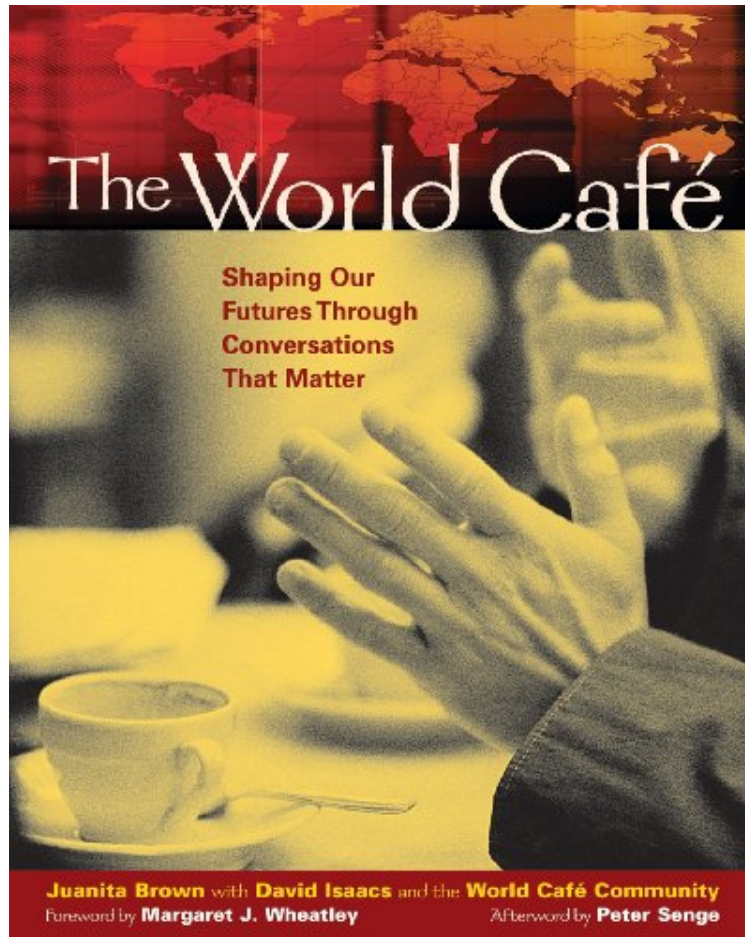


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needs to be done. It comes in the form of this wondrous new book *The World Cafeacute;: Creating Our Future Through Conversations That Matter*. A book in which the authors and their myriad collaborators relate how early noticing of what happens when conditions are such that people engage in conversation quite naturally - as reported by coauthor David Isaacs - has led to people world wide re-creating these conditions. Using a wide variety of practices under the umbrella term of 'The World Cafeacute;' and for a vast array of purposes. An enthralling story of how this has come about, together with commentary on its implications to date and future possibilities, is threaded together most artfully by author/narrator/host Juanita Brown in her imitable way of engaging the reader to join in a dance of conversation. At the center is the thesis that we do ourselves and the ecosystem in which we are an integral part well by paying attention to creating circumstances for what really matters to surface and be looked at from the perspective of the larger pool. Knowing intuitively that such processes were likely to be instrumental in how we humans operated in times gone by and that it is high time that we resumed using them. This lovely book contains a great wealth of accounts from many countries of what can emerge when this is done. Stories to delight and set the pulses racing. It is very well written and composed, easy to read, beautifully illustrated and is a treasure trove of wisdom and experience - and most thoughtful questions. It also contains plenty of details of 'how to' which I sense will be very useful for both novice and more experienced practitioner. I believe that the book is going to have a very substantial impact all over our precious little world.

The World Cafe is a flexible, easy-to-use process for fostering collaborative dialogue, sharing mutual knowledge, and discovering new opportunities for action. Based on living systems thinking, this innovative approach creates dynamic networks of conversation that can catalyze an organization or community's own collective intelligence around its most important questions. Filled with stories of actual Cafe dialogues in business, education, government, and community organizations across the globe, this uniquely crafted book demonstrates how the World Cafe can be adapted to any setting or culture. Examples from such varied organizations as Hewlett-Packard, American Society for Quality, the nation of Singapore, the University of Texas, and many others, demonstrate the process in action. Along with its seven core design principles, The World Cafe offers practical tips for hosting "conversations that matter" in groups of any size- strengthening both personal relationships and people's capacity to shape the future together.

I urge line leaders to employ this simple, but powerful approach for thinking together which ultimately improves the bottom line. -- Roger Saillant, President and CEO, Plug Power, Inc. The World Cafeacute; serves as an inspiration to help make greater mutual understanding across social and cultural differences possible. -- Lic. Esteban Moctezuma Barragan, Mexico's former Minister of Social Development This book provides all of us the opportunity to embrace the future and let go of the past. -- Paul Borawski, Executive Director and Chief Strategic Officer, American Society for Quality Understanding the processes that constitute the World Cafeacute;'s conversation network is essential for understanding life and leadership in human organizations. -- Fritjof Capra, Author, *The Tao of Physics*; *The Web of Life*; and *The Hidden Connections*... a simple, brilliant, beautiful process that enables people to build collective knowledge about the issues that are important to them. -- Sandy Heierbacher, Director, National Coalition for Dialogue Deliberation (NCDD) About the Author Forum adviser Juanita Brown and David Isaacs, president of a communications strategy company, are the co-origina