

## Confessions Of An Economic Hit Man

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Hazel Henderson offers a critique of globalization which is creating a bubble economy at the cost of real, more local enterprises and livelihoods. She argues for the use of systems thinking and a more holistic approach as a way of breaking out of the narrow prism of GDP and market pricing that dominates conventional economic thinking. She sets out a panoramic vision of the changes required to reshape the global economy towards social justice and sustainability at every level from the global to the local and personal.

A distinguished economist and futurist examines the terrible impact of the current global economic system on international communities and the planet, and calls for a spread of international democracy and the need to forge new global agreements to form community-based societies. \$40,000 ad/promo. IP.

Economic hit men (EHMs) are highly paid professionals who cheat countries around the globe out of trillions of dollars. They funnel money from the World Bank, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and other foreign "aid" organizations into the coffers of huge corporations and the pockets of a few wealthy families who control the planet's natural resources. Their tools include fraudulent financial reports, rigged elections, payoffs, extortion, sex, and murder. They play a game as old as empire, but one that has taken on new and terrifying dimensions during this time of globalization.

"For two decades now I've been awaiting a book explaining computers and their social consequences to literate readers without using any unnecessary jargon or pedantry--or math. I wanted such a book to lend to all those friends who've pestered me about computers and to all the computer science students who've asked me about computers over the years. I particularly wanted a book that I could buy for my father, who's an accountant of the old school, to explain something of the mysterious world I live in." Gregory Rawlins, who teaches artificial intelligence at Indiana University, got tired of waiting for that book and decided to write it himself. In *Moths to the Flame* he takes us on a humorous yet thought-provoking tour of the world wrought by modern technology, a technology, he points out, that is rooted deep inside the military: a technology that when applied to everyday life, may have startling results. Unlike space technology, today's technological race won't simply bring us Tang-flavored Velcro. Rawlins educates by entertaining. His stories and anecdotes enliven and surprise us while increasing our awareness of technology itself as a player in the political and commercial climate of our times. In our headlong rush toward networked humanity Rawlins raises serious concerns about our future jobs and our future wars: we can figure out what kind of job to get today if we know where technology is taking us tomorrow. The book's first four chapters explore the worlds of privacy, virtual reality, publishing, and computer networks, while the last four focus on social issues such as warfare, jobs, computer catastrophes, and the future itself. Throughout unusual, eye-opening analogies and historical comparisons--from Egyptian hieroglyphics to the sewing machine to the codebreakers of World War II--give us a context for the computer age, showing how new technologies have always bred intertwined hope and resistance. Provocative yet balanced and sophisticated, *Moths to the Flame* is an indispensable guidebook to the future: a Baedeker for the Brave New World. A Bradford Book

Perkins, a former chief economist at a Boston strategic-consulting firm, confesses he was an "economic hit man" for 10 years, helping U.S. intelligence agencies and multinationals cajole and blackmail foreign leaders into serving U.S. foreign policy and awarding lucrative contracts to American business.

Bursting onto the music scene in the 70's, Chas 'n' Dave released songs that spoke about life in London, using their own accents rather than the fashionable but fake transatlantic twang. They knew that if they wrote and sang about their own experience rather than simply making

up the bollocks that was normally expected then people would be interested. With hits like "Gertcha", "Rabbit", "The Sideboard Song" and "Margate", they created a sound that was uniquely British and rockin' to boot. What most people don't know is that both Chas and Dave had previous careers, playing with the likes of Jerry Lee Lewis, nor the stories about getting nicked fishing, getting cracked onto by dodgy producers, going barmy locked in recording studios, playing with the Beatles and generally getting pissed and having a laugh. If you've ever wondered what makes this legendary duo tick (or even which one is bloody which) then this is the book for you!

In the spirit of fantasy epics like George R.R. Martin's *A Game of Thrones* and Brandon Sanderson's *The Way of Kings*, *The Fatemarked Epic* promises immaculate world building, an ancient prophecy, a mysterious source of magic, interesting characters, war, political intrigue, and romance. The Hundred Years War has ravaged more than three generations of kings, queens, and citizens across the Four Kingdoms. Corrupt rulers dominate. Religious intolerance runs rampant. The cycle of vengeance continues to turn with the seasons. An ancient prophecy by a legendary oracle has been long forgotten. The prophecy promises the return of peace to the Four Kingdoms on the backs of a chosen few, the fatemarked, individuals marked at birth and blessed with specific magical powers. One shall be the Kings' Bane, and will bring death to the warmongering rulers, using fear to force peace; another shall be the Peacemaker, bestowed with the rare ability to heal. Opposite sides of the same coin, dark and light, death and life, the Kings' Bane and the Peacemaker are responsible for the fate of an entire continent. As they fight to achieve their destinies, adversity will hinder them in every realm: in the frozen north, assassination attempts and a brutal power struggle; in the holy west, a vicious queen and her self-righteous army of warriors; in the mysterious iron-clad forest of the east, revenge and glory rule the day; and in the southern empires of Calyp and Phanes, maturing dragons, slaves, and a civil war. To truly fulfill the oracle's prophecy of peace, both the Kings' Bane and the Peacemaker, as well as the other fatemarked, will need to overcome those who seek to destroy everything in their pursuit for power.

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How does empire mould human subjectivity, for instance, and how does it affect the understanding of humans within the whole of creation? This title analyzes the global empire in its political and economic dimensions, in its symbolic constructions of power, and in its general assumptions often taken for granted. From the author of the "New York Times" bestseller "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man" comes an exposé of international corruption. Perkins suggests how Americans can work to create a more peaceful and stable world for future generations.

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realization that he must devote himself to work which will foster a world-wide awareness of the sanctity of indigenous peoples, their cultures, and their environments. Perkins' books demonstrate how the age-old shamanic techniques of some of the world's most primitive peoples have sparked a revolution in modern concepts about healing, the subconscious, and the powers each of us has to alter individual and communal reality. Deep in the rain forests and high in the Andes of Ecuador, native shamans teach the age-old technique of dream change, a tradition that has kept the cultures of the Otavalans, Salasacans, and Shuar alive despite centuries of conquest. Now these shamans are turning their wisdom and power to the problem of curing a new kind of illness--that created by the industrial world's dream of dominating and exploiting nature. John Perkins tells the story of these remarkable shamans and of the U.S. medical doctors, psychologists, and scientists who have gone with him to learn the techniques of dream change. These shamanic teachings have sparked a revolution in modern concepts about healing, the subconscious, and the powers each of us has to alter individual and communal reality.

The must-read summary of John Perkins's book: "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man". This complete summary of John Perkins's book "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man" reveals how economic projections were invented in order to convince other countries to accept important loans for infrastructure and development which they couldn't afford. In his book, the author provides evidence from interviews with officials and reveals the truth. Added-value of this summary: • Save time • Understand international corruption and geopolitics • Expand your knowledge of international relations and politics To learn more, read "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man" to find out the truth behind the corruption that led to the American Empire.

A lively, inviting account of the history of economics, told through events from ancient to modern times and the ideas of great thinkers in the field What causes poverty? Are economic crises inevitable under capitalism? Is government intervention in an economy a helpful approach or a disastrous idea? The answers to such basic economic questions matter to everyone, yet the unfamiliar jargon and math of economics can seem daunting. This clear, accessible, and even humorous book is ideal for young readers new to economics and for all readers who seek a better understanding of the full sweep of economic history and ideas. Economic historian Niall Kishtainy organizes short, chronological chapters that center on big ideas and events. He recounts the contributions of key thinkers including Adam Smith, David Ricardo, Karl Marx, John Maynard Keynes, and others, while examining topics ranging from the invention of money and the rise of agrarianism to the Great Depression, entrepreneurship, environmental destruction, inequality, and behavioral economics. The result is a uniquely enjoyable volume that succeeds in illuminating the economic ideas and forces that shape our world.

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We are bombarded with images of poverty, terrorism, war and collapsing states. Do we ever question what the root cause of these problems might be? Noreena Hertz, one of the world's leading experts on economic globalization, tackles Third World Debt as a problem which must be resolved if we are ever to see global stability.

Chronicles the life of the founder of Liberty Media, from his protests against the Vietnam War and his jam sessions with Sha Na Na through his work as a political consultant and businessman and his battle against cancer.

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- Discover the thoughts, history, and customs of the Shuar of the Amazon, as told in their own words.
- Tribe members explain their practices of shapeshifting and headhunting; the interdependence of humans and the environment; the role of ecstatic sex; their belief in war as a path to peace; and their faith in arutam, the life spirit. The indomitable Shuar of the Amazon--reputed to be the only tribe in the Americas that has never been conquered--have lived as warriors, hunters, cultivators, and healers for generations. Even in today's acquisitive, often wasteful world they defend their rainforests and sustainable ways of life and offer their philosophy of love, joy, and hope. More than three decades after first befriending members of the Shuar, author and environmentalist John Perkins and his publisher, Ehud Sperling, inspired Shakaim Mariano Chumpi--a young Shuar warrior who has fought in the jungle war between his native Ecuador and Peru--to travel among his people and record their thoughts, history, and customs. The result is *Spirit of the Shuar*. Here, in their own words, the Shuar share their practices of shapeshifting, "dreaming the world," and ecstatic sex, including the role older women play in teaching uninitiated men how to please. They explain the interdependence of humans and the environment, their formula for peace and balance, and their faith in arutam,

the life-giving spirit of nature that allows each of us to transform ourselves. And they describe how their ancient-and current-practice of shrinking heads fits into their cultural philosophy. Whether exploring the mystery of shamanic shapeshifting, delving deeper into the powers of healing herbs and psychotropic plants, or finding new ways to live sustainably and sensitively in the face of encroaching development and environmental destruction, the Shuar have emerged as a strong people determined to preserve their identity and beliefs and share their teachings with a world in dire need of their wisdom. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to the Ayumpum Foundation to help the Shuar conserve their forests and spread their message.

**ABOUT THE BOOK** I first came across John Perkins's *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* a few years ago when I was living and working in Abu Dhabi, a tiny city-state which serves as the capital of a conglomerate of similar city-states—including Dubai—all collectively known as the United Arab Emirates, or the UAE, which itself is located on the eastern coast of the Arabian peninsula. And although the UAE had been peaceful and prosperous for many decades, I couldn't help but think about the fact that I was in the middle of the most dangerously volatile and highly militarised region on Earth. The year was 2008. The war in Iraq was still rumbling on and, in my more paranoid moments, I thought the conflict could escalate in a flash and instantly embroil other countries in the region. What I did not spend a single moment worrying about, however, was the unprecedented terror caused by the global economic crisis. Who did? I didn't think about it because, unlike armies, banks and financial institutions are forces of a largely invisible kind of activity. And I never knew finance could cause so much devastation.

**MEET THE AUTHOR** Abdul Montaqim is a journalist, based in London, and has been working in the media since 1989. Among the more well known titles he has written for are *The Guardian* newspaper, *Time Out* magazine and the *International Business Times* website. He has edited a number of local and community newspapers, magazines and websites, and has, over the course of his career, worked for some of the largest publishers in Europe, including Emap, LLP and Mirror Group Newspapers. Abdul has also worked outside of the United Kingdom, moving to Abu Dhabi for a year to work on the first national daily newspaper in United Arab Emirates, *The National*; and he has consulted for media companies in Bangladesh, where he was born. **EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK** The job of EHMs (and their colleagues) is to persuade countries to take out loans worth billions of dollars, often to pay for infrastructure projects that the EHMs themselves recommend, writes John Perkins in his book *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*. If the persuasion tactics of the EHMs fail, the CIA "jackals", as he calls them, take over and often assassinate the leaders of governments who do not co-operate—such as Jaime Roldos, president of Ecuador, and Omar Torrijos, president of Panama. Perkins starts his story by wondering how he had grown up to be involved in such a "dirty business". He remembers Ann, and her uncle, Frank, who suggests working for the NSA and being a Peace Corps Volunteer. Buy a copy to keep reading!

The credit crunch is affecting every investor and every consumer, every industry and every government program, yet few people truly understand how it happened. Subprime mortgages have been center stage, but behind the scenes a conspiracy of greed among bankers, investors, rating agencies and regulators has imperiled everyone's financial future. We need to know what went wrong and how to change the practices that led to this calamity. Bloomberg columnist Mark Gilbert shows how Wall Street's tolerance for extremes made the global credit crunch both foreseeable and inevitable. He offers a blow-by-blow account of what went wrong and what lessons need to be learned from the crisis. Gilbert's argument—that everyone with skin in the money game had a vested interest in pretending that nothing could go awry—is a well-defended, compelling indictment of the financial community. Gilbert is able to make complex financial events easy to understand. His outlook is truly global: this financial crisis respects no geographical boundaries, and Gilbert draws on anecdotes and examples from

around the world to make his case.

For over forty years in more than sixty countries, Raymond Baker has witnessed the free-market system operating illicitly and corruptly, with devastating consequences. In *Capitalism's Achilles Heel*, Baker takes readers on a fascinating journey through the global free-market system and reveals how dirty money, poverty, and inequality are inextricably intertwined. Readers will discover how small illicit transactions lead to massive illegalities and how staggering global income disparities are worsened by the illegalities that permeate international capitalism. Drawing on his experiences, Baker shows how Western banks and businesses use secret transactions and ignore laws while handling some \$1 trillion in illicit proceeds each year. He also illustrates how businesspeople, criminals, and kleptocrats perfect the same techniques to shift funds and how these tactics negatively affect individuals, institutions, and countries. Takes aim at the current global economic crisis and attempts to clear a path out of the rubble by providing a plan for remaking the economic markets.

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A former consultant to the U.S. government reveals the inner workings of the high-stakes economic game that encourages third world economies to borrow money so that major corporations like Halliburton end up getting the lucrative contracts.

**The Revolution Where You Live** Stories from a 12,000-Mile Journey through a New America Like many of us, YES! Magazine cofounder Sarah van Gelder was alarmed about the state of American society. The deep divides, racial violence, climate change, economic insecurity, and inequality—is our society coming unraveled? Has anyone got answers? She confided her fears to a friend, who said, “If the universe could deploy the one small person that is you, what would it have you do?” Her answer surprised them both: “I'd go out traveling and see for myself.” Driving a twelve-year-old Toyota pickup with a tiny camper, she visited eighteen states and five Indian reservations, big cities and small towns. Instead of staying in the centers

of power, where people are richly rewarded for their allegiance to the status quo, she headed out on the back roads of Montana and North Dakota; to the abandoned neighborhoods of Detroit, Chicago, Cincinnati, and Newark; to Appalachia and Greensboro, North Carolina; and home via Texas, New Mexico, and Utah. Van Gelder invites you to come with her as she meets the quirky and the committed, the local heroes and the healers who, under the mass media's radar, are getting stuff done. The common thread running through their work was best summed up by a phrase she saw on a mural in Newark: "We the People LOVE This Place." That connection we each have to our physical and ecological place, and to our human community, is where we find our power and our best hopes for a new America.

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John Pilger is one of the world's renowned investigative journalists and documentary filmmakers. In this fully updated collection, he reveals the secrets and illusions of modern imperialism. In this book he looks behind the picture postcard of his homeland, Australia, to illuminate an enduring legacy of imperialism, the subjugation of the First Australians. He also examines Indonesia, and shows how General Suharto's bloody seizure of power in the 1960s was part of a western design to impose a global economy on Asia. A million Indonesians dies as the price for being the World Bank's 'model pupil'. In a shocking chapter on Iraq, Pilger allows us to understand the true nature of the West's war against the people of that country. And he dissects, piece by piece, the propaganda of the 'war on terror' to expose its Orwellian truth.

Newsbreaking and controversial -- an award-winning investigative journalist uncovers the thirty-year relationship between the Bush family and the House of Saud and explains its impact on American foreign policy, business, and national security. House of Bush, House of Saud begins with a politically explosive question: How is it that two days after 9/11, when U.S. air traffic was tightly restricted, 140 Saudis, many immediate kin to Osama Bin Laden, were permitted to leave the country without being questioned by U.S. intelligence? The answer lies in a hidden relationship that began in the 1970s, when the oil-rich House of Saud began courting American politicians in a bid for military

protection, influence, and investment opportunity. With the Bush family, the Saudis hit a gusher -- direct access to presidents Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush. To trace the amazing weave of Saud- Bush connections, Unger interviewed three former directors of the CIA, top Saudi and Israeli intelligence officials, and more than one hundred other sources. His access to major players is unparalleled and often exclusive -- including executives at the Carlyle Group, the giant investment firm where the House of Bush and the House of Saud each has a major stake. Like Bob Woodward's *The Veil*, Unger's *House of Bush, House of Saud* features unprecedented reportage; like Michael Moore's *Dude, Where's My Country?* Unger's book offers a political counter-narrative to official explanations; this deeply sourced account has already been cited by Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer, and sets 9/11, the two Gulf Wars, and the ongoing Middle East crisis in a new context: What really happened when America's most powerful political family became seduced by its Saudi counterparts?

"This eloquent book inspires us to create a new reality of what it means to be human on this magnificent planet." —Deepak Chopra When New York Times bestselling author John Perkins was a young Peace Corps volunteer, his life was saved by an Amazonian shaman who taught him to "touch the jaguar"—to transform his fears into positive action. He went on to become an "economic hit man" (EHM), convincing developing countries to build huge infrastructure projects that put them perpetually in debt to the World Bank and other US-controlled institutions. Although he sincerely believed this was the best model for economic development, he came to realize it was really a new form of colonialism. Returning to the Amazon, he saw the destructive impact of his EHM work. But he also was inspired by a previously uncontacted tribe that touched its jaguar by uniting with its enemies to defend its territory against invading oil and mining companies. For the first time, Perkins details how his experiences in the Amazon converted him from an EHM to a crusader for transforming our failing Death Economy that destroys its own resources and nature itself into a flourishing Life Economy that renews itself. He provides a strategy for each of us to change our lives and defend our territory—the earth—against destructive policies and systems.

In "Postcards from SAddam: The True Confessions of an Economic Hit Man ", the author, a former international lobbyist, recounts his experiences working abroad and how, unlike so-called Economic Hit Men, he and his colleagues, most of whom were former CIA clandestine operations officers, never bribed foreign officials. Instead, they relied on CIA agents' primary tool: Tradecraft. The author shares how he used negotiation & conflict management principles - classic elements of Tradecraft - to secure contracts for U.S. companies, manage workplace conflict, and most importantly, to negotiate his way out of precarious situations. The most notable of these was a risky connecting flight through a hostile Muslim country, where purely by chance, he crosses paths with Saddam Hussein. Traveling without the Italian passport he normally used to conceal his American identity, he is unable to get to his connecting flight as the airport and his plane is surrounded by Saddam's guards. Trapped in the airport carrying only his American passport, and a briefcase with documents linking him to the U.S. intelligence community, he puts tradecraft to the ultimate test. As he weighs his options, he recalls a similar situation in Chile involving another dictator, Augusto Pinochet, and one in Argentina where his tradecraft helps him narrowly elude imprisonment by a

fiercely anti-American Argentine colonel. As he draws parallels between countries and dictators on the use of power and true leadership, comparing the highly polarized political climate in Chile during Pinochet's rule to the current political climate in the U.S., he stresses the importance of fact-checking and how the Chilean media sometimes mischaracterized Pinochet's regime while downplaying the violence of extremist groups. In one of the book's most poignant accounts, he then describes how violent extremists targeted his Chilean contact, Solange - his co-worker and the young woman he'd planned to marry, who may very well have saved his life. Comparing Pinochet to Castro, the author explains how rewards and recognition are sometimes conferred on leaders with dubious accomplishments, while those with tangible accomplishments receive little to none, comparing them to business leaders. Delving into the realm of business and organizational conflict management, he then describes his experiences negotiating with global conglomerates while managing the international division of the U.S.'s biggest mobile electronics company. Coining the term "Paperclip Expeditors" to describe ineffective managers who reap undeserved rewards and recognition when the net result of their leadership is ruin and the destruction of wealth, he compares these to Fidel Castro in Cuba. In a final dramatic account, he describes how tradecraft kept him from making a fatal mistake and prompted a Good Samaritan to help him. Although initially suspicious of the Good Samaritan helping him in his untimely encounter with Saddam and his guards, his suspicions are soon dispelled. As this Good Samaritan, a Muslim, is guiding him through a secret tunnel, the pair are apprehended. Realizing that his Muslim friend has just put himself in jeopardy by concealing his American identity from the soldier questioning him, the author executes a risky psychological maneuver perfectly to get himself and his friend released. However, he will later have no choice but to risk going through that same tunnel a second time. Although he will make the second attempt alone, it won't be without the help of his Muslim friend.

Now a Netflix Original Film directed by Amy Poehler! "Moxie is sweet, funny, and fierce. Read this and then join the fight."—Amy Poehler An unlikely teenager starts a feminist revolution at a small-town Texas high school in this novel from Jennifer Mathieu, author of *The Truth About Alice*. **MOXIE GIRLS FIGHT BACK!** Vivian Carter is fed up. Fed up with an administration at her high school that thinks the football team can do no wrong. Fed up with sexist dress codes, hallway harassment, and gross comments from guys during class. But most of all, Viv Carter is fed up with always following the rules. Viv's mom was a tough-as-nails, punk rock Riot Grrrl in the '90s, and now Viv takes a page from her mother's past and creates a feminist zine that she distributes anonymously to her classmates. She's just blowing off steam, but other girls respond. As Viv forges friendships with other young women across the divides of cliques and popularity rankings, she realizes that what she has started is nothing short of a girl revolution. *Moxie* is a book about high school life that will make you wanna riot! Also by Jennifer Mathieu: *The Truth About Alice*: A powerful look at slut-shaming, told through the perspectives of four small-town teens, about how everyone has a motive to bring—and keep—a teen girl down. *Devoted*: A girl with a controlling, conservative family realizes that her life is her own—if only she can find the courage to fight for it. *Afterward*: A tragic kidnapping leads to an unlikely friendship in this novel about finding light in the midst of darkness. Praise for *Moxie*: "With a story that's equal parts heart and instruction manual, Mathieu has captured the movement of a generation—warts and all—and shone

a light forward for the next one.” —E. K. Johnston, #1 New York Times Bestselling author of *Exit Pursued By a Bear* “Vivian Carter and Moxie are strong and smart and so, so inspiring. She is my new hero and this is my new favorite book. I’m proud to be a Moxie girl.” —Jennifer Niven, New York Times–bestselling author of *All the Bright Places* and *Holding Up the Universe* “From its soul-deep girl friendships to its swoony love story to its smart, gutsy heroine, Moxie is a ferocious joy. I could feel my heart—and my courage—getting bigger every time I turned the page.” —Katie Cotugno, New York Times–bestselling author of *99 Days* and *How to Love* “Moxie is an anthem, a how-to guide, and that best friend who says, ‘You matter, too!’” —Sherri L. Smith, author of *Pasadena* and *Flygirl* “Like the addictive riff of a punk rock song, Moxie will pull you in, inspire you, and kick you back out into the world with a burning desire to change it. Read this. Now.” —Jenny Torres Sanchez, author of *Because of the Sun* “An invaluable revelation.” —Booklist, starred review “This novel is full of wit, insight, and moxie. . . . Highly recommended for all teens, but especially those who would enjoy realistic coming-of-age fiction with female empowerment.” —School Library Journal, starred review “Satisfying and moving.” —Publishers Weekly

In 1971, President Nixon imposed national price controls and took the United States off the gold standard, an extreme measure intended to end an ongoing currency war that had destroyed faith in the U.S. dollar. Today we are engaged in a new currency war, and this time the consequences will be far worse than those that confronted Nixon. Currency wars are one of the most destructive and feared outcomes in international economics. At best, they offer the sorry spectacle of countries' stealing growth from their trading partners. At worst, they degenerate into sequential bouts of inflation, recession, retaliation, and sometimes actual violence. Left unchecked, the next currency war could lead to a crisis worse than the panic of 2008. Currency wars have happened before—twice in the last century alone—and they always end badly. Time and again, paper currencies have collapsed, assets have been frozen, gold has been confiscated, and capital controls have been imposed. And the next crash is overdue. Recent headlines about the debasement of the dollar, bailouts in Greece and Ireland, and Chinese currency manipulation are all indicators of the growing conflict. As James Rickards argues in *Currency Wars*, this is more than just a concern for economists and investors. The United States is facing serious threats to its national security, from clandestine gold purchases by China to the hidden agendas of sovereign wealth funds. Greater than any single threat is the very real danger of the collapse of the dollar itself. Baffling to many observers is the rank failure of economists to foresee or prevent the economic catastrophes of recent years. Not only have their theories failed to prevent calamity, they are making the currency wars worse. The U. S. Federal Reserve has engaged in the greatest gamble in the history of finance, a sustained effort to stimulate the economy by printing money on a trillion-dollar scale. Its solutions present hidden new dangers while resolving none of the current dilemmas. While the outcome of the new currency war is not yet certain, some version of the worst-case scenario is almost inevitable if U.S. and world economic leaders fail to learn from the mistakes of their predecessors. Rickards untangles the web of failed paradigms, wishful thinking, and arrogance driving current public policy and points the way toward a more informed and effective course of action.

"War is a Racket" is marine general, Smedley Butler's classic treatise on why wars are

conducted, who profits from them, and who pays the price. Few people are as qualified as General Butler to advance the argument encapsulated in his book's sensational title. When "War is a Racket" was first published in 1935, Butler was the most decorated American soldier of his time. He had lead several successful military operations in the Caribbean and in Central America, as well as in Europe during the First World War. Despite his success and his heroic status, however, Butler came away from these experiences with a deeply troubled view of both the purpose and the results of warfare.

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