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Today's capitalist systems appear to be coming apart. But as financial institutions stagger and crumble, leaving chaos in their wake,

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their seems to be no obvious alternative. Yet there may be good reason to believe that, in generation or so, capitalism will no longer exist for the simple reason that it's impossible to maintain an engine of perpetual growth forever on a finite

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planet. In this collection of essays, anthropologist David Graeber explores political strategy, global trade, debt, imagination, violence, alienation and creativity looking for a new common sense.

This classic book offers a broad sweep

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of economic history from prehistoric times to the present, and explores the disparity of wealth among nations. Now in its fourth edition, *A Concise Economic History of the World* includes expanded coverage of recent developments in the European Union,

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transition

economies, and East
Asia.

Explores the idea of
democracy, its
current state of
crisis, and its
potential as a tool for
change, sharing
historical
perspectives on the
effectiveness of
democratic uprisings

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in various times and cultures.

The author of Men Explain Things to Me explores the moments of altruism and generosity that arise in the aftermath of disaster Why is it that in the aftermath of a disaster? whether manmade or natural? people

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suddenly become altruistic, resourceful, and brave? What makes the newfound communities and purpose many find in the ruins and crises after disaster so joyous? And what does this joy reveal about ordinarily unmet social desires

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and possibilities? In
A Paradise Built in
Hell, award-winning
author Rebecca
Solnit explores these
phenomena, looking
at major calamities
from the 1906
earthquake in San
Francisco through
the 1917 explosion
that tore up Halifax,
Nova Scotia, the

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1985 Mexico City earthquake, 9/11, and Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. She examines how disaster throws people into a temporary utopia of changed states of mind and social possibilities, as well as looking at the cost

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of the widespread myths and rarer real cases of social deterioration during crisis. This is a timely and important book from an acclaimed author whose work consistently locates unseen patterns and meanings in broad cultural histories.

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The Utopia of Rules
The History of
America in Red Ink
The Dawn of
Everything
Paper Promises
The Case for
Economic
Disobedience and
Debt Abolition
The Extraordinary
Communities That
Arise in Disaster

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**Debt The First
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Years Melville
House Publishing
Explores cities as
the origin of
revolutionary
politics, where
social and
political issues
are always at the
surface, using**

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**examples from
such cities as
New York City
and Mumbai to
examine how
they can be
better
ecologically
reorganized.
From the author
of the
international**

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**bestseller Debt:
The First 5,000
Years comes a
revelatory
account of the
way bureaucracy
rules our lives
Where does the
desire for
endless rules,
regulations, and
bureaucracy**

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come from? How did we come to spend so much of our time filling out forms? And is it really a cipher for state violence? To answer these questions, the anthropologist David

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Graeber—one of our most important and provocative thinkers—traces the peculiar and unexpected ways we relate to bureaucracy today, and reveals how it shapes our lives

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**in ways we may
not even
notice...though he
also suggests
that there may be
something
perversely
appealing—even
romantic—about
bureaucracy.
Leaping from the
ascendance of**

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**right-wing
economics to the
hidden meanings
behind Sherlock
Holmes and
Batman, The
Utopia of Rules is
at once a
powerful work of
social theory in
the tradition of
Foucault and**

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Marx, and an entertaining reckoning with popular culture that calls to mind Slavoj Zizek at his most accessible. An essential book for our times, The Utopia of Rules is sure to start a

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million

**conversations
about the
institutions that
rule over us—and
the better, freer
world we should,
perhaps, begin to
imagine for
ourselves.**

**Charles
Eisenstein**

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**explores the
history and
potential future of
civilization,
tracing the
converging
crises of our age
to the illusion of
the separate self.
In this limited
hardcover edition
of Eisenstein's**

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**landmark book,
he argues that
our
disconnection
from one another
and the natural
world has mislaid
the foundations
of science,
religion, money,
technology,
economics,**

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**medicine, and
education as we
know them. It has
fired our near-
pathological
pursuit of
technological
Utopias even as
we push
ourselves and
our planet to the
brink of collapse.**

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Fortunately, an Age of Reunion is emerging out of the birth pangs of an earth in crisis. Our journey of separation hasn't been a terrible mistake but an evolutionary process and an adventure in self-

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**discovery. Even
in our darkest
hour, Eisenstein
sees the
possibility of a
more beautiful
world--not
through the
extension of
millennia-old
methods of
management and**

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**control but by
fundamentally
reimagining
ourselves and
our systems. We
must shift away
from our
Babelian efforts
to build ever-
higher towers to
heaven and
instead turn out**

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**attention to
creating a new
kind of
civilization--one
designed for
beauty rather
than height.
Breathtaking in
its scope and
intelligence, The
Ascent of
Humanity is a**

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**landmark book
showing what it
truly means to be
human. "A tour-
de-force filled
with astounding
insight, wit,
wisdom and
heart."**

**--Christopher Uhl,
author of
Developing**

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**Ecological
Consciousness:
Paths to a
Sustainable
Future "Quite
marvelous, a
hugely important
work. This book
is truly needed in
this time of
deepening
crisis." --John**

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**Zerzan, author of
Future Primitive
and Elements of
Refusal
Life!**

**The First 5000
Years**

**She's on the
Money**

**Fragments of an
Anarchist**

Anthropology

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**A Paradise Built
in Hell**

**The First 5,000
Years, Updated
and Expanded**

Graeber radically challenges our understanding of debt. He illustrates how for more than 5000 years-long before the invention of coins or

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bills—there existed debtors and creditors who used elaborate credit systems to buy and sell goods.

Now in paperback, the updated and expanded edition: David Graeber's "fresh . . . fascinating . . . thought-provoking . . . and exceedingly timely" (Financial Times)

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history of debt Here anthropologist David Graeber presents a stunning reversal of conventional wisdom: he shows that before there was money, there was debt. For more than 5,000 years, since the beginnings of the first agrarian empires, humans have used elaborate credit

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systems to buy and sell goods—that is, long before the invention of coins or cash. It is in this era, Graeber argues, that we also first encounter a society divided into debtors and creditors. Graeber shows that arguments about debt and debt forgiveness have been at the center

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of political debates from Italy to China, as well as sparking innumerable insurrections. He also brilliantly demonstrates that the language of the ancient works of law and religion (words like “guilt,” “sin,” and “redemption”) derive in large part from

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ancient debates about debt, and shape even our most basic ideas of right and wrong. We are still fighting these battles today without knowing it.

In this work, David Graeber explores the implications of linking anthropology to anarchism.

In LIFE! Reflections

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on Your Journey,
Louise L. Hay brings
you a truly moving and
inspirational book that
will help you identify
and heal a number of
the pressing issues that
you encounter on your
path. Among other
topics, Louise deals
with growing up,
relationships, work,
health, spirituality,

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aging, death ... and many of the problems, fears, and challenges that these passages bring about. No matter what obstacles lie before you, Louise continually reminds you that the magnificent, frightening, delightful, ridiculous, astounding phenomenon that you

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experience between
birth and death is what
LIFE is all about!

Can't Pay, Won't Pay

Bullshit Jobs

Debtor Nation

A Concise Economic
History of the World
Debt

How Mathematics
Created Civilization
Economic history states
that money replaced a

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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,

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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. Before the twentieth century, personal debt resided on the fringes of the American economy, the province of small-

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time criminals and struggling merchants. By the end of the century, however, the most profitable corporations and banks in the country lent money to millions of American debtors. How did this happen? The first book to follow the history of personal debt in modern America, *Debtor Nation* traces the

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evolution of debt over the course of the twentieth century, following its transformation from fringe to mainstream--thanks to federal policy, financial innovation, and retail competition. How did banks begin making personal loans to consumers during the Great Depression? Why

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did the government invent mortgage-backed securities? Why was all consumer credit, not just mortgages, tax deductible until 1986? Who invented the credit card? Examining the intersection of government and business in everyday life, Louis Hyman takes the reader behind the scenes of the institutions

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that made modern lending possible: the halls of Congress, the boardrooms of multinationals, and the back rooms of loan sharks. America's newfound indebtedness resulted not from a culture in decline, but from changes in the larger structure of American capitalism that were created, in

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part, by the choices of the powerful--choices that made lending money to facilitate consumption more profitable than lending to invest in expanded production. From the origins of car financing to the creation of subprime lending, Debtor Nation presents a nuanced history of consumer credit

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practices in the United States and shows how little loans became big business.

An epic account of the power of memory in Madagascar.

The groundbreaking international best-seller that turns everything you think about money, debt, and society on its head—from the “brilliant, deeply

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original political thinker” David Graeber (Rebecca Solnit, author of Men Explain Things to Me) Before there was money, there was debt. For more than 5,000 years, since the beginnings of the first agrarian empires, humans have used elaborate credit systems to buy and sell goods—that is, long

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before the invention of coins or cash. It is in this era that we also first encounter a society divided into debtors and creditors—which lives on in full force to this day. So says anthropologist David Graeber in a stunning reversal of conventional wisdom. He shows that arguments about debt and debt forgiveness

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have been at the center of political debates from Renaissance Italy to Imperial China, as well as sparking innumerable insurrections. He also brilliantly demonstrates that the language of the ancient works of law and religion (words like “guilt,” “sin,” and “redemption”) derive in large part from ancient debates about debt, and

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shape even our most basic ideas of right and wrong. We are still fighting these battles today.

The Capitalist

Manifesto

Magic and the Legacy
of Slavery in

Madagascar

Civilization and the

Human Sense of Self

Money

From Paleolithic Times

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to the Present

The Shattering of a
Brilliant Illusion
Debt is one of
the great
subjects of
our day, and
understanding
the way that
it not only
fuels economic
growth, but

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can also be used as a means of generating profit and exerting control, is central to grasping the way in which our society really works.

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David

Graeber's
contribution
to this debate
is to apply
his anthropolo
gists'
training to
the
understanding
of a
phenomenon

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often
considered
purely from an
economic point
of view. In
this respect,
the book can
be considered
a fine example
of the
critical
thinking skill

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of problem-solving.

Graeber's main aim is to undermine the dominant narrative, which sees debt as the natural - and broadly healthy -

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outcome of the development of a modern economic system. He marshals evidence that supports alternative possibilities, and suggests that the

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phenomenon of debt emerged not as a result of the introduction of money, but at precisely the same time. This in turn allows Graeber to argue against the

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prevailing
notion that
economy and
state are
fundamentally
separate
entities.

Rather, he
says, "the two
were born
together and
have always

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been

intertwined" -
with debt
being a means
of enforcing
elite and
state power.
For Graeber,
this
evaluation of
the evidence
points to a

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strong
potential
solution:
there should
be more
readiness to
write off
debt, and more
public
involvement in
the debate
over debt and

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its moral
implications.
An epic
journey
through the
economies of
ancient
civilizations,
and how they
managed debt
versus social
instability.

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Shocking
historical
truths about
how debt
played a
central role
in shaping (or
destroying)
ancient
societies
(viz: Rome),
and that the

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Bible is
preoccupied
with debt, not
sin, which has
been
disturbingly
inverted in
modern times.
In 1956, a
U.S. lawyer-
economist,
Louis O.

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Kelso, created the employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) to enable the employees of a closely held newspaper chain to buy out its retiring

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owners. Two years later, Kelso and his co-author, the philosopher Mortimer J. Adler, explained the macro-economic theory on which the ESOP is based in

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this best-selling book,
The Capitalist
Manifesto.

“When you read
this book, you
must be
prepared for a
shock—particularly if you
are among the
millions of

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Americans who
feel
complacent
about the
material well-
being that now
prevails in
this country.
THE CAPITALIST
MANIFESTO will
compel you to
examine,

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reconsider and
question many
dangerous
economic
factors and
political
tendencies you
have accepted
as
inevitable—and
will show you
how you can do

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something
about them.

“THE
CAPITALIST
MANIFESTO sets
the alarm for
all American
citizens—not
simply one
group or
class. It is
for

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stockholders,
workers, labor
leaders,
corporation
executives,
investment
bankers,
taxpayers,
small
businessmen
and industrial
ists,

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statesmen,
legislators,
judges and
educators. Its
purpose is to
arouse us to
the real and
present
dangers we now
face, from
inflation and
from the

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progressive
socialization
of our
economy. What
is the
difference
between a well-
heeled
existence in a
welfare state
and the good
life in a free

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society? THE
CAPITALIST
MANIFESTO will
tell you what
that
difference is,
and why you
must be a man
of property in
order to be a
free man. It
will explain

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the meaning of
your ever-
expanding
opportunities
for leisure.

It will tell
you that the
goal of an
industrial
society should
not be full
employment in

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the production of wealth, but full enjoyment of the wealth produced. It will tell you how you, as an individual, can best use wealth to further the happiness and

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well-being of
yourself and
your fellow
men." "A
revolutionary
force in human
affairs
offering still
unplumbed
promise for
the future....
"—Time

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Magazine

The Democracy
Project is an
exploration of
anti-
capitalist
dissent and
new political
ideas from
David Graeber,
author of
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First 5,000
Years and a
leading member
of the Occupy
movement. From
the earliest
meetings for
Occupy Wall
Street, David
Graeber -
activist,
anarchist, and

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anthropologist
- felt that
something was
different from
previous demon
strations. As
events
gathered pace,
from local
actions like
illegally
teaching a

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seminar in the
Bank of
America lobby
(in a tweed
jacket he'd
borrowed to
look the part)
to his
harassment and
attempted
intimidation
by New York

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police in
Zuccotti Park,
Graeber saw
the other
Occupy
movements in
Cairo, Athens,
Barcelona and
London and
knew that
times were
truly

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changing. This
witty,
provocative,
yet wide-
ranging and
ideas-driven
look at the
actions of the
99% is a vital
read in
today's
protest

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climate, and
asks: why did
it work this
time? What
went right?
And what can
we all do now
to make our
world
democratic
once again? An
energetic

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account of
contemporary
events, The
Democracy
Project will
change the way
you think
about
anarchism and
political
organization.
David Graeber

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is a radical anthropologist at Goldsmiths, University of London, who has been involved with the Occupy movement, most actively at Wall Street. He has written

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for many
publications
including
Harper's, The
Wall Street
Journal, The
Nation, and
The Guardian.
He is also the
author, most
recently, of
the widely

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praised Debt:
The First
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as well as
many books on
social
organization
and revolution
including
Towards an Ant
hropological
Theory of

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Value,

Fragments of
an Anarchist
Anthropology,
Direct Action:
An
Ethnography.

'I have twice
given away
David

Graeber's
Debt: The

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First 5,000
Years, and
Christmas will
not change my
habits. The
book is more
readable and
entertaining
than I can
indicate'

Peter Carey,
Observer,

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Books of the
Year 'Debt:The
First 5,000
Years by
Goldsmiths
College
anthropologist
David Graeber
has become one
of the year's
most
influential

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books' Paul
Mason,
Guardian Books
of 2011
Money, Gift &
Society in the
Age of
Transition
Rebel Cities:
From the Right
to the City to
the Urban

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Revolution

The First 5000
Years: Pivotal
Points - The
Pivotal Guide
to David
Graeber's
Celebrated
Book
Possibilities
The Gender of
Debt

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The Last

50,000 Years

This volume contains a comprehensive examination of the crucial first ten years of the Arab League and of the continuing dilemma it faces in juggling opposing local and regional interests.

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Debt The First 5000 Years is your aide to rapid comprehension of the essential business principles delineated in David Graeber's acclaimed book Debt The First 5000 Years. The concept of debt is strangely powerful, and it is consumer debt that keeps our

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economy moving. At the center of international politics is the subject of debt. David Graeber, undertakes in Debt The First 5000 Years, the task to delve into the many misconceptions surrounding debt and Graeber uses the last five thousand years of

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***history to argue,
discuss, and
demonstrate rights
and freedoms,
relating how all of
this history has
given present day a
unique set of
challenges. Use this
helpful paper to
understand the
essence of Debt The
First 5000,
including: A concise***

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synopsis

summarizing the history of debt and its definition In-depth analysis of the most useful concepts from Debt The First 5000 Years, such as the "Credit Versus Bullion, And the Cycles of History" and "The Myth of Barter." As with all

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books in the Pivotal Point Papers Series, this book is intended to be purchased alongside the reviewed title, Debt The First 5000 Years.

The practice of charging interest on loans has been controversial since it was first

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mentioned in early recorded history. Lending is a powerful economic tool, vital to the development of society but it can also lead to disaster if left unregulated. Prohibitions against excessive interest, or usury, have been found in almost all societies since

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antiquity. Whether loans were made in kind or in cash, creditors often were accused of beggarthy-neighbor exploitation when their lending terms put borrowers at risk of ruin. While the concept of usury reflects transcendent notions of fairness,

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its definition has varied over time and place: Roman law distinguished between simple and compound interest, the medieval church banned interest altogether, and even Adam Smith favored a ceiling on interest. But in spite of these limits, the advantages and

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***temptations of
lending prompted
financial
innovations from
margin investing
and adjustable-rate
mortgages to credit
cards and
microlending. In
Beggar Thy
Neighbor, financial
historian Charles R.
Geisst tracks the
changing***

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perceptions of usury and debt from the time of Cicero to the most recent financial crises. This comprehensive economic history looks at humanity's attempts to curb the abuse of debt while reaping the benefits of credit. Beggar Thy Neighbor examines the major

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debt revolutions of the past, demonstrating that extensive leverage and debt were behind most financial market crashes from the Renaissance to the present day. Geisst argues that usury prohibitions, as part of the natural law tradition in Western

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and Islamic

societies, continue to play a key role in banking regulation despite modern advances in finance. From the Roman Empire to the recent Dodd-Frank financial reforms, usury ceilings still occupy a central place in notions of free markets and

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***economic justice.
From bestselling
writer David
Graeber—"a master
of opening up
thought and
stimulating debate"
(Slate)—a powerful
argument against
the rise of
meaningless,
unfulfilling jobs...and
their consequences.
Does your job make***

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a meaningful contribution to the world? In the spring of 2013, David Graeber asked this question in a playful, provocative essay titled “On the Phenomenon of Bullshit Jobs.” It went viral. After one million online views in seventeen different languages,

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people all over the world are still debating the answer. There are hordes of people—HR consultants, communication coordinators, telemarketing researchers, corporate lawyers—whose jobs are useless, and,

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tragically, they know it. These people are caught in bullshit jobs. Graeber explores one of society's most vexing and deeply felt concerns, indicting among other villains a particular strain of finance capitalism that betrays ideals shared by thinkers

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***ranging from
Keynes to Lincoln.
“Clever and
charismatic” (The
New Yorker),
Bullshit Jobs gives
individuals,
corporations, and
societies permission
to undergo a shift in
values, placing
creative and caring
work at the center of
our culture. This***

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***book is for everyone
who wants to turn
their vocation back
into an avocation
and “a thought-
provoking
examination of our
working lives”***

(Financial Times).

***No More National
Debt***

***Reflections on Your
Journey***

Revolutions in

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***Reverse
Lending,
Foreclosure and
Redemption from
Bronze Age Finance
to the Jubilee Year
The Bonds of Debt
A New History of
Humanity***

Indebtedness as the
universal condition of
modern life The
credit crisis has
pushed the whole

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world so far into the red that the gigantic sums involved defy understanding. On a human level, what does such an enormous degree of debt and insolvency mean? In this timely book, cultural critic Richard Dienst considers the financial crisis, global poverty, media

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politics and radical theory to parse the various implications of a world where man is born free but everywhere is in debt. Written with humor and verve, Bonds of Debt ranges across subjects—such as Obama ’ s national security strategy, the architecture of Prada stores, press photos

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of Bono, and a fairy tale told by Karl Marx—to capture a modern condition founded on fiscal imprudence. Moving beyond the dominant pieties and widespread anxieties surrounding the topic, Dienst re-conceives the world ' s massive financial obligations

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as a social, economic, and political bond, where the crushing weight of objectified wealth comes face to face with new demands for equality and solidarity. For this inspired analysis, we are indebted to him.

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winning podcast,
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built an empowered
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way to financial
freedom. Honest,
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judgemental and
motivating, Victoria is
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who knows what

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millennial life is really like and where we can get stuck with money stuff. (Did someone say 'Afterpay'...?) So, to help you hit your money goals without skimping on brunch, she's put all her expert advice into this accessible guide that will set you up for a healthy and

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happy future. Learn how to be more secure, independent and informed with your money - with clear steps on how to budget, clear debts, build savings, start investing, buy property and much more. And along with all the practical information, Victoria will guide you

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through the
sometimes-tricky
psychology
surrounding money
so you can establish
the values, habits and
confidence that will
help you build your
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Just like the podcast,
the book is full of real-
life money stories
from members of the
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community who candidly share their experiences, wins and lessons learned to inspire others to turn their stories around, too. And with templates and activities throughout, plus a twelve-month plan to get you started, you can immediately put Victoria's

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recommendations
into action in your
own life. You are not
alone on your
financial journey, and
with the money
principles in this
book you'll go further
than you ever
thought possible.
Here anthropologist
David Graeber
presents a reversal of
conventional

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wisdom. He shows that for more than 5,000 years, since the beginnings of the first agrarian empires, humans have used elaborate credit systems to buy and sell goods that is, long before the invention of coins or cash. It is in this era, Graeber argues, that we also first

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encounter a society
divided into debtors
and creditors. --

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dramatically new
understanding of
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challenging our most
fundamental
assumptions about
social
evolution—from the
development of

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agriculture and cities
to the origins of the
state, democracy,
and inequality—and
revealing new
possibilities for
human
emancipation. For
generations, our
remote ancestors
have been cast as
primitive and
childlike—either free
and equal innocents,

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or thuggish and warlike. Civilization, we are told, could be achieved only by sacrificing those original freedoms or, alternatively, by taming our baser instincts. David Graeber and David Wengrow show how such theories first emerged in the eighteenth century as

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a conservative reaction to powerful critiques of European society posed by Indigenous observers and intellectuals. Revisiting this encounter has startling implications for how we make sense of human history today, including the origins of farming, property,

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cities, democracy, slavery, and civilization itself. Drawing on pathbreaking research in archaeology and anthropology, the authors show how history becomes a far more interesting place once we learn to throw off our conceptual shackles

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and perceive what 's really there. If humans did not spend 95 percent of their evolutionary past in tiny bands of hunter-gatherers, what were they doing all that time? If agriculture, and cities, did not mean a plunge into hierarchy and domination, then what kinds of social

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and economic organization did they lead to? The answers are often unexpected, and suggest that the course of human history may be less set in stone, and more full of playful, hopeful possibilities, than we tend to assume. The Dawn of Everything

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fundamentally
transforms our
understanding of the
human past and
offers a path toward
imagining new forms
of freedom, new
ways of organizing
society. This is a
monumental book of
formidable
intellectual range,
animated by
curiosity, moral

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vision, and a faith in
the power of direct
action. Includes Black-
and-White

Illustrations

Lost People

A History of Usury
and Debt

The First 5,000 Years

The Rise and Fall of
Diamonds

Borrowing Against
the Common Good

Beggar Thy Neighbor

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An anthropologist investigates the revolution of everyday life.

Debt is one of the great subjects of our day, and understanding the way that it not only fuels economic growth, but can also be used as a means of generating profit and

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exerting control, is central to grasping the way in which our society really works. David Graeber's contribution to this debate is to apply his anthropologists' training to the understanding of a phenomenon often considered purely from an economic

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point of view. In this respect, the book can be considered a fine example of the critical thinking skill of problem-solving. Graeber's main aim is to undermine the dominant narrative, which sees debt as the natural – and broadly healthy – outcome of the development of a

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modern economic system. He marshals evidence that supports alternative possibilities, and suggests that the phenomenon of debt emerged not as a result of the introduction of money, but at precisely the same time. This in turn

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allows Graeber to argue against the prevailing notion that economy and state are fundamentally separate entities. Rather, he says, "the two were born together and have always been intertwined" – with debt being a means of enforcing elite and

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state power. For Graeber, this evaluation of the evidence points to a strong potential solution: there should be more readiness to write off debt, and more public involvement in the debate over debt and its moral implications.

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This book demonstrates, from a historical and an economic point of view, how the female contribution has been so determinant in the success of our species, and how it is linked to male dominance. Male hunting and female gathering were the

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two forces of production during 99% of the life of mankind on Earth. Ethnographic evidence shows that female gathering is more productive and less time-consuming than male hunting. Therefore, the prehistoric communities of

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Homo sapiens could manage their social labor-time in the most productive way, only if women lent their time to men through the supply of basic energy: a debt that men incurred since the dawn of history, but never acknowledged. It is time now to give the

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gender economic relations the crucial place they deserve in a theory of human cooperation and sociality, without forgetting that it is necessarily a theory of social inequality. An illuminating, millennia-spanning history of the impact mathematics has had

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on the world, and the fascinating people who have mastered its inherent power. Counting is not innate to our nature, and without education humans can rarely count past three — beyond that, it's just "more." But once harnessed by our ancestors, the

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power of numbers allowed humanity to flourish in ways that continue to lead to discoveries and enrich our lives today. Ancient tax collectors used basic numeracy to fuel the growth of early civilization, navigators used clever geometrical

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tricks to engage in trade and connect people across vast distances, astronomers used logarithms to unlock the secrets of the heavens, and their descendants put them to use to land us on the moon. In every case, mathematics

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greatly
underappreciated
engine of human
progress. In this
captivating, sweeping
history, Michael
Brooks acts as our
guide through the
ages. He makes the
case that mathematics
was one of the
foundational
innovations that

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catapulted humanity from a nomadic existence to civilization, and that it has since then been instrumental in every great leap of humankind. Here are ancient Egyptian priests, Babylonian bureaucrats, medieval architects, dueling Swiss brothers,

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renaissance painters,
and an eccentric
professor who
invented the
infrastructure of the
online world. Their
stories clearly
demonstrate that the
invention of
mathematics was
every bit as important
to the human species
as was the discovery

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of fire. From first
page to last, The Art
of More brings
mathematics back
into the heart of what
it means to be human.
On Technology,
Stupidity, and the
Secret Joys of
Bureaucracy
Sacred Economics,
Revised
Debt, Updated and

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Expanded
A Theory
5,000 Years of Debt
and Power
A History, a Crisis, a
Movement

*Rarely a day
went by in the
dizzy 1990s
without some
will-paid pundit
heralding the
triumphant*

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*arrival of a New
Economy.*

*According to
these financial
mavens, an
unprecedented
technological
and
organisational
revolution had
extinguished the
threat of
recession
forever. Though*

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*much of the
rhetoric sounds
ridiculous
today, few
analysts have
explored how the
New Economy
moment emerged
from deep within
America's
economic and
ideological
machinery -
instead, they've*

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*preferred to
treat it as an
episode of mass
delusion. Now,
with customary
irreverence and
acuity,
journalist Doug
Henwood dissects
the New Economy,
arguing that the
delirious
optimism was
actually a manic*

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set of

*variations on
ancient themes,
all promoted
from the highest
of places.*

*Claims of New
Eras have plenty
of historical
precedents; in
this latest act,
our modern
mythmakers held
that technology*

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would overturn
hierarchies,
democratising
information and
finance and
leading
inexorably to a
virtual social
revolution. But,
as Henwood
vividly
demonstrates,
the gap between
rich and poor

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has never been so wide, wealth never so concentrated. The less-than-lustrous reality beneath the gloss of the 1990s boom.

As the financial crisis reached its climax in September 2008, the most important figure

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*on the planet
was Federal
Reserve chairman
Ben Bernanke.
The whole
financial system
was collapsing,
without anything
to stop it. When
a senator asked
Bernanke what
would happen if
the central bank
did not carry*

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out its rescue package, he replied, "If we don't do this, we may not have an economy on Monday." What saved finance, and the Western economy, was money. Yet it is a highly ambivalent phenomenon. It

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*is deeply
embedded in our
societies,
acting as a
powerful link
between the
individual and
the collective.
But by no means
is it neutral.
Through its grip
on finance and
the debts
system, money*

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*confers
sovereign power
on the economy.
If confidence in
money is not
maintained,
crises will
follow. Looking
over the last
5,000 years,
this book
explores the
development of
money and its*

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*close connection
to sovereign
power. Michel
Aglietta
mobilises the
tools of
anthropology,
history and
political
economy in order
to analyse how
political
structures and
monetary systems*

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*have transformed
one another. We
can thus grasp
the different
eras of monetary
regulation and
the crises
capitalism has
endured
throughout its
history.*

*Sovereign
nations do not
have to borrow*

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*their money into
existence, yet
the United
States has been
deceived into
doing so since
1913. The
compounding
interest on this
debt is now
growing
logarithmically
and cannot be
sustained.*

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*Unfortunately,
we cannot just
pay down the
National Debt.
All our money
except for coins
-- is created
out of this
debt. Under this
debt money
system, to
reduce the debt
is to reduce the
national money.*

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*The only
solution is to
restructure our
monetary system
to forbid
government
borrowing.
Fortunately,
this is nothing
new. The U.S.
and other
nations have
done it
before. The truth*

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*is that nations
do not need to
borrow. Nations
can create.*

*Creating the
nation's money
is the most
important power
of a sovereign
country. The
National Debt
and the
resulting
interest*

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*payments are
what is killing
every economy on
the planet,
impacting the
poorest nations
with starvation.
No More National
Debt should be
the battle cry
for a new human
rights movement.
Debtors have
been mocked,*

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*scolded and lied
to for decades.*

*We have been
told that it is
perfectly normal
to go into debt
to get medical
care, to go to
school, or even
to pay for our
own*

incarceration.

*We've been told
there is no way*

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to change an economy that pushes the majority of people into debt while a small minority hoard wealth and power. The coronavirus pandemic has revealed that mass indebtedness and

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extreme

inequality are a political choice. In the early days of the crisis, elected officials drew up plans to spend trillions of dollars. The only question was: where would the money go and

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who would benefit from the bailout? The truth is that there has never been a lack of money for things like housing, education and health care. Millions of people never needed to be forced into debt

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*for those things
in the first
place. Armed
with this
knowledge, a
militant debtors
movement has the
potential to
rewrite the
contract and
assure that no
one has to
mortgage their
future to*

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*survive. Debtors
of the World
Must Unite. As
isolated
individuals,
debtors have
little
influence. But
as a bloc, we
can leverage our
debts and devise
new tactics to
challenge the
corporate*

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*creditor class
and help win
reparative,
universal public
goods.*

*Individually,
our debts
overwhelm us.
But together,
our debts can
make us
powerful.*

*The
Crystallization*

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*of the Arab
State System,
1945-1954
...and Forgive
Them Their Debts
Debt, Money, and
the New World
Order
Essays on
Hierarchy,
Rebellion and
Desire
The Art of More
The Democracy
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A columnist for the Economist describes the consequences of the enormous amounts of unrepayable debt racked up by the United States and discusses what it means for the financial future of

**the country and its
citizens.**

**A probe of the
diamond industry
reveals the sources
and levels of the
diamond supply
and the mechanism
for controlling the
price and
availability of
diamonds and**

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**discloses that this
century-old system
is near collapse
Born in 1961, US
anthropologist and
activist David
Graeber was
weaned on leftist
politics, and
declared himself an
anarchist at age 16.
Expanded and**

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**updated, Charles
Eisenstein's classic
treatise on
capitalism,
currency, and the
gift economy. This
revised version
traces the history of
money, from
ancient gift
economies to
modern capitalism,**

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and includes new material on cryptocurrencies and emerging research that has come out since the book's original publication.

Charles Eisenstein shows how capitalism contributes to

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**alienation,
competition, and
scarcity; destroys
community; and
necessitates endless
growth at the cost
of social and
environmental
devastation. Today,
these trends have
reached their
extreme--and their**

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collapse presents a golden opportunity to transition to a more connected, ecological, and sustainable way of being. Eisenstein describes the deeper narratives beneath our economic system, and how we can

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reimagine it to align with a new story. Applying a broadly integrated synthesis of theory, policy, and practice, he explores avant-garde concepts of the New Economics, including negative-

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**interest currencies,
local economies,
gift economics,
cryptocurrencies,
and the restoration
of the commons.**

**Tapping into a rich
lineage of
conventional and
unconventional
economic thought,
Eisenstein presents**

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**a vision that is
original yet
commonsense,
radical yet gentle,
and increasingly
relevant as the
crises of our
civilization deepen.
After the New
Economy**

The Ascent of
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