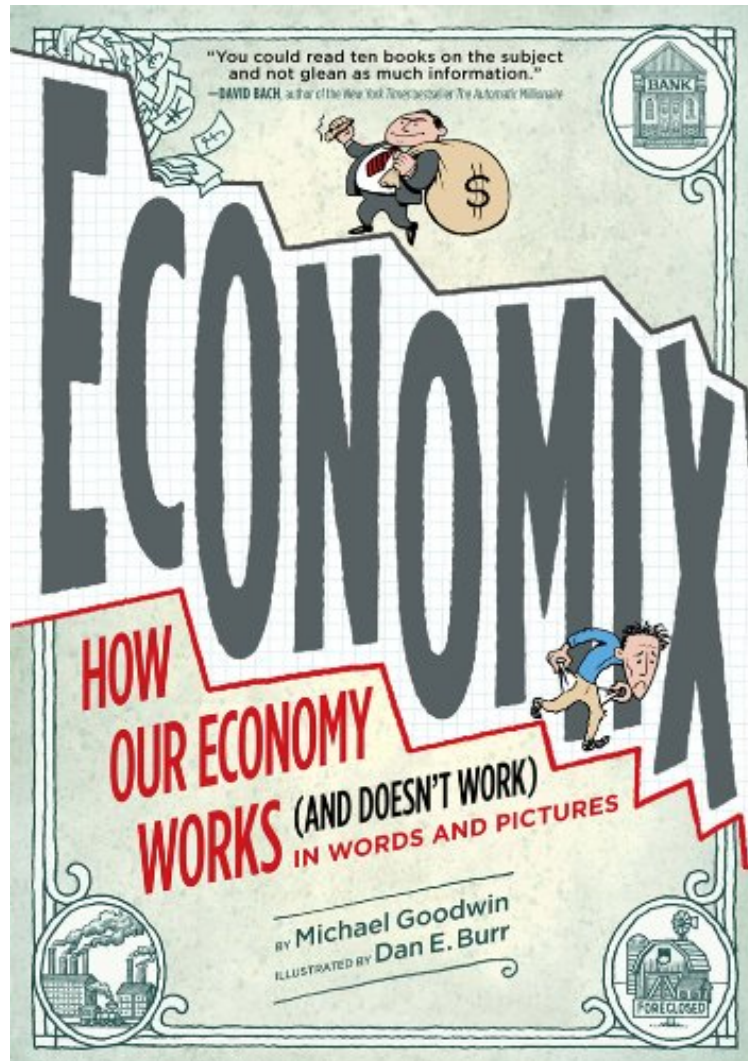


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The comic style only makes it better. By S. Lee Irsquo;m not sure how and what sparked my interest in economics, perhaps it was Kathryn Tannerrsq;s Economy of Grace or the fact that Irsquo;m disillusioned by both capitalism and communism or the fact that I am in near constant financial crisis (aka, the normal graduate student life and post-American-college-with-their-stupid-student-debt). Nevertheless, I am

glad I read this. Economix came up as one of the most recommended introductions to the history of economics; according to Reddit. I appreciate how Michael Goodwin opens the book: he confesses that modern economists are, at times, beyond confusing and inconsistent and that primary sources are the way to go. When he went back to the original sources, the sources all the modern economists were quoting, he found that (1) primary sources were more often than not taken out of context and (2) primary sources had some faulty assumptions and ideals [like the Supply and Demand chart assumes an ideal economy with stagnant desires, resources, political climate, etc. In this sense, the Supply and Demand chart is a very flat, 2-dimensional model]. For example, laissez-faire ("let it be") might have worked in a pre-industrialized, pre-technologically-advanced, pre-globalized country; but the success was short lived. Most 20th century communism models picked and choose what they liked from Marx (to his great frustration, assumingly). Reaganomics, trickle-down economics, and tax cutting the rich and major corporations pretty much ruined everything. So, along with Reddit, I cannot recommend this enough. Plus, the comic book form is amazing. The book, though, is not without faults, but as an introduction it is very informative. Economics is much more than just money; it is political, psychological, sociological, philosophical, and, agreeing with Tanner, theological. So, as much as I did not want to learn a lick of economics, as someone who wants to be a theologian, I must learn more economics: it is both exciting and dreadful. sooholee.wordpress.com 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. An economics book for everyone. By Michael Deck This book gave me the basic economic understanding I was looking for to make sense of the world today. Yes it's biased toward the left wing, yes it really only talks about the US economic history, but it quite obvious about being biased and most importantly, uses this as a vehicle for explanation. As such, it teaches more because of its perspective, rather than being limited by it. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. While somewhat educational on the theory of economy, it's really an examination of the current (post Great Recession) economy. By D. Arnett Really a treatise on why the USA economy is where it is after the Great Recession. Does go into economic theory but its strength lies in reviewing policies implemented in the USA. Because basic economic theory (which should be understood before reading this comic) should be already part the reader's knowledge before reading (see Yoram Bauman and Grady Klein's Cartoon Introduction to Economics Vol-1 http://www..com/gp/product/0809094819/ref=cm_cr_ryp_prd_ttl_sol_55 and Vol-2 http://www..com/gp/product/0809033615/ref=cm_cr_ryp_prd_ttl_sol_53), this isn't necessarily where to start so to grasp economic theory. For a guy like me who has virtually no background in the subject, the information is somewhat unsettling but expected (a lot of the information has been mentioned-in-passing on radio, television, and various printed media.)

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