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It seems almost daily we read newspaper articles and watch news reports exposing the growing epidemic of obesity in America. Our government tells us we are experiencing a major health crisis, with sixty percent of Americans classified as overweight, and one in four as obese. But how valid are these claims? In *Fat Politics*, J. Eric Oliver shows how a handful of doctors, government bureaucrats, and health researchers, with financial backing from the drug and weight-loss industries, have campaigned to create standards that mislead the public. They mislabel more than sixty million Americans as "overweight," inflate the health risks of being fat, and promote the idea that obesity is a killer disease. In reviewing the scientific evidence, Oliver shows there is little proof that obesity causes so much disease and death or that losing weight is what makes people healthier. Our concern with obesity, he writes, is fueled more by social prejudice, bureaucratic politics, and industry profit than by scientific fact. Misinformation pushes millions of Americans towards dangerous surgeries, crash diets, and harmful diet drugs, while we ignore other, more real health problems. Oliver goes on to examine why it is that Americans despise fatness and explores why, despite this revulsion, we continue to gain weight. *Fat Politics* will topple your most basic assumptions about obesity and health. It is essential reading for anyone with a stake in the nation's--or their own--good

health.

[Fat Politics](#) Penguin

Do you want more free book summaries like this? Download our app for free at <https://www.QuickRead.com/App> and get access to hundreds of free book and audiobook summaries. The study of economics can be wilder than you think. Have you ever wondered why we make the money mistakes that we do? With such a wealth of financial advice available, it seems stunning that we could make such bad investments or foolhardy purchases. *Freakonomics* uses the principles of economic analysis to unpack this concept for us and explain why we make the choices we do. And through Levitt and Dubner's critical study, you'll learn the surprising truth about how we can apply economics to every facet of our lives from dating to big purchases!

Turn of the Century John Wiley & Sons

Why has China grown so fast for so long despite vast corruption? In *China's Gilded Age*, Yuen Yuen Ang maintains that all corruption is harmful, but not all types of corruption hurt growth. Ang unbundles corruption into four varieties: petty theft, grand theft, speed money, and access money. While the first three types impede growth, access money - elite exchanges of power and profit - cuts both ways: it stimulates investment and growth but produces serious risks for the economy and political system. Since market opening, corruption in China has evolved toward access money. Using a range of data sources, the author explains the evolution of Chinese corruption, how it differs from the West and other developing countries, and how

Xi's anti-corruption campaign could affect growth and governance. In this formidable yet accessible book, Ang challenges one-dimensional measures of corruption. By unbundling the problem and adopting a comparative-historical lens, she reveals that the rise of capitalism was not accompanied by the eradication of corruption, but rather by its evolution from thuggery and theft to access money. In doing so, she changes the way we think about corruption and capitalism, not only in China but around the world.

Dead Aid William Morrow

The economy isn't just for the economists to debate on. All of us are affected by its ups and downs—global recession, rise in interest rates, or hike in food prices. But do we understand the principles at work and how and why they really affect us? Day to Day Economics is an enjoyable, accessible, and extremely user-friendly book that explains the modern day Indian economy to the layperson. In this relevant book, Professor Deodhar explains the role of the government and its involvement in different aspects of the economy; the need for the RBI and its functions; and how taxes, stock markets, and recessions work. Day to Day Economics will help you go beyond the facts and figures in the budget and connect the trends to your daily life. As with all IIMA Business Books, it comes illustrated with numerous Indian examples and case studies making this the ultimate rookie's guide to the Indian economy.

[A Study Guide for Levitt & Dubner's "Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything"](#) Scholastic Inc.

Economics is not widely considered to be one of the sexier sciences. The annual Nobel Prize winner in that field never receives as much publicity as his or her compatriots in peace, literature, or physics. But if such slights are based on the notion that economics is dull, or that economists are concerned only with finance itself, Steven D. Levitt will change some minds. In *Freakonomics* (written with Stephen J. Dubner), Levitt argues that many apparent mysteries of everyday life don't need to be so mysterious: they could be illuminated and made even more fascinating by asking the right questions and drawing connections. For example, Levitt traces the drop in violent crime rates to a drop in violent criminals and, digging further, to the Roe v. Wade decision that preempted the existence of some people who would be born to poverty and hardship. Elsewhere, by analyzing data gathered from inner-city Chicago drug-dealing gangs, Levitt outlines a corporate structure much like McDonald's, where the top bosses make great money while scores of underlings make something below minimum wage. And in a section that may alarm or relieve worried parents, Levitt argues that parenting methods don't really matter much and that a backyard swimming pool is much more dangerous than a gun. These enlightening chapters are separated by effusive passages from Dubner's 2003 profile of Levitt in *The New York Times Magazine*, which led to the book being written. In a book filled with bold logic, such back-patting veers *Freakonomics*, however briefly, away from what Levitt actually has to say. Although maybe there's a good economic reason for that too, and we're just not getting it yet.

New York, New York, New York Delta

This summary is a separate companion to *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything* by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner. Economics is essentially a system of competing incentives. How do individual people get what they want when everyone else is competing for the same thing? Learn how all behaviour is a result of incentives. To change behaviour, you must change the incentives. Learn how unscrupulous salespeople use the power of our fears to upsell us or make us buy things we don't actually need. Summary Table of Contents: Economic Incentives Social Incentives Moral Incentives The Most Effective Way to Influence People's Behaviour All Changes in Behaviour Are the Result of Incentives People Could React Differently to the Same Incentives on Different Occasions Finding the Right Incentives is Complicated When Events Happen Together, People Jump to Conclusions about Cause and Effect The Most Persuasive Fears Are Those Which Are Easiest to Visualize and Most Severe Lack of Control Increases Fear Experts Can Exploit Laypeople Using Their Information Advantage Experts Can Exploit People Using Fear to Upsell Them Do Your Research to Avoid Being Taken Advantage Of When Information Is Not Given, People Assume the Worst Please note: This is a separate companion summary of the most important ideas from the book - not the original full-length book.

Freakonomics Harper Collins

A LIGHT-HEARTED, INTIMATE AND EMPHATICALLY FEMINIST HISTORY OF DATING 'A new approach to romance . . . The heroines of Regency novels could teach today's young women a trick or two' Sunday Times 'Entertaining and well-researched' The Lady 'Pacey, intelligent and authoritative with bags of wit' Law Gazette 'A whistle-stop tour of dating through history' History Extra What if Mr Darcy had simply been able to swipe right? Dating has never been easy. The road to true love has always been rutted with heartbreak, but do we have it any easier today? How did Victorians 'come out'? How did love blossom in war-torn Europe? And why did 80s' video-dating never take off? Bursting with little-known facts and tantalising tales of lovelorn men and besotted women, Nichi Hodgson's intriguing history of amorous relationships, from enamoured Georgians to frenziedly swiping millennials (and everyone in between) may leave you grateful that you live - and love - today.

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"Brilliant. . . Lewis has given us a spectacular account of two great men who faced up to uncertainty and the limits of human reason." —William Easterly, Wall Street Journal Forty years ago, Israeli psychologists Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky wrote a series of breathtakingly original papers that invented the field of behavioral economics. One of the greatest partnerships in the history of science, Kahneman and Tversky's extraordinary friendship incited a revolution in Big Data studies, advanced evidence-based medicine, led to a new approach to government regulation, and made much of Michael Lewis's own work possible. In *The Undoing Project*, Lewis shows how their Nobel Prize-winning theory of the mind altered our

perception of reality.

SUMMARY - Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores The Hidden Side Of Everything By Steven D. Levitt And Stephen J. Dubner Penguin

David Friedman has never taken an economics class in his life. Sure, he's taught economics at UCLA, Chicago, Tulane, Cornell, and Santa Clara, but don't hold that against him. After all, everyone's an economist. We all make daily decisions that rely, consciously or not, on an acute understanding of economic theory—from picking the fastest checkout time at the supermarket to voting or not voting, from negotiating the best job offer to finding the right person to marry. *Hidden Order* is an essential guide to rational living, revealing all you need to know to get through each day without being eaten alive. Friedman's wise and immensely accessible book is perfect for amateur economists, struggling economics students, young parents and professionals—just about anyone who wants a clear-cut approach to why we make the choices we do and a sensible strategy for how to make the right ones.

Confessions of a Hero-Worshiper Harper Collins

Learn How To Think Like A Freak In A Fraction Of The Time It Takes To Read The Actual Book!!!Today only, get this 1# Amazon bestseller for just \$2.99. Regularly priced at \$9.99. Read on your PC, Mac, smart phone, tablet or Kindle device The readers of *Freakonomics* and *SuperFreakonomics* sent the authors of these books countless questions. Many of these questions were regarding various problems and issues that have affected society for a long time. Basically, the readers wanted the authors of the *Freakonomics* books to research their particular problems and find solutions. The authors and the research team behind the *Freakonomics* books enjoy solving problems for people, but there is only so much that any human can do. Many of the problems that the authors encountered in their letters from readers were extremely difficult to solve and the mass quantity of questions made it physically impossible to even attempt to answer them all. This problem was contemplated for some time by the *Freakonomics* team and they decided that the solution to this problem was to teach other people how to think like they do. This explains why the book is titled "Think like A Freak." When the authors are talking about thinking like a freak, they are referring to a person's ability to think about situations like an economist. There is the basic idea that if you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day, but if you teach him how to fish, you will feed him for a lifetime. When people understand how to correctly evaluate any situation, they will be more likely to find a plausible solution. Here Is A Preview Of What You'll Learn When You Download Your Copy Today* General Overview and Summary of Think Like A Freak * Examples From Think Like A Freak * The Reason Think Like A Freak Was Created* Learn How To Approach Situations Like An Economist Download Your Copy Today! The contents of this book are easily worth over \$9.99, but for a limited time you can download ""Summary of "Think Like A Freak: The Authors Of *Freakonomics* Offer To Retrain Your Brain"" for a special discounted price of only \$2.99 To order your copy, click the BUY button and download it right now!

Freakonomics Random House

"HOW DID THE TOP THREE-THE TAJ, THE OBEROI, ITC HOTELS-COME TO DOMINATE THE INDIAN HOTEL LANDSCAPE?WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES THROWN BY THE DISRUPTERS-OYO, AIRBNB, TREEBO?WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD? A hotel, both emotionally and experientially, touches lives—the first date, the first job interview, wedding anniversaries and so on; many celebrations and memorable experiences are linked to it. Based on the author's years of observation of the industry and interactions with key stakeholders, this book takes you through the tumultuous history and evolution of the Indian hotel industry. It captures the enormous shifts and changes including guest preferences, consumer profiles and disruptions brought in by technology, in this colourful industry. Who are the players and how are they coping with these changes? The book answers these and many more such questions. Packed with some exciting profiles and analysis of strategies, it also attempts to provide a glimpse of what lies in store for the future." *Analysis and Summary of Freakonomics by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner* Oxford University Press

Economics Uncut: A Complete Guide to Life, Death and Misadventure, edited by Simon Bowmaker, contains several delightful chapters on topics central to economics and the family. Although the book's implicit thesis is to dazzle with the catholicity of economics, the chapters on marriage and divorce, reproduction, suicide, and abortion are lively introductions to these family topics, and other chapters make delightful reading on their own. Darius Conger, *Economics and the American Family: A Review of Recent Literature*, Choice This volume collects a wide array of economic explanations of social issues that are often thought to be beyond the realm of economic explanation. . . . This work will be valuable reading for general readers and undergraduate students. Graduate students in social sciences other than economics will find accessible economic explanations of many issues in their fields. Highly recommended. R.B. Emmett, Choice Expertly compiled and deftly edited by Simon W. Bowmaker *Economics Uncut: A Complete Guide to Life, Death and Misadventure* features informed and informative essays and seminal articles by eighteen accomplished economists on a variety of economic issues. . . . A superbly organized and presented compendium of seminal studies and commentaries adhering to high academic standards of methodology and reporting, *Economics Uncut* is an important and strongly recommended addition to academic library Economic Studies reference collection, as well as being quite accessible to the non-specialist general reader with an interest in the economic implications and impacts with respect to the social issues of the present day. Library Bookwatch/Internet Bookwatch The book's variety of subject matter, combined with its innovative yet academic approach, makes it both entertaining as well as thought-provoking. Emma Winberg, *Economic Affairs* *Economics Uncut* presents itself as a complete guide to Life, Death and Misadventure . Whatever the specific chapter topic, from pornography to crime, from suicide to assisted reproduction, cost benefit analyses abound, demand and supply relations are discussed in an attempt to rationalize consumer preferences, choice and price levels and, thus, complex relationships are neatly reduced to mathematical equations, with tables and graphs being plentiful. Werner Bonefeld, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* If you thought you could hide your secrets from the prying eyes of economists, think again. From sex to drugs to gambling to crime, this book will show you how the tools of economics can be used to understand just about any human behavior. This book will assuredly be the unofficial economist's guide to vice for the foreseeable future. Steven Levitt, University of Chicago and author of *Freakonomics* In this insightful and entertaining book, Simon Bowmaker introduces readers to the fascinating side of modern economics that applies economic analysis to a wide range of social issues from illegal drugs to religion and everything in between. In this form, economics is anything but the dismal science. This is a fun and enlightening book that shows readers what many economists often forget that economics is a powerful tool for understanding the world around them. Kevin M. Murphy, University of Chicago, US Economics is generally associated

with the financial pages of newspapers apart from front page discussion of major topics such as inflation, budget deficits, or unemployment. However, the topics discussed in many of the other pages of a typical newspaper, such as crime, divorce, or sport, are also appropriate for economic analysis. Economics is concerned with decisions and many important topics in today's society involve taking drugs or committing a crime or getting a divorce, for example, and so can be examined from an economic point of view. Many of these areas can be considered from different directions: legal, medical, political, religious, sociological, or psychological, for

The Curious History of Dating William Morrow

In the past fifty years, more than \$1 trillion in development-related aid has been transferred from rich countries to Africa. Has this assistance improved the lives of Africans? No. In fact, across the continent, the recipients of this aid are not better off as a result of it, but worse—much worse. In *Dead Aid*, Dambisa Moyo describes the state of postwar development policy in Africa today and unflinchingly confronts one of the greatest myths of our time: that billions of dollars in aid sent from wealthy countries to developing African nations has helped to reduce poverty and increase growth. In fact, poverty levels continue to escalate and growth rates have steadily declined—and millions continue to suffer. Provocatively drawing a sharp contrast between African countries that have rejected the aid route and prospered and others that have become aid-dependent and seen poverty increase, Moyo illuminates the way in which overreliance on aid has trapped developing nations in a vicious circle of aid dependency, corruption, market distortion, and further poverty, leaving them with nothing but the "need" for more aid. Debunking the current model of international aid promoted by both Hollywood celebrities and policy makers, Moyo offers a bold new road map for financing development of the world's poorest countries that guarantees economic growth and a significant decline in poverty—without reliance on foreign aid or aid-related assistance. *Dead Aid* is an unsettling yet optimistic work, a powerful challenge to the assumptions and arguments that support a profoundly misguided development policy in Africa. And it is a clarion call to a new, more hopeful vision of how to address the desperate poverty that plagues millions.

Just Law Harper Collins

Air bags cause accidents, because well-protected drivers take more risks. This well-documented truth comes as a surprise to most people, but not to economists, who have learned to take seriously the proposition that people respond to incentives. In *The Armchair Economist*, Steven E. Landsburg shows how the laws of economics reveal themselves in everyday experience and illuminate the entire range of human behavior. Why does popcorn cost so much at the cinema? The 'obvious' answer is that the owner has a monopoly, but if that were the whole story, there would also be a monopoly price to use the toilet. When a sudden frost destroys much of the Florida orange crop and prices skyrocket, journalists point to the 'obvious' exercise of monopoly power. Economists see just the opposite: If growers had monopoly power, they'd have raised prices before the frost. Why don't concert promoters raise ticket prices even when they are sure they will sell out months in advance? Why are some goods sold at auction and others at pre-announced prices? Why do boxes at the football sell out before the standard seats do? Why are bank buildings fancier than supermarkets? Why do corporations confer huge pensions on failed executives? Why don't firms require workers to buy their jobs? Landsburg explains why the obvious answers are wrong, reveals better answers, and illuminates the fundamental laws of human behavior along the way. This is a book of surprises: a guided tour of the familiar, filtered through a decidedly unfamiliar lens. This is economics for the sheer intellectual joy of it.

Book Review: Freakonomics by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner Cambridge University Press

As a boy, Stephen J. Dubner's hero was Franco Harris, the famed and mysterious running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers. When Dubner's father died, he became obsessed—he dreamed of his hero every night; he signed his school papers "Franco Dubner." Though they never met, it was Franco Harris who shepherded Dubner through a fatherless boyhood. Years later, Dubner journeys to meet his hero, certain that Harris will embrace him. And he is . . . well, wrong. Told with the grit of a journalist and the grace of a memoirist, *Confessions of a Hero-Worshiper* is a breathtaking, heartbreaking, and often humorous story of astonishing developments. It is also a sparkling meditation on the nature of hero worship—which, like religion and love, tells us as much about ourselves as about the object of our desire.

Freakonomics Farrar, Straus and Giroux

"The newbie investor will not find a better guide to personal finance." —Burton Malkiel, author of *A RANDOM WALK DOWN WALL STREET* TV analysts and money managers would have you believe your finances are enormously complicated, and if you don't follow their guidance, you'll end up in the

poorhouse. They're wrong. When University of Chicago professor Harold Pollack interviewed Helaine Olen, an award-winning financial journalist and the author of the bestselling *Pound Foolish*, he made an offhand suggestion: everything you need to know about managing your money could fit on an index card. To prove his point, he grabbed a 4" x 6" card, scribbled down a list of rules, and posted a picture of the card online. The post went viral. Now, Pollack teams up with Olen to explain why the ten simple rules of the index card outperform more complicated financial strategies. Inside is an easy-to-follow action plan that works in good times and bad, giving you the tools, knowledge, and confidence to seize control of your financial life.

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Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything (2005) details the unexpected ways that moral, social, and economic incentives influence social outcomes. Incentives are factors that influence the choices an individual or group makes; a driver is incentivized to keep the speed limit, for example, by the desire to avoid getting a speeding ticket... Purchase this in-depth summary to learn more.

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A New York Times bestseller • A New York Times Notable Book "The tale of how Konnikova followed a story about poker players and wound up becoming a story herself will have you riveted, first as you learn about her big winnings, and then as she conveys the lessons she learned both about human nature and herself." —The Washington Post It's true that Maria Konnikova had never actually played poker before and didn't even know the rules when she approached Erik Seidel, Poker Hall of Fame inductee and winner of tens of millions of dollars in earnings, and convinced him to be her mentor. But she knew her man: a famously thoughtful and broad-minded player, he was intrigued by her pitch that she wasn't interested in making money so much as learning about life. She had faced a stretch of personal bad luck, and her reflections on the role of chance had led her to a giant of game theory, who pointed her to poker as the ultimate master class in learning to distinguish between what can be controlled and what can't. And she certainly brought something to the table, including a Ph.D. in psychology and an acclaimed and growing body of work on human behavior and how to hack it. So Seidel was in, and soon she was down the rabbit hole with him, into the wild, fiercely competitive, overwhelmingly masculine world of high-stakes Texas Hold'em, their initial end point the following year's World Series of Poker. But then something extraordinary happened. Under Seidel's guidance, Konnikova did have many epiphanies about life that derived from her new pursuit, including how to better read, not just her opponents but far more importantly herself; how to identify what tilted her into an emotional state that got in the way of good decisions; and how to get to a place where she could accept luck for what it was, and what it wasn't. But she also began to win. And win. In a little over a year, she began making earnest money from tournaments, ultimately totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars. She won a major title, got a sponsor, and got used to being on television, and to headlines like "How one writer's book deal turned her into a professional poker player." She even learned to like Las Vegas. But in the end, Maria Konnikova is a writer and student of human behavior, and ultimately the point was to render her incredible journey into a container for its invaluable lessons. The biggest bluff of all, she learned, is that skill is enough. Bad cards will come our way, but keeping our focus on how we play them and not on the outcome will keep us moving through many a dark patch, until the luck once again breaks our way.

[Freakonomics Intl](#) Edward Elgar Publishing

Explore the power of the underdog in Malcolm Gladwell's dazzling examination of success, motivation, and the role of adversity in shaping our lives, from the bestselling author of *The Bomber Mafia*. Three thousand years ago on a battlefield in ancient Palestine, a shepherd boy felled a mighty warrior with nothing more than a stone and a sling, and ever since then the names of David and Goliath have stood for battles between underdogs and giants. David's victory was improbable and miraculous. He shouldn't have won. Or should he have? In *David and Goliath*, Malcolm Gladwell challenges how we think about obstacles and disadvantages, offering a new interpretation of what it means to be discriminated against, or cope with a disability, or lose a parent, or attend a mediocre school, or suffer from any number of other apparent setbacks. Gladwell begins with the real story of what happened between the giant and the shepherd boy those many years ago. From there, David and Goliath examines Northern Ireland's Troubles, the minds of cancer researchers and civil rights leaders, murder and the high costs of revenge, and the dynamics of successful and unsuccessful classrooms—all to demonstrate how much of what is beautiful and important in the world arises from what looks like suffering and adversity. In the tradition of Gladwell's previous bestsellers—*The Tipping Point*, *Blink*, *Outliers* and *What the Dog Saw*—David and Goliath draws upon history, psychology, and powerful storytelling to reshape the way we think of the world around us.

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