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Timothy A. Kohler 2018-04-17 "Field-defining research that will set the standard for understanding inequality in archaeological contexts." —Provided by publisher.

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Jean-Jacques Rousseau 2016-04-26 A fascinating examination of the relationship between civilization and inequality from one of history's greatest minds. The first man to erect a fence around a piece of land and declare it his own founded civil society—and doomed mankind to war and famine. The dawn of civilization, Rousseau argues, changed the social landscape forever. While most thinkers of the Enlightenment, Rousseau based his work in compassion for his fellow man. The great crime of despotism, he believed, was the raising of the cruel above the weak. In this landmark text, he spells out the antidote for man's ills: a compassionate revolution to pull up the fences and restore the balance of mankind. This ebook has been professionally proofread to ensure accuracy and readability on all devices.

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Jean-Jacques Rousseau 2014-03-25 Rousseau first exposes in Discourse on the Origin of Inequality his conception of a human social nature, presented as a philosophical fiction and a historical perfection, an early idea of progress. He then explains the way, according to him, people may have established a civil society, which leads him to present private property as the original source and basis of all inequality. Rousseau's solution for this problem is, as the title suggests, a "compassionate revolution" to pull up the fences and restore the balance of mankind. The ebook has been professionally proofread to ensure accuracy and readability on all devices.

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Ben Phillips 2020-09-29 Inequality is the crisis of our time. The growing gap between a few at the top and the rest of society damages us all. No longer able to deny the ability of every government in the world is now pledged to fix it—and yet it keeps on getting worse. In this book, international anti-inequality campaigner Ben Phillips shows why winning the debate is not one of the issues, but what we have to think about in the real-life heroes of successful movements, he shows how the battle against inequality has been won, and he shares a practical plan for defeating inequality again. He sets out a map for how to overcome the deficit, build our collective power, and create a new story. Most books on inequality are about what other people ought to do about it—this book is about why winning the fight needs you. Tired of feeling helpless in the face of spiraling inequality? Want to know what you can do about it? This is the book for you.

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Paul O'Brien 2020-11-27 Is it actually possible...?...that we might emerge from this pandemic with a peaceful global power shift from those who have too much to those who don't have enough? With billionaires able to decide the fate of nations, private corporations more powerful and less accountable than ever, and political autocratic institutions in charge, the future looks bleak. Most books on inequality are about what other people ought to do about it—this book is about why winning the fight needs you. Tired of feeling helpless in the face of spiraling inequality? Want to know what you can do about it? This is the book for you.

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Debbie J. Jinemo 2017-09-01 Inequality, like other social and economic problems, is constantly being remade by political, legal, and cultural changes. The political, legal, and cultural changes that made inequality worse in the past may be the very changes that make inequality easier to address today. This book argues that inequality is not just about numbers, but is also about lived, historical, and political realities. The political, legal, and cultural changes that made inequality worse in the past may be the very changes that make inequality easier to address today. This book argues that inequality is not just about numbers, but is also about lived, historical, and political realities. The political, legal, and cultural changes that made inequality worse in the past may be the very changes that make inequality easier to address today. This book argues that inequality is not just about numbers, but is also about lived, historical, and political realities. The political, legal, and cultural changes that made inequality worse in the past may be the very changes that make inequality easier to address today.

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Joseph Stiglitz 2013-07-01 The social impact of inequality is now increasingly understood - higher crime, health problems and mental illness, lower educational attainment, and an inability to compete globally. This book explores the causes of inequality, why it is getting so rapidly and what it is in economic and political impacts? In this exceptional book, Joseph Stiglitz gives the answers. He shows how, left to their own devices, markets are inefficient, unfair and tend to accumulate money in the hands of the few rather than engender competition, producing slower growth and lower GDP. He also demonstrates how policies,
far from countering these trends, often enhance them. Arguing that “another world is possible,” The Price of Inequality provides a powerful, vital critique of free-market ideology. It exposes the assumptions that have driven the recent economic crisis, exposes the ideas that have sustained inequality for the past millennium, reveals why the shallow politics of right and left are failing us today, and outlines the structure of an economy that is fairer and more productive—here and now. Confidence in the social contract and governance structures that guide the delivery of services and are instrumental for implementing necessary reforms to make labor markets more dynamic and equitable.

Uneven By Design-Wayne Ayse 2010-04-26 Uneven By Design critically examines high stakes standardized testing in order to illustrate what really is at stake for students, teachers, and communities negatively affected by such testing. This thoughtfully analyzed traces standardized testing’s origins in the Eugenics and Social Fitness movements of the late 19th and early 20th century through its current use as the central tool for national educational reform via No Child Left Behind. By exploring the science of testing, the author Wayne Ayse identifies how these tests are not only premised on the creation of inequality, but that their structures are inextricably intertwined with societal inequalities that exist outside of schools.

Climate Change and Social Inequality-Merrill Singer 2018-09-03 The year 2016 was the hottest year on record and the third consecutive record-breaking year in the past three decades. The year 2017 was the second hottest year on record. Of the seventeen hottest years on record, sixteen have occurred since 2001, indicating that the trend in climate change is toward an ever warmer Earth. However, climate change does not occur in a social vacuum; it reflects relations between social structures and the ways in which we think about and engage with the environment and each other. By exploring the science of testing, the author Wayne Ayse identifies how these tests are not only premised on the creation of inequality, but that their structures are inextricably intertwined with societal inequalities that exist outside of schools.

The Political Origins of Inequality-Simon-Henry 2015-12-23 Examining the historical experiences of different countries, a thought-provoking volume, taking a global perspective to explain inequality, the defining issue of our time. This book reveals how key historical events and their impacts have shaped inequality, from ancient times to the present. The book argues that inequality is not just the result of economic changes, but is also shaped by political decisions and social norms. It offers new insights into the origins of inequality and provides a framework for understanding how it has evolved over time. The book is an important contribution to the debate on the causes of inequality and provides a valuable resource for students, scholars, and policymakers.

Judging Inequality-James L. Gibson 2021-08-31 Social scientists have convincingly documented soaring levels of political, legal, economic, and social inequality in the United States in recent decades. In their wisdom is a much broader, more compelling view of democratic life and community than we have today, and with this book, Thompson eloquently and adamantly fights to recover this crucial strand of political thought. In this impenetrable book, Michael Thomson takes a deep dive into the history and current state of America's courts and the role they play in shaping the country's political and social landscape. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the inner workings of America's legal system and how it impacts our democratic institutions.

Globalization, Economic Development and Inequality-Erik S. Reinert 2007-01-01 “Members of the anti-globalization movement will find the explanations given in this book insightful, as will employees of international organizations due to the important policy messages. The theoretical interest within the book will appeal to economists, political scientists, and policymakers, who will find the explanations of the present failure of many small nations in the perspective invaluable.”--BOOK JACKET.

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The Origins of the Urban Crisis
Thomas J. Sugrue 2014-04-27
The reason behind Detroit’s persistent racialized poverty after World War II once America’s “arsenal of democracy.” Detroit is now the symbol of the American urban crisis. In this reappraisal of America’s racial and economic inequalities, Thomas Sugrue asks why Detroit and other industrial cities have become the sites of persistent racialized poverty. He challenges the conventional wisdom that urban decline is the product of the social programs and social forces of the 1960s. Weaving together the history of workplaces, unions, civil rights groups, political organizations, and real estate agencies, Sugrue finds the roots of today’s urban poverty in a hidden history of racial violence, discrimination, and deindustrialization that reshaped the American urban landscape after World War II. This Princeton Classics edition includes a new preface by Sugrue, discussing the lasting impact of the postwar transformation on urban America and the chronic issues leading to Detroit’s bankruptcy.

Paths of Inequality in Brazil
Marta Arreche 2018-07-04
This book presents multidisciplinary analyses of the historical trajectories of social and economic inequalities in Brazil over the last 50 years. As one of the most unequal countries in the world, Brazil has always been an important case study for scholars interested in inequality research, but in the last few decades it has brought a new phenomenon to renew researchers’ interest in the country. While the majority of democracies in the developed world have witnessed an increase in income inequality from the 1970s on, Brazil has followed the opposite path, registering a significant reduction of income inequality over the last 30 years. Bringing together studies carried out by experts from different areas, such as economists, sociologists, demographers and political scientists, this volume presents insights based on rigorous analyses of statistical data in an effort to explain the long term changes in social and economic inequalities in Brazil. The book adopts a multidisciplinary approach, analyzing the relations between income inequality and different dimensions of social life, such as education, health, political participation, public policies, demographics and labor market. All of this makes Paths of Inequality in Brazil - A Half-Century of Change a very valuable resource for social scientists interested in inequality research in general, and especially for sociologists, political scientists and economists interested in the social and economic changes that Brazil went through over the last two decades.

Capital in the Twenty-First Century
Thomas Piketty 2017-08-14
The main driver of inequality—returns on capital that exceed the rate of economic growth—is again threatening to generate extreme discontent and undermine democratic values. Thomas Piketty’s findings in this ambitious, original, rigorous work will transform the debate and set the agenda for the next generation of thought about wealth and inequality.

The Age of Dualization
Patrick Emmenegger 2012-01-17
Poverty, increased inequality, and social exclusion are back on the political agenda in Western Europe, not only as a consequence of the Great Recession of 2008, but also because of a seemingly structural trend towards increased inequality in advanced industrial societies that has persisted since the 1970s. How can we explain this increase in inequalities? Policies in labor markets, social policy, and political representation are strongly linked in this creation, widening, and deepening of insider-outside divides—a process known as dualization. While it is certainly not the only driver of increasing inequality, the encompassing nature of its development across multiple domains makes dualization one of the most important current trends affecting developed societies. However, the extent and forms of dualization vary greatly across countries. The comparative perspective of this book provides insights into why Nordic countries witness lower levels of insider-outside divides, whereas in continental, liberal and southern welfare states, they are more likely to constitute a core characteristic of the political economy. Most importantly, the comparisons presented in this book point to the crucial importance of politics and political choice in shaping the distributive consequences of these labor market changes. Insider-outside divides are not a straightforward consequence of deindustrialization, but rather the result of political choice. A landmark publication, this volume is geared for faculty and graduate students of economics, political science, social policy, and sociology, as well as policymakers concerned with increasing inequality in a period of deep economic and social crisis.

The Problem of Social Inequality
Scott G. McNall 2015-12-07
Within and among nations, rising levels of social inequality threaten our collective future. Currently, upwards of 80% of people’s life chances are determined by factors over which they have absolutely no control. Social inequality threatens the democratic project because it destroys the trust on which governments depend, and it gives rise to corrupt political and economic institutions. How can we get out of the traps we have created for ourselves? We need to reboot capitalism. Drawing on diverse examples from a range of countries, McNall explains the social, economic, and ecological traps we have set for ourselves and develops a set of rules of resilience that are necessary conditions for the creation and maintenance of democratic societies, and a set of rules essential for creating a sustainable future.

Redlining Culture
Richard Jean So 2020-12-15
The canon of postwar American fiction has changed over the past few decades to include far more writers of color. It would appear that we are making progress—recovering marginalized voices and including those who were for far too long ignored. However, is this celebratory narrative borne out in the data? Richard Jean So draws on big data, literary history, and close readings to offer an unprecedented analysis of racial inequality in American publishing that reveals the persistence of an extreme bias toward white authors. In fact, a defining feature of the publishing industry is its vast whiteness, which has denied worthwhile authors, especially black writers, the coveted resources of publishing, reviews, prizes, and sales, with profound effects on the language, form, and content of the postwar novel. Rather than seeing the postwar period as the era of multiculturalism, So argues that we should understand it as the invention of a new form of racial inequality—one that continues to shape the arts and literature today. Interweaving data analysis of large-scale patterns with a consideration of Toni Morrison’s career as an editor at Random House and readings of individual works by Octavia Butler, Henry Dumas, Amy Tan, and others, So develops a form of criticism that brings together qualitative and quantitative approaches to the study of literature. A vital and provocative work for American literary studies, critical race studies, and the digital humanities, Redlining Culture shows the importance of data and computational methods for understanding and challenging racial inequality.

Political Inequality in an Age of Democracy
Joshua Kverndal Dubrow 2014-07-11
The world has witnessed the creation of new democracies and the maturing of old ones. Yet, everywhere there is democracy, there is also political inequality. Voices of everyday folk struggle to be heard; often, they keep silent. Governments respond mostly to the influential and the already privileged. Our age of democracy, then, is the old age of inequality. This book builds on U.S. scholarship on the topic of political inequality to understand its forms, causes and consequences around the world. Comprised of nine theoretical, methodological and empirical chapters, this path-creating edited collection contains original works by both established and young, up-and-coming social scientists, including those from Latin America, Eastern Europe, Greece and the U.S. Political Inequality in an Age of Democracy addresses the present and future of the concept of political inequality from multi-disciplinary and cross-national perspectives.