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In the mid-1990s, at the height of academic discussion about the inevitability of capitalist globalization, J. K. Gibson-Graham presented a groundbreaking and controversial argument for envisioning alternative economies. This new edition includes an introduction in which the authors address critical responses to *The End of Capitalism* and outline the economic research and activism they have been engaged in since the book was first published.

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Monster says

Referred to by a professor as "a space clearing gesture," this book was made palatable by its sequel, A Postcapitalist Politics. If you need to work your way out of the psychic oppression of capitalist hegemony, start with this book. Otherwise, skip to A Postcapitalist Politics.

stephen says

it's hard to give these little star ratings to a book like this, which is at once interesting and important and irritating and less or other than you might imagine. on the one hand, it is interesting to see how one might go about dissolving the sense of monolithic-ness to large-scale processes like "capitalism" or "the econmoy" without recourse to a coherent notion of the social imaginary. on the other hand, most of the work that authors do could ahve been done in a simpler deeper way. and of course there's the added treat of constantly kicking myself as i read: i could have done this if only if only...so that said: this is a provocative, useful, irritating, curious dated book. it deserves as closer, more careful critical assessment than i'll give it here. it deserves many such assessments, and so should be read if new forms of oppositional politics are of interest to you.

Heather Thomas says

Beautifully written and engaging. This is an excellent read for anyone interested in issues pertaining to capitalism and alternative economic systems.

Andrew Nolan says

Possibly one of the most lacking analyses of class I hope I'll read this decade.

In their attempt to de-essentialize class the authors merely demonstrate their own class essentialism. I'm not sure if any analysis would consider a commercial landlord to being a part of the working class (see ham-fisted case study on page 59), truck driving, wild-pig shooting, nationalist party voting, demure Asian wife having aspects aside.

I'm also somewhat amazed that in their attempt to de-centre and broaden class the authors didn't look at Bourdieu, who did this work decades before and with much more theoretical rigour.

I think the only geographers with that have class as a cornerstone of their work that I enjoy are probably Harvey and Soja.

Menser says

overall this book is brilliant and to this day, still ahead of its time.

the intro, ch1, and chapter 11 really lay out the project nicely. this should be mandatory reading for anybody interested in radical (i.e. anti-neoliberal-colonial, feminist participatory democratic anticapitalist/postcapitalist egalitarian/postegalitarian horizontalist kick ass politics--not much) politics.

now i really did not expect much from grad school, but come on, how did i not have to i read this? woulda saved me a lot of incoherence if i read it when it came out in the late 90s.

(more soon)

Kayla Hartman says

Really helpful for those looking to understand the effects of the rhetoric of capitalism. Since I've read it, I've seen the unnecessary essentializing all over the place, and the way it affects anyone critical living "under capitalism" (a term gibson-graham no doubt hate)

Don't get me wrong. This book has its pitfalls and I find it out of touch with what anti-capitalist activists and organizers on the ground actually do, but so do most academic marxists.

But don't read this without reading Marx, it will not be of use.

Grace says

garbage

Ryan says

Just arrived in the mail. I can't wait!!!