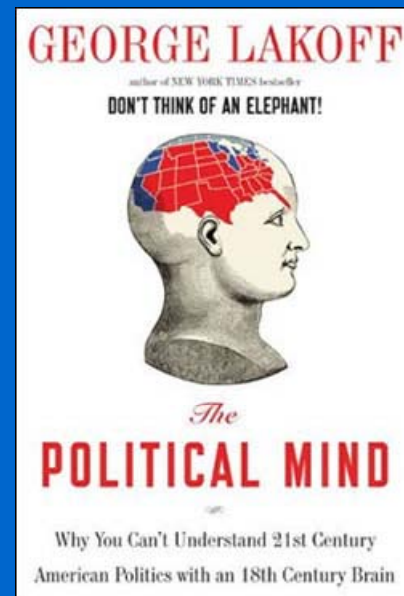
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However, most of us have inherited a theory of mind dating back at least to the Enlightenment, namely, that *reason* is conscious, literal, logical, unemotional, disembodied, universal, and *functions to serve our interests*. **This theory of human reason has been shown to be false in every particular, but it persists.** In many aspects of life this may not matter. But in politics it can have very negative effects.....

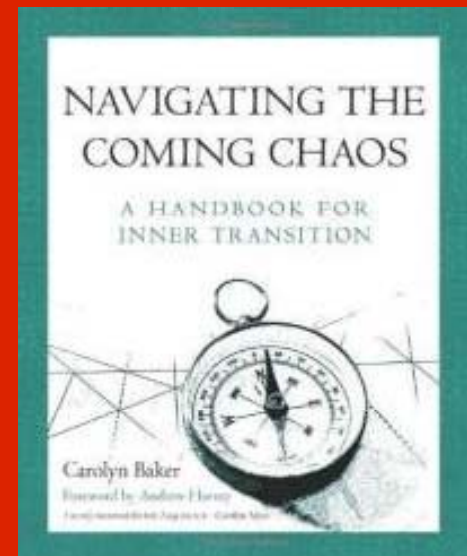
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Yet even as we acknowledge the ego's strategic and crucial role, the reality that industrial civilization has been the ego's most monumental accomplishment must not be overlooked. From start to finish, it has been an ego-based phenomenon.

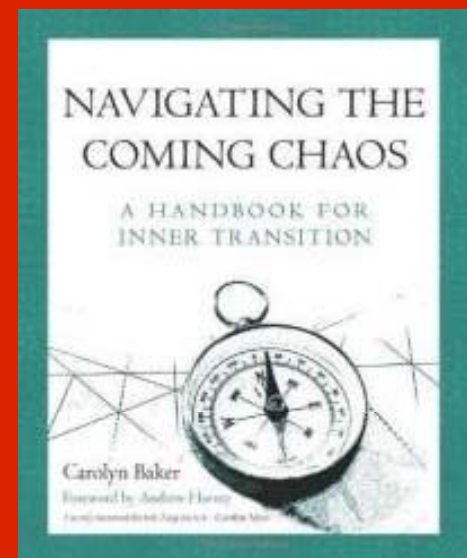
2011



Another Look

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And just as the individual human who is driven and dominated by the ego must ultimately confront its limits, civilization is now entering a protracted ego-shattering breakdown which I believe is forcing confrontation with the deeper aspects of the individual and collective psyche such as the soul and Self.



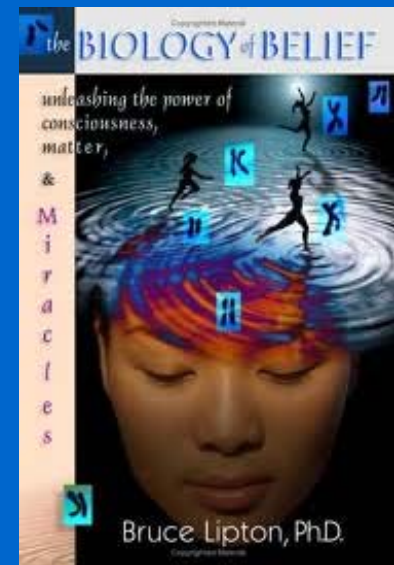
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...It is probable that, like us, those single-celled organisms began to multiply seemingly out of control and to over-populate their environment.... Those pressures led to a new and glorious era in evolution, in which single cells joined together in altruistic multicellular communities. The end result was humans, at or near the top of the evolutionary ladder.

2005

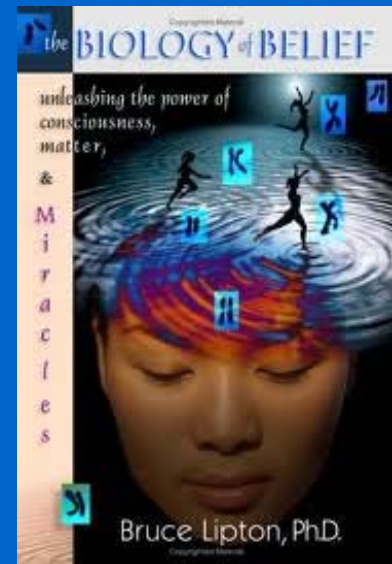
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Similarly, I believe that the stresses of the increasing human population will be responsible for pushing us up another rung on the evolutionary ladder. We will, I believe, come together in a global community. The members of that enlightened community will recognize that we are made in the image of our environment, i.e.,

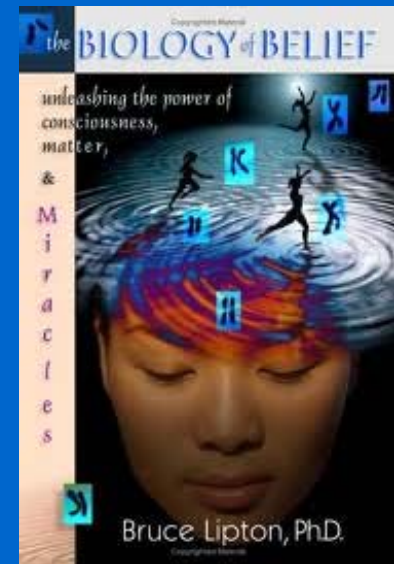
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that we are divine, and that we have to operate not in a survival of the fittest manner, but in a way that supports everyone and everything on this planet.

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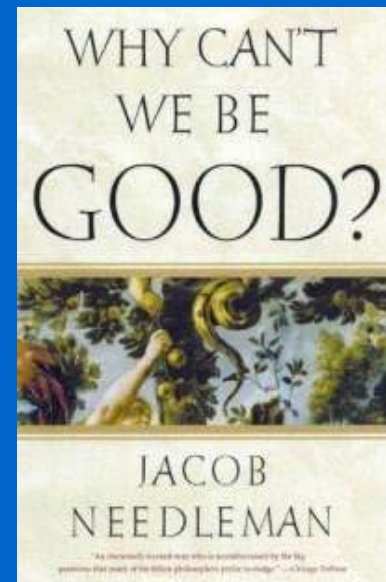


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The first step toward the power of moral action lies in the power we have to *think morally*. But this does not mean necessarily to think specifically about moral or ethical issues – it means the work of *thinking together* with my neighbor, with you, about any essential question of the heart and mind....

2007

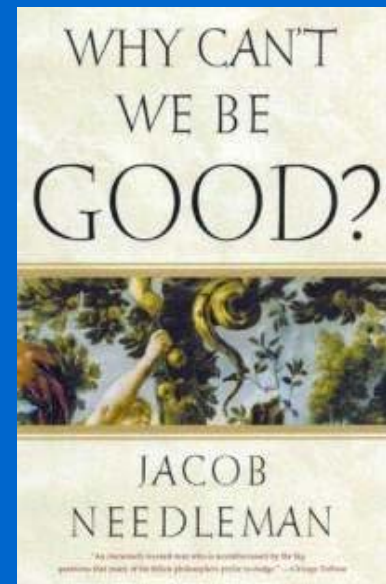
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A new meaning of human relationship now appears – in fact, an old, an ancient meaning of love. The ancient meaning of friendship appears – to work together at thinking. Which means: to work together at speaking from the heart of the mind and listening with love and rigor. It is the work of allowing language to be born between us, real language that carries the vibration of thought.

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Yahuda Berg	The Powers of Kabbalah
Les Carter	The Anger Trap
Deepak Chopra	The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success
Wayne Dyer	Manifest Your Destiny
David Hawkins	Power vs. Force
Chip & Dan Heath	Switch
Bruce Lipton	The Biology of Belief
Daniel Pinchbeck	2012: The Return of Quetzalcoatl
Robert Sardello	Freeing the Soul from Fear
Straus & Howe	Generations
Eckhart Tolle	The New Earth
Brian Weiss	Many Lives, Many Masters
David Zukov	Soul Stories
Wiley & Formley	Lights Out
Barry Sears	The Age Free Zone
Andrew Weil	Healthy Aging

Stephen Hawking The Universe in a Nutshell

Edward O. Wilson The Future of Life

Malcolm Beck The Gardenville Method, The Secret of Compost

Stewart Brand How Buildings Learn

Lester Brown The Earth Policy Reader

Jared Diamond Collapse, Guns, Germs, & Steel

Brian Dougherty Green Graphic Design

Daniel Goleman Ecological Intelligence

Paul Hawken The Ecology of Commerce, Blessed Unrest

Hawken & Lovins Natural Capitalism

Bjorn Lomborg The Skeptical Environmentalist

James Lovelock The Ages of Gaia

Harte, Holdren, et alToxics A to Z

McDonough & BraungartCradle to Cradle

James Kunstler Home from Nowhere, Long Emergency, World Made by Hand

Michael Pollan The Botany of Desire

Elizabeth Royte Garbage Land

Dr Seuss The Lorax

Sarah Susanka The Not So Big House, The Not So Big Life

Weinberg, Pellow, & Schnaiberg Urban Recycling & the Search for Sustainable Community Development

Worldwatch InstituteState of the World 2004

Joel Bakan The Corporation

Benjamin Barber Consumed

Bittle & Scott Who Turned Out the Lights?

Robert Bly The Sibling Society

Charles Fishman The Wal-Mart Effect

Viktor Frankl Man's Search for Meaning

Thomas Friedman Hot, Flat, & Crowded v.2

David Gershon The Low Carbon Diet

Al Gore The Assault on Reason, Our Choice

John Gray Mars & Venus on a Date

Malcolm Gladwell The Tipping Point, Blink, Outliers

Ariana Huffington Pigs at the Trough, Third World America

Lee Iacocca Where Have All the Leaders Gone?

David Korten The Great Turning

George Lakoff Don't Think Of an Elephant, The Political Mind

Christian Lander Stuff White People Like

Lipsky & Abrams Late Bloomers

Paul Loeb Soul of a Citizen

Ralph Nader Only the Super-Rich Can Save Us

Hal Niedzvieki Hello, I'm Special

George Orwell Animal Farm

John Perkins Confessions of an Economic Hit Man

Robert Prechter Socionomics: The Wave Principle of Human Social Behavior

Robert Putnam Bowling Alone

David Quinn My Ishmael, Beyond Civilization

Robert Reich Aftershock

Heather Rogers Green Gone Wrong

Richard Seireeni The Gort Cloud

Alex Steffen Worldchanging

John Stossel Myths, Lies, & Downright Stupidity

Alan Weisman The World Without Us

Kurt Vonnegut A Man Without a Country