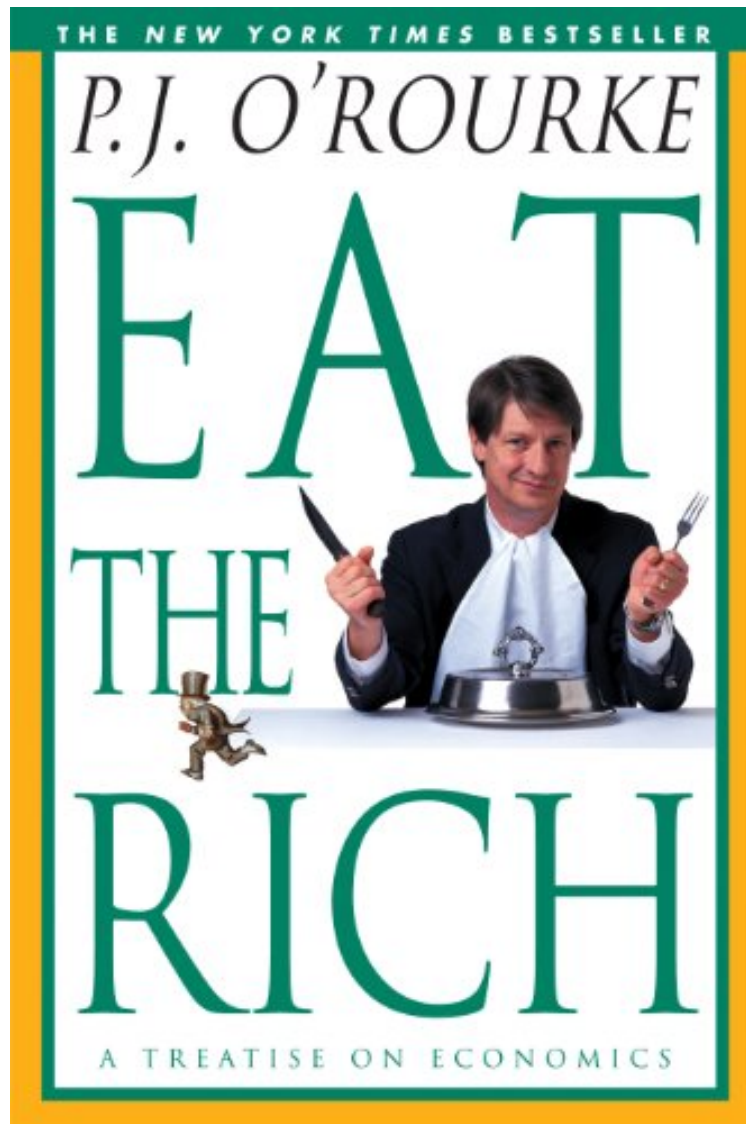


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P. J. O'Rourke : Eat the Rich: A Treatise on Economics (O'Rourke, P. J.) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Eat the Rich: A Treatise on Economics (O'Rourke, P. J.):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An interesting take on economics/capitalism but not really a reference or guide By D. Arnett In short, government control of capitalism in the United States walks a fine line of allowing the economy get bogged down in rules and taxation (and killing the golden goose) or allowing the money to be under-regulated (becoming the tail that wags the dog.) Interestingly, PJ basically says that the good ol' US of A almost got capitalism right but that politicians are constantly thinking that "improvements" can be done. He sort of gets carried away with examining how capitalism behaves elsewhere (but after a while you realize that nothing quite

measures up to what is in the USA, not that PJ ever really says that it's really optimized in America either.) I originally thought of using it as an economics reference for my youngster but ultimately it's a poor guide to how to think about an economy. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Winsome and Accessible Defense of the Free Market By Kevin Babb I gave O'Rourke's book to my early-college aged daughter as part of her introduction to classical free market economics, along with Niall Ferguson's "The Ascent of Money" and Milton and Rose Friedman's "Free to Choose". I first read this book when it was new, and it continues to offer a winsome and accessible explanation of the principles underlining free market capitalism. As is typical someone who started his journalistic career as a writer for National Lampoon, O'Rourke's writing can be as profane as it is profound, and sometimes comes across as though it was written by a college sophomore--but one who has an extraordinary grasp of economic realities. I would not recommend it as the last word one would read for an apologia of classical economics, but it provides a good framework for later studies in more, shall we say, serious works. The last chapter alone is worth the price of admission. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good, but could have been better. By Joel S. Rose P. J. O'Rourke's "Eat the Rich" provides a look at various economies, from centrally controlled Cuba to the totally uncontrolled former colony of Hong Kong, in order to answer the question, what makes a country wealthy or poor. He never really answers the question, but long the way he is always entertaining and occasionally insightful. The book is marred, however, by O'Rourke's inability (or unwillingness) to refrain from periodic gratuitous swipes at anyone and everyone who is, or was, left of center on the political spectrum. These unnecessary reminders of his own set of biases limited my enjoyment in reading the book.

In the tradition of his contemporary classic Parliament of Whores, the man who The Wall Street Journal calls "the funniest writer in America" is back with Eat the Rich, in which he takes on the global economy. P. J. O'Rourke leads you on an hysterical whirlwind world tour from the "good capitalism" of Wall Street to the "bad socialism" of Cuba in search of the answer to an age-old question: "Why do some places prosper and thrive, while others just suck?" With stops in Albania, Sweden, Hong Kong, Moscow, and Tanzania, P.J. brings along his incomparable wit and finds hilarity wherever he goes.