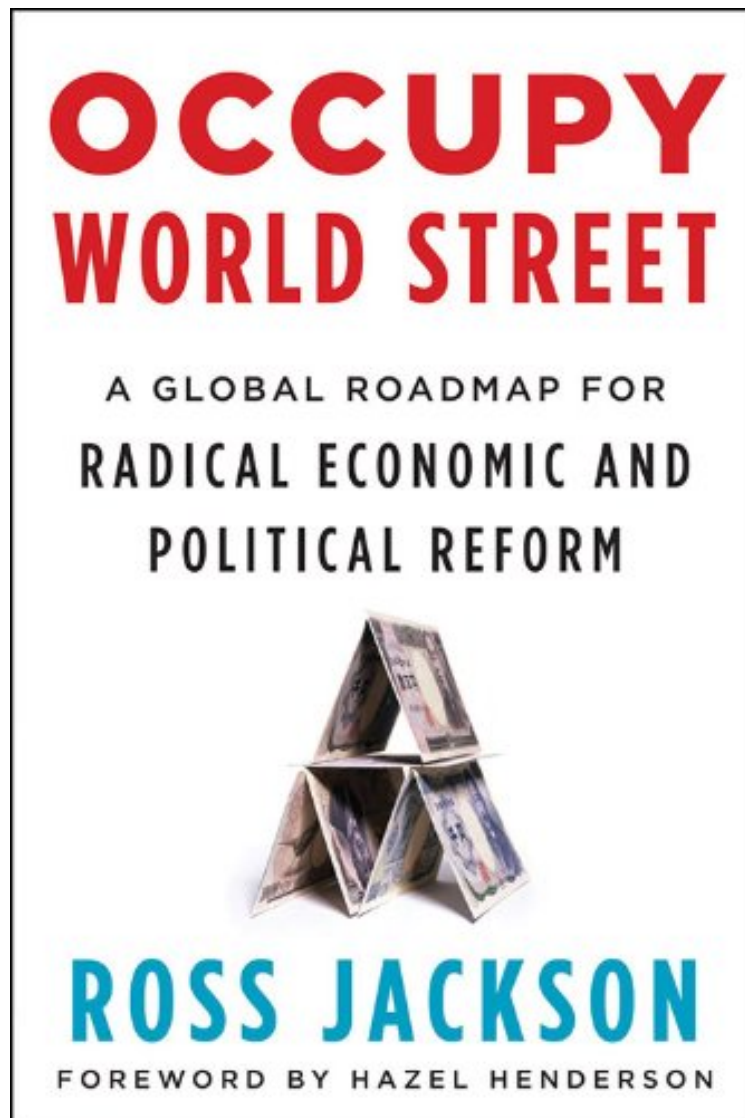


# Occupy World Street: A Global Roadmap for Radical Economic and Political Reform

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need to rethink the economics of this world to save the human civilisation and the environment. This is what this book is about. And the very best thing about this book: Ross Jackson does not just criticize; he suggests a whole range of solutions to how we can go about changing the world. One thing, for sure, is that the WTO has got to go. That organisation does not much good to anyone. It would be a good start, as Jackson suggests, to replace it with an organisation with more solidarity and respect for the individual developing countries on the agenda. A small downside is, that a few chapters are pretty technical in terms of economy. But it is nothing compared to what you WILL understand if you are a lay-person. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If you think or despair of there not being an ...By Gregory Charles Harrison If you think or despair of there not being an alternative economic model to the unjust one we have ruling our world, then buy this book. Hope returns thanks to Ross Jackson, we can breathe again, there is a way out. Thanks a million Ross for giving us hope. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Occupy World Street: Food for thought By John Williamson To start with, author Ross Jackson's Occupy World Street is a lot more impartial than this reader expected. Though it's subtitled "A Global Roadmap for Radical Economic and Political Reform," its neutrality is surprising. It's entirely too easy to use this book to point fingers at the 1% and how they're enriching themselves at the expense of the 99% majority. Some may read it and mentally highlight how this book expounds on the central issues that are at the core of the Occupy Movement's list of grievances, and why democracy has failed in the US and other countries. Author Jackson does contend that "almost all the social ills plaguing modern society are a direct result of too great a disparity in income." Since the neo-liberal agenda of the '80s, the disparity continues to expand rather than shrink. To correct these economic and geopolitical inequalities, the author looks to scientist and environmentalist James Lovelock's Gaia hypothesis and the overhauling of supranational institutions accordingly. Lovelock's Gaia hypothesis states that the earth is a self-regulating organism adjusted by a complex system of interdependent feedback loops. Ross Jackson is chairman of the Danish-based Gaia Trust foundation, and puts this vision of interdependence at the heart of a new, sustainable global economy. This book is a first-rate introduction for anyone wondering how our global economy got to where it is now. Jackson provides a succinct overview of the role of the Bretton Woods institutions, as well as the policy changes that allowed monetary institutions to precipitate the 2008 financial meltdown and mortgage crashes. The author offers something for everyone to ponder, and though the first half makes for somewhat depressing read, the book does not flounder in culpability, finger pointing and hopelessness. James Lovelock has recently admitted to being 'alarmist' about climate change, and says other environmental commentators, such as Al Gore, were as well. Lovelock recently said he would not take back a word of his influential 1979 work Gaia: A New Look at Life on Earth, yet of his The Revenge of Gaia, published in 2006, he said he had gone too far in describing what the warming Earth would see over the next century. The parts of this book explaining the roles of the neo-liberal economic philosophy and the political elite are solidly presented and not really new. The program of change that the author proposes, however, is new and logically sound. But being logically sound is not sufficient to affect change. There is a breach between the ideas and what is necessary to activate people at the grassroots level, so it does seem to come across as somewhat utopian. Comparatively few people will read this book, regardless of various groups touting it as a "bestseller" that will be read by many. The ideas presented here need to be connected to mainstream understandings. And Ross Jackson recognizes that the roadmap proposed here needs much more development. It may be utopian and idealistic in some ways, but it's good food for thought. 5/26/2012

Ordinary citizens the world over have long paid the price for the swashbuckling behavior of the corporate and political elite. We've seen the reigning establishment widen the gap between rich and poor, champion endless growth on a finite planet, wreak havoc on developing nations, and ravage ecosystems in a mad race for natural resources. Now, as demonstrators worldwide demand change, Occupy World Street offers a sweeping vision of how to reform our global economic and political structures, break away from empire, and build a world of self-determining sovereign states that respect the need for ecological sustainability and uphold human rights. In this refreshingly detailed plan, Ross Jackson shows how a handful of small nations could take on a leadership role; create new alliances, new governance, and new global institutions; and, in cooperation with grassroots activists, pave the way for other nations to follow suit.

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