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rising tide would lift all boats, but the rising tide has lifted all yachts." [...] Even more blunt than both Rieger and Buffett, Nobel Prize winning economist Paul Krugman calls this "Zombie Economics." The "rising tide lifts all boats" economic theory, according to Krugman, is a zombie because it doesn't work and thus has been dead for decades, but like brain-dead zombies, it's still walking around. But the best news of "No Rising Tide" is that Rieger doesn't leave you with the problems, he has concrete examples of those who refuse to walk the zombie walk and who are creating new models. Excellent book. I have used it in teaching and found it very valuable. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Ardra Rigby The breath of knowledge is so engaging. It should be mandatory reading for all Economic majors in College 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Just one opinion Excellent, accessible and thought provoking.

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