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Why are some parts of the world so rich and others so poor? Why did the Industrial Revolution--and the unprecedented economic growth that came with it--occur in eighteenth-century England, and not at some other time, or in some other place? Why didn't industrialization make the whole world rich--and why did it make large parts of the world even poorer? In *A Farewell to Alms*, Gregory Clark tackles these profound questions and suggests a new and provocative way in which culture--not exploitation, geography, or resources--explains the wealth, and the poverty, of nations. Countering the prevailing theory that the Industrial Revolution

was sparked by the sudden development of stable political, legal, and economic institutions in seventeenth-century Europe, Clark shows that such institutions existed long before industrialization. He argues instead that these institutions gradually led to deep cultural changes by encouraging people to abandon hunter-gatherer instincts--violence, impatience, and economy of effort--and adopt economic habits--hard work, rationality, and education. The problem, Clark says, is that only societies that have long histories of settlement and security seem to develop the cultural characteristics and effective workforces that enable economic growth. For the many societies that have not enjoyed long periods of stability, industrialization has not been

a blessing. Clark also dissects the notion, championed by Jared Diamond in *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, that natural endowments such as geography account for differences in the wealth of nations. A brilliant and sobering challenge to the idea that poor societies can be economically developed through outside intervention, *A Farewell to Alms* may change the way global economic history is understood. The winners of the Nobel Prize in Economics upend the most common assumptions about how economics works in this gripping and disruptive portrait of how poor people actually live. Why do the poor borrow to save? Why do they miss out on free life-saving immunizations, but pay for unnecessary drugs? In *Poor Economics*, Ab-

hijit V. Banerjee and Esther Duflo, two award-winning MIT professors, answer these questions based on years of field research from around the world. Called "marvelous, rewarding" by the Wall Street Journal, the book offers a radical rethinking of the economics of poverty and an intimate view of life on 99 cents a day. Poor Economics shows that creating a world without poverty begins with understanding the daily decisions facing the poor.

Rape is common during wartime, but even within the context of the same war, some armed groups perpetrate rape on a massive scale while others never do. In Rape during Civil War Dara Kay Cohen examines variation in the severity and perpetrators of rape using an original dataset of reported rape during all major civil wars from 1980 to 2012. Cohen also conducted extensive fieldwork, including interviews with perpetrators of wartime rape, in three post-conflict counties, finding that rape was widespread in the civil wars of the Sierra Leone and Timor-Leste but was far less common during El Salvador's civil war. Cohen argues that armed groups that recruit their fighters through the random abduction of strangers use rape—and especially

gang rape—to create bonds of loyalty and trust between soldiers. The statistical evidence confirms that armed groups that recruit using abduction are more likely to perpetrate rape than are groups that use voluntary methods, even controlling for other confounding factors. Important findings from the fieldwork—across cases—include that rape, even when it occurs on a massive scale, rarely seems to be directly ordered. Instead, former fighters describe participating in rape as a violent socialization practice that served to cut ties with fighters' past lives and to signal their commitment to their new groups. Results from the book lay the groundwork for the systematic analysis of an understudied form of civilian abuse. The book will also be useful to policymakers and organizations seeking to understand and to mitigate the horrors of wartime rape.

The King isn't dead. Elvis Presley might not be a colonel in the U.S. Army anymore, but he's got a reputation as being one of the toughest independent Sanctioned Ops in the South. Yet, can he prevent the world being destroyed (further) while fighting off the KKK, swamp mutants, and voodoo priests? Original.

The second edition of a comprehensive state-of-the-art graduate level text on microeconomic methods, substantially revised and updated. The second edition of this acclaimed graduate text provides a unified treatment of two methods used in contemporary econometric research, cross section and data panel methods. By focusing on assumptions that can be given behavioral content, the book maintains an appropriate level of rigor while emphasizing intuitive thinking. The analysis covers both linear and nonlinear models, including models with dynamics and/or individual heterogeneity. In addition to general estimation frameworks (particular methods of moments and maximum likelihood), specific linear and nonlinear methods are covered in detail, including probit and logit models and their multivariate, Tobit models, models for count data, censored and missing data schemes, causal (or treatment) effects, and duration analysis. Econometric Analysis of Cross Section and Panel Data was the first graduate econometrics text to focus on microeconomic data structures, allowing assumptions to be separated into population and sampling assumptions. This second edition has been

substantially updated and revised. Improvements include a broader class of models for missing data problems; more detailed treatment of cluster problems, an important topic for empirical researchers; expanded discussion of "generalized instrumental variables" (GIV) estimation; new coverage (based on the author's own recent research) of inverse probability weighting; a more complete framework for estimating treatment effects with panel data, and a firmly established link between econometric approaches to nonlinear panel data and the "generalized estimating equation" literature popular in statistics and other fields. New attention is given to explaining when particular econometric methods can be applied; the goal is not only to tell readers what does work, but why certain "obvious" procedures do not. The numerous included exercises, both theoretical and computer-based, allow the reader to extend methods covered in the text and discover new insights.

This book explores the issue of civilian devastation in modern warfare, focusing on the complex processes that effectively establish civilians' identity in times of war. Underpinning the physicality of war's tu-

mult are structural forces that create landscapes of civilian vulnerability. Such forces operate in four sectors of modern warfare: nationalistic ideology, state-sponsored militaries, global media, and international institutions. Each sector promotes its own constructions of civilian identity in relation to militant combatants: constructions that prove lethal to the civilian noncombatant who lacks political power and decision-making capacity with regards to their own survival. *Civilians and Modern War* provides a critical overview of the plight of civilians in war, examining the political and normative underpinnings of the decisions, actions, policies, and practices of major sectors of war. The contributors seek to undermine the 'tunnelling effect' of the militaristic framework regarding the experiences of noncombatants. This book will be of much interest to students of war and conflict studies, ethics, conflict resolution, and IR/Security Studies.

Economic history states that money replaced a bartering system, yet there isn't any evidence to support this axiom. Anthropologist Graeber presents a stunning reversal of this conventional wisdom. For more than 5000 years, humans have used

elaborate credit systems to buy and sell goods. Since the beginning of the agrarian empires, humans have been divided into debtors and creditors. Through time, virtual credit money was replaced by gold and the system as a whole went into decline. This fascinating history is told for the first time.

Economic and political crises have often led to attacks on freedom. During the Great Depression all the major economies restricted trade by raising tariffs. This knee-jerk reaction only aggravated geopolitical tensions and further increased economic hardship. The emergence of radical socialist regimes led to total oppression of civil, political and economic liberties in half the world. More recently, the events of 9/11 and the US reaction have set in motion policies that have sacrificed freedom in an attempt to increase security. Similarly, the global financial crisis that began in 2008, and which was also germinated on US soil, has been followed by increasing controls, regulations and protections. Instead of relying on the creative destruction principle of free markets, governments on both sides of the Atlantic have used huge amounts of taxpayers' money

to bail out failing businesses. Threats to freedom abound. A quarter of a century ago, the world embraced 'glasnost' in the Soviet Union and then celebrated the fall of the Berlin Wall. But new challenges have now emerged in the form of neo-nationalism in Europe and radicalism in the Middle East. Both trends will reduce freedom if they go unchecked. In Europe, this reversion to nationalism, and even racism, is taking place despite a relatively high degree of political freedom – a functioning democracy exists. In the Middle East, the rise of religious radicalism is less surprising – neither market nor democracy is in good shape. Despite these problems, individuals in the 21st century are in many respects freer than their predecessors in the previous century. The information and communication technology revolution has brought down all kinds of barriers. In China, for example, Li Chengpeng is a prominent writer and social critic: his Sina Weibo blog has nearly six million followers. And, during the Arab Spring, social media helped bring about widespread political and social progress. If information is power, then information technology has empowered the individual. Geographical bound-

aries remain, but they are becoming increasingly irrelevant. In this context, the publication of Eamonn Butler's monograph could not be more timely. Foundations of a Free Society is a welcome addition to the family of modern primers on liberty. Butler's unique skill lies in his ability to express complex and highly influential ideas in plain English. He also successfully undermines the arguments of critics and opponents with real-world examples that illustrate his ideas and support the theoretical arguments. This Occasional Paper is therefore an excellent introductory text for those who would like to understand the basic principles of a free society. It will be particularly helpful for those promoting freedom in countries where these principles remain largely unknown, as well as for those protecting freedom in places where traditional liberties are under assault.

After more than 20 years of development, MATLAB has evolved from a powerful matrix calculation application into a universal programming tool used extensively within scientific and engineering communities both commercial and academic. MATLAB

versions 6.x and 7.x include functionality for developing advanced graphical user interfaces, GUIs, and real-time animation and graphics. GUI applications offer many advantages for users who wish to solve complex problems by providing interactivity and visual feedback. Some common examples of application areas where GUI development is desirable: .Image and Video Processing .Signal Processing .Communications .Simulation of Complex Systems .Instrumentation and Data Acquisition Interfaces .Control Systems .Financial Analysis .Animation of 2D or 3D Graphical Data This text introduces you to the capabilities of MATLAB for GUI development and covers the following areas in detail: .Handle Graphics(r) programming and low-level GUIs .High-level GUI development using GUIDE .The structure of GUIs including event processing, callbacks, timers, and real-time animation of plots / data .Advanced GUI architectures including multiple figure GUIs and image mapped interface controls Instructional examples and exercises are provided throughout each chapter that offers a hands-on approach to learning MATLAB GUI development. The M-file code for each example and exercise so-

lution is available for download on the web to help you quickly learn how to develop your own GUIs! About The Author Scott T. Smith received his MSEE degree from SUNY at Buffalo in the fields of image sensor applications and image processing. He currently works for Micron Technology Inc. in California as an Imaging Engineer and has 10 years of experience working with MATLAB and developing GUI applications. Previous work experience includes 3 years at the David Sarnoff Research Center (Former RCA Research Labs) in Princeton, NJ as an Associate Member of the Technical Staff in the Advanced Imaging Group as well 3 years as an R&D engineer for an X-ray/scientific imaging company. He is a member of SPIE and IEEE and is an author or co-author of several papers and patents in the field of imaging.

Step right up! Get your tickets for WTF?! An Economic Tour of the Weird! This rollicking tour through a museum of the world's weirdest practices is guaranteed to make you say, "WTF?!" Did you know that "pre-owned" wives were sold at auction in nineteenth-century England? That today, in Liberia, accused criminals sometimes drink poison to determine their fate? How about

the fact that, for 250 years, Italy criminally prosecuted cockroaches and crickets? Do you wonder why? Then this tour is just for you! Join WTF?!'s cast of colorful characters as they navigate the museum, led by guide and economist Peter T. Leeson. From one exhibit to the next, you'll overhear Leeson's riotous exchanges with the patrons and learn how to use economic thinking to reveal the hidden sense behind seemingly senseless human behavior—including your own. Leeson shows that far from "irrational" or "accidents of history," humanity's most outlandish rituals are ingenious solutions to pressing problems—developed by clever people, driven by incentives, and tailor-made for their time and place. Can you handle getting schooled by the strange? Better hurry, the tour is about to start!

Our Time Is Now We have entered an age of disruption. Financial collapse, climate change, resource depletion, and a growing gap between rich and poor are but a few of the signs. Otto Scharmer and Katrin Kaufer ask, why do we collectively create results nobody wants? Meeting the challenges of this century requires updating our economic logic and operating system

from an obsolete "ego-system" focused entirely on the well-being of oneself to an eco-system awareness that emphasizes the well-being of the whole. Filled with real-world examples, this thought-provoking guide presents proven practices for building a new economy that is more resilient, intentional, inclusive, and aware. "A watershed! An inspiring, practical weaving of the inner and outer dimensions of the systemic changes so many around the world are now working toward." —Peter Senge, Senior Lecturer, MIT Sloan School of Management; Founding Chair, Society for Organizational Learning; and author of *The Fifth Discipline* "Scharmer and Kaufer have succeeded in writing the book that has the potential to transform civilization from one based on a rapacious, ego-driven economics to a viable, ecological, awareness-based model. This is a must-read for anyone who cares. It may well be the single most important book you ever read." —Arthur Zajonc, President, Mind and Life Institute, and author of *Meditation as Contemplative Inquiry* "Scharmer and Kaufer provide a creative and practical approach to shifting our economies. I see business as a movement, and this book shares that

movement with the world, offering us inspiration to tap into the deeper levels of our humanity and urging us to transform the crises of our times." —Eileen Fisher, founder, Eileen Fisher, Inc. "The shift to an ecosystem economy is emerging everywhere around us. Otto's and Katrin's clarity in identifying that this shift requires change-makers to expand our thinking from the head to the heart has helped me to be more intentional in designing processes to awaken the hearts of entrepreneurs everywhere. This is a necessary condition for the emergence of the new economy." —Michelle Long, Executive Director, Business Alliance for Local Living Economies "The purpose of business is to enhance the well-being of society. The 4.0 framework for transforming capitalism matters because it addresses a blind spot in our current discourse: how to create institutional innovations that could shift our economy from ego- to eco-system awareness at the scale of the whole." —Guilherme Peirão Leal, founder and Cochairman, Natura Cosméticos

Adolf Hitler has always been and will continue to be a tempting subject for psychological analysis -- even if, despite Peter

Gay's classic Freud for Historians, psycho-history and psychobiography are still considered the black sheep of historical biography. Gonen (a retired professor of psychology at the University of Cincinnati and author of A Psychohistory of Zionism) offers a brief study and analysis of what he claims is a "Nazi psychology". Drawing from an extensive and rigorous reading of Hitler's speeches and published writings (especially Mein Kampf), Freudian theories and social, economic and cultural history, Gonen ponders whether Hitler was an aberration in German society or a "man of the people". (The German masses, he concludes, shared in Hitler's paranoia and delusions.) Chapters cover the role of ideology in shaping mass thinking, as well as anti-Semitism, lebensraum and the idea of the Volkish state -- and contain fascinating passages on the image of the Jew, the role of women and the interrelatedness of kitsch and death in the Nazi mentality. Although Gonen doesn't really say anything new ("Hitler", he tells us, for example, "was a messianic paranoid"), what he offers is compellingly written and blessedly free of social science jargon. What is troubling, however, is that Gonen fails to

explore concepts central to his inquiry, such as "utopia" and "barbarism", and that he contends that Nazism had its own "internal (or) inherent logic". Slightly flawed, this is still a good introduction to a difficult subject.

\*Covers over a dozen complex applications with real-world focus \*Focuses on teaching the technology, and graphical aspects of Flash examples presented with creative edge \*Only book covering integration of Flash and PHP, plus MySQL

Computational Mathematics: Models, Methods, and Analysis with MATLAB and MPI explores and illustrates this process. Each section of the first six chapters is motivated by a specific application. The author applies a model, selects a numerical method, implements computer simulations, and assesses the ensuing results. These chapters include an abundance of MATLAB code. By studying the code instead of using it as a "black box," you take the first step toward more sophisticated numerical modeling. The last four chapters focus on multiprocessing algorithms implemented using message passing interface (MPI). These chapters include Fortran 9x codes that il-

illustrate the basic MPI subroutines and revisit the applications of the previous chapters from a parallel implementation perspective. All of the codes are available for download from [www4.ncsu.edu/~white](http://www4.ncsu.edu/~white). This book is not just about math, not just about computing, and not just about applications, but about all three--in other words, computational science. Whether used as an undergraduate textbook, for self-study, or for reference, it builds the foundation you need to make numerical modeling and simulation integral parts of your investigational toolbox.

A comprehensive graduate-level text and professional reference covering all aspects of labor economics.

"This book challenges conventional wisdoms about economic performance and possible policies for economic development in African countries. Its starting point is the striking variation in African economic performance. Unevenness and inequalities form a central fact of African economic experiences. The authors highlight not only differences between countries, but also variations within countries, differences often organized around distinctions of gender, class, and ethnic identity. For exam-

ple, neo-natal mortality and school dropout have been reduced, particularly for some classes of women in some areas of Africa. Horticultural and agribusiness exports have grown far more rapidly in some countries than in others. These variations (and many others) point to opportunities for changing performance, reducing inequalities, learning from other policy experiences, and escaping the ties of structure, and the legacies of a colonial past. The book rejects teleological illusions and Eurocentric prejudice, but it does pay close attention to the results of policy in more industrialized parts of the world. Seeing the contradictions of capitalism for what they are - fundamental and enduring - may help policy officials protect themselves against the misleading idea that development can be expected to be a smooth, linear process, or that it would be were certain impediments suddenly removed. The authors criticize a wide range of orthodox and heterodox economists, especially for their cavalier attitude to evidence. Drawing on their own decades of research and policy experience, they combine careful use of available evidence from a range of African countries with political economy insights

(mainly derived from Kalecki, Kaldor and Hirschman) to make the policy case for specific types of public sector investment"--

Create richer, more powerful Web sites and Internet applications with this in-depth guide to HTML, XHTML, and CSS In XHTML 1.0 Language and Design Sourcebook, bestselling author Ian Graham introduces you to HTML, XHTML, and Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)--the language for controlling how these documents look when viewed by a Web browser. Beginning with a clear tutorial on HTML, XHTML, and CSS, you'll quickly learn the basic ideas of markup and style sheet formatting. The book then goes into the details of XHTML, carefully explaining the role of each language component and the purpose of the various CSS mechanisms by which the default formatting can be controlled. You'll also find helpful reference sections that offer concise summaries of all the elements defined in HTML and XHTML, and of all CSS formatting properties. Along with giving you the tools you'll need to develop your own high-quality World Wide Web products, this book will provide you with: \* A description of the differences between HTML and

XHTML \* A better understanding of the various markup incompatibilities of different browsers \* A summary of all proprietary Navigator, Internet Explorer, Lynx, and WebTV markup elements \* Descriptions of XHTML markup designs that work well on all browsers \* A look at default rendering of XHTML elements \* A discussion of the various CSS incompatibilities on different browsers The companion Web site at [www.wiley.com/compbooks/graham](http://www.wiley.com/compbooks/graham) features all the examples presented in the book, along with additional resources, utilities, and book updates--all available in easy-to-download form.

Recommended reading for any person interested in the way new technologies, above all the internet and digital content, are affecting the legal treatment of copyrightable intellectual property and related business methods and practices.

In this latest edition of his bestselling guide, expert digital photographer and author Tim Grey explains how proper workflow can alleviate repetitive parts of a project to allow you to focus on producing stunning results and he reveals expert tips and techniques that automate tasks, optimize output, and reduce time spent at the

computer, and offers insights to using Lightroom and Bridge. He also demonstrates how to process RAW captures; crop, rotate, repair, and adjust tone and color; harness new Clone, Curves, and Blend Mode features; download, sort, and organize digital images on a computer; and more.

'MEIN KAMPF' is the autobiography of Adolf Hitler gives detailed insight into the mission and vision of Adolf Hitler that shook the world. This book is the merger of two volumes. The first volume of MEIN KAMPF' was written while the author was imprisoned in a Bavarian fortress. The book deals with events which brought the author into this blight. It was the hour of Germany's deepest humiliation, when Napoleon has dismembered the old German Empire and French soldiers occupied almost the whole of Germany. The books narrates how Hitler was arrested with several of his comrades and imprisoned in the fortress of Landsberg on the river Lech. During this period only the author wrote the first volume of MEIN KAMPF. The Second volume of MEIN KAMPF was written after release of Hitler from prison and it was published after the French had left the

Ruhr, the tramp of the invading armies still echoed in German ears and the terrible ravages had plunged the country into a state of social and economic Chaos. The beauty of the book is, MEIN KAMPF is an historical document which bears the imprint of its own time. Moreover, Hitler has declared that his acts and 'public statements' constitute a partial revision of his book and are to be taken as such. Also, the author has translated Hitler's ideal, the Volkischer Staat, as the People's State. The author has tried his best making German Vocabulary easy to understand. You will never be satisfied until go through the whole book. A must read book, which is one of the most widely circulated and read books worldwide.

In October 2019, Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo, and Michael Kremer jointly won the 51st Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty. But what is the exact scope of their experimental method, known as randomized control trials (RCTs)? Which sorts of questions are RCTs able to address and which do they fail to answer?

er? The first of its kind, *Randomized Control Trials in the Field of Development: A Critical Perspective* provides answers to these questions, explaining how RCTs work, what they can achieve, why they sometimes fail, how they can be improved and why other methods are both useful and necessary. Bringing together leading specialists in the field from a range of backgrounds and disciplines (economics, econometrics, mathematics, statistics, political economy, socioeconomics, anthropology, philosophy, global health, epidemiology, and medicine), it presents a full and coherent picture of the main strengths and weaknesses of RCTs in the field of development. Looking beyond the epistemological, political, and ethical differences underlying many of the disagreements surrounding RCTs, it explores the implementation of RCTs on the ground, outside of their ideal theoretical conditions and reveals some unsuspected uses and effects, their disruptive potential, but also their political uses. The contributions uncover the implicit worldview that many RCTs draw on and disseminate, and probe the gap between the method's narrow scope and its success, while also proposing improvements

and alternatives. Without disputing the contribution of RCTs to scientific knowledge, *Randomized Control Trials in the Field of Development* warns against the potential dangers of their excessive use, arguing that the best use for RCTs is not necessarily that which immediately springs to mind. Written in plain language, this book offers experts and laypeople alike a unique opportunity to come to an informed and reasoned judgement on RCTs and what they can bring to development.

#### Publisher Description

These poems explore illness, sickness and health, past and present, in a dynamic and original way. They examine not only the sick body but the sick mind and sick society, racism and prejudice. It is Jackie Kay's third collection.'

Why another book on the finite element method? There are currently more than 200 books in print with "Finite Element Method" in their titles. Many are devoted to special topics or emphasize error analysis and numerical accuracy. Others stick to the fundamentals and do little to describe the development and implementation of algorithms for solving real-world problems. *Introduction to Finite and Spectral Element*

*Methods Using MATLAB* provides a means of quickly understanding both the theoretical foundation and practical implementation of the finite element method and its companion spectral element method. Written in the form of a self-contained course, it introduces the fundamentals on a need-to-know basis and emphasizes algorithm development and computer implementation of the essential procedures. Firmly asserting the importance of simultaneous practical experience when learning any numerical method, the author provides FSELIB: a software library of user-defined MATLAB functions and complete finite and spectral element codes. FSELIB is freely available for download from <http://dehesa.freeshell.org>, which is also a host for the book, providing further information, links to resources, and FSELIB updates. The presentation is suitable for both self-study and formal course work, and its state-of-the-art review of the field make it equally valuable as a professional reference. With this book as a guide, you immediately will be able to run the codes as given and graphically display solutions to a wide variety of problems in heat transfer and solid, fluid, and structural mechanics.

Behavioral finance presented in this book is the second-generation of behavioral finance. The first generation, starting in the early 1980s, largely accepted standard finance's notion of people's wants as "rational" wants—restricted to the utilitarian benefits of high returns and low risk. That first generation commonly described people as "irrational"—succumbing to cognitive and emotional errors and misled on their way to their rational wants. The second generation describes people as normal. It begins by acknowledging the full range of people's normal wants and their benefits—utilitarian, expressive, and emotional—distinguishes normal wants from errors, and offers guidance on using shortcuts and avoiding errors on the way to satisfying normal wants. People's normal wants include financial security, nurturing children and families, gaining high social status, and staying true to values. People's normal wants, even more than their cognitive and emotional shortcuts and errors, underlie answers to important questions of finance, including saving and spending, portfolio construction, asset pricing, and market efficiency.

The most comprehensive business com-

panion available, *The Business Side of Creativity* is the bible for every freelance graphic designer, art director, illustrator, copywriter, and agency or design-shop principal. Cameron S. Foote, successful entrepreneur and editor of the *Creative Business* newsletter, guides you step-by-step through the process of being successfully self-employed - from getting launched as a freelance to running a multi-person shop to retiring comfortably. How should you organize? What should you charge? What marketing techniques yield the best returns? When are you ready to expand? What are the most effective strategies for managing employees? How can you build salable equity? *The Business Side of Creativity* delves into these questions and hundreds more - and it gives you practical, real-world answers. It includes seventeen useful forms, from a sample business plan to a prototype spreadsheet, that will save time and help you run your business more professionally. (You can download these for your own use from W. W. Norton's Web site, as described on page 387.). Compiled over six years, from the experiences of more than 4,000 entrepreneurs, *The Business Side of Creativity* is the indispensable

guidebook for becoming a successful creative entrepreneur.

*White-Collar Crime: A Text/Reader*, part of the text/reader series in criminology and criminal justice incorporates contemporary and classic readings (some including policy implications) accompanied by original text that provides a theoretical framework and context for students. The comprehensive coverage of the book includes crimes by workers sales oriented systems, crimes in the health care system, crimes by criminal justice professionals and politicians, crimes in the educational system, crimes in the economic and technological systems, crimes by employees in the housing industry, corporate crime, environmental crime, explanations of white-collar crime, the police and court responses to white-collar crime, and the corrections sub-system and white-collar crime. Features of the book include key points, in focus box inserts, discussion questions, section summaries, and photos.

With the growing popularity and availability of precision equipment, farmers and producers have access to more data than ever before. With proper implementation, precision agriculture management can im-

prove profitability and sustainability of production. *Precision Agriculture Basics* is geared at students, crop consultants, farmers, extension workers, and practitioners that are interested in practical applications of site-specific agricultural management. Using a multidisciplinary approach, readers are taught to make data-driven on-farm decisions using the most current knowledge and tools in crop science, agricultural engineering, and geostatistics. *Precision Agriculture Basics* also features a stunning video glossary including interviews with agronomists on the job and in the field.

An engaging and enlightening account of taxation told through lively, dramatic, and sometimes ludicrous stories drawn from around the world and across the ages Governments have always struggled to tax in ways that are effective and tolerably fair. Sometimes they fail grotesquely, as when, in 1898, the British ignited a rebellion in Sierra Leone by imposing a tax on huts—and, in repressing it, ended up burning the very huts they intended to tax. Sometimes they succeed astonishingly, as when, in eighteenth-century Britain, a cut

in the tax on tea massively increased revenue. In this entertaining book, two leading authorities on taxation, Michael Keen and Joel Slemrod, provide a fascinating and informative tour through these and many other episodes in tax history, both preposterous and dramatic—from the plundering described by Herodotus and an Incan tax payable in lice to the (misremembered) Boston Tea Party and the scandals of the Panama Papers. Along the way, readers meet a colorful cast of tax rascals, and even a few tax heroes. While it is hard to fathom the inspiration behind such taxes as one on ships that tended to make them sink, Keen and Slemrod show that yesterday's tax systems have more in common with ours than we may think. Georgian England's window tax now seems quaint, but was an ingenious way of judging wealth unobtrusively. And Tsar Peter the Great's tax on beards aimed to induce the nobility to shave, much like today's carbon taxes aim to slow global warming. *Rebellion, Rascals, and Revenue* is a surprising and one-of-a-kind account of how history illuminates the perennial challenges and timeless principles of taxation—and how the past holds clues to solving the tax

problems of today.

The bestselling citizen's guide to economics *Basic Economics* is a citizen's guide to economics, written for those who want to understand how the economy works but have no interest in jargon or equations. Bestselling economist Thomas Sowell explains the general principles underlying different economic systems: capitalist, socialist, feudal, and so on. In readable language, he shows how to critique economic policies in terms of the incentives they create, rather than the goals they proclaim. With clear explanations of the entire field, from rent control and the rise and fall of businesses to the international balance of payments, this is the first book for anyone who wishes to understand how the economy functions. This fifth edition includes a new chapter explaining the reasons for large differences of wealth and income between nations. Drawing on lively examples from around the world and from centuries of history, Sowell explains basic economic principles for the general public in plain English.

This comparative study of industrial capitalism is an examination of state-economy relations in mixed economies ranging from

the interventionist German and Japanese to the less interventionist Anglo-American. Following the postwar consensus that resulted in the 'golden age' (1950-1973) and ended with the energy crisis, the Anglo-American economies adopted neoliberalism while Germany and Japan remained interventionist. This resulted in the emergence of national types of capitalism. While analyzing the increased competition between them, R.C. Mascarenhas also notes the influence of globalization as well as 'alternative capitalism' with the survival and re-emergence of industrial districts. Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has declared school voucher programs constitutional, the many unanswered questions concerning the potential effects of school choice will become especially pressing. Contributors to this volume draw on state-of-the-art economic methods to answer some of these questions, investigating the ways in which school choice affects a wide range of issues. Combining the results of empirical research with analyses of the basic economic forces underlying local education markets, *The Economics of School Choice* presents evidence concerning the impact of school choice on student

achievement, school productivity, teachers, and special education. It also tackles difficult questions such as whether school choice affects where people decide to live and how choice can be integrated into a system of school financing that gives children from different backgrounds equal access to resources. Contributors discuss the latest findings on Florida's school choice program as well as voucher programs and charter schools in several other states. The resulting volume not only reveals the promise of school choice, but examines its pitfalls as well, showing how programs can be designed that exploit the idea's potential but avoid its worst effects. With school choice programs gradually becoming both more possible and more popular, this book stands out as an essential exploration of the effects such programs will have, and a necessary resource for anyone interested in the idea of school choice.

"This book is about the threats to education quality in the developing world that cannot be explained by lack of resources. It reviews the observed phenomenon of service delivery failures in public education: cases where programs and policies in-

crease the inputs to education but do not produce effective services where it counts - in schools and classrooms. It documents what we know about the extent and costs of such failures across low and middle-income countries. And it further develops the conceptual model posited in the World Development Report 2004: that a root cause of low-quality and inequitable public services - not only in education - is the weak accountability of providers to both their supervisors and clients. The central focus of the book, however, is a new story. It is that developing countries are increasingly adopting innovative strategies to attack these problems. Drawing on new evidence from 22 rigorous impact evaluations across 11 developing countries, this book examines how three key strategies to strengthen accountability relationships in developing country school systems have affected school enrollment, completion and student learning. The book reviews the motivation and global context for education reforms aimed at strengthening provider accountability. It provides the rationally and synthesizes the evidence on the impacts of three key lines of reform: (1) policies that use the power of informa-

tion to strengthen the ability of clients of education services (students and their parents) to hold providers accountable for results; (2) policies that promote school-based management—that is increase schools' autonomy to make key decisions and control resources, often empowering parents to play a larger role; (3) teacher incentives reforms that specifically aim at making teachers more accountable for results, either by making contract tenure dependent on performance, or offering performance-linked pay. The book summarizes the lessons learned, draws cautious conclusions about possible complementarities across different types of accountability-focused reforms if they are implemented in tandem, considers issues related to scaling up reform efforts and the political economy of reform, and suggests directions for future work."

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More Contested World (2021), released by the US National Intelligence Council, is the latest report in its series of reports starting in 1997 about megatrends and the world's future. This report, strongly influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic, paints a bleak picture of the future and describes a contested, fragmented and turbulent world. It specifically discusses the four main trends that will shape tomorrow's world: - Demographics-by 2040, 1.4 billion people will be added mostly in Africa and South Asia. - Economics-increased government debt and concentrated economic power will escalate problems for the poor and middle-class. - Climate-a hotter world will increase water, food, and health insecurity. - Technology-the emergence of new technologies could both solve and cause problems for human life. Students of trends, policy-makers, entrepreneurs, academics, journalists and anyone eager for a glimpse into the next decades, will find this report, with colored graphs, essential reading.

In this in-depth, watershed volume, James Youniss and John J. Convey call for an immediate reexamination of Catholic schools, one focused closely on the

problems endemic to the schools themselves instead of how they have impacted political issues, such as vouchers and school choice. In their timely contribution to this effort, the editors have compiled essays that explore how Catholic schools can retain their historical character while adapting to the demographic, personnel, and financial pressures confronting them at the turn of the millennium. Written by eminent researchers and scholars in the field of Catholic education, these essays provide insightful analysis and a wealth of new data to illuminate the challenges and strategies that help Catholic schools achieve their goals. This seminal volume uncovers the complex evolution of Catholic schools and looks toward their future. It will interest educators and anyone concerned with the development and well-being of parochial schools.

A guide for constructing and using composite indicators for policy makers, academics, the media and other interested parties. In particular, this handbook is concerned with indicators which compare and rank country performance.