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An analysis of how Britain's economic, social and political arrangements have become out of date. The book also gives ideas of how these arrangements can be modernized.

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Richard Thomas says

This is in a continuum of Will Hutton's thinking on the political and economic position of the UK. For me he has been and is more right on most things than most of his contemporaries; sadly most of what he has advocated has been ignored to the detriment of the country.

Iain Hamill says

Short-termism is bad, in economics and politics, for charity and society at large. However, inevitable under the current system.

Interesting book, the concepts of which I plan to return to.

Chris says

Still sadly relevant and a book I should have read the 15+ years ago I bought it. My loss. With Margaret Thatcher's passing yesterday this is a good time to reflect on this book and the changes in the UK since. The situation described in the book has worsened and the prescription contained all the more necessary. As I write, Britain is in the grip of a triple-dip recession with little light at the end of a long, dark tunnel and likely more to follow. The austerity budget of the coalition government has failed and will continue to afflict those least able to defend themselves. More broadly, austerity has failed in continental Europe as well. We can't say we weren't warned.

Kevin Hutchinson says

You could get depressed!

Daniel says

An excellent book, which was incredibly insightful. It's shocking the amount of similarities we still see today throughout our socio-economic policies. Plus it's given me a much better understanding on why Margaret Thatcher divides opinion to such a great extent.

The only reason I rated this 3 stars was simply because I did not understand a good proportion of it! That is of course my fault, and it takes very little away from what is a fascinating book.

Drew Pyke says

I can see from the reviews this book is decisive depending what side of the political fence you are. Nevertheless it reads very well with a single thread that each chapter converse with which is the failure of short termist economic policy, citing Japanese Nenko and Germany Corporatist model as logical alternatives. Of course this is all before the economic crisis of 2008
