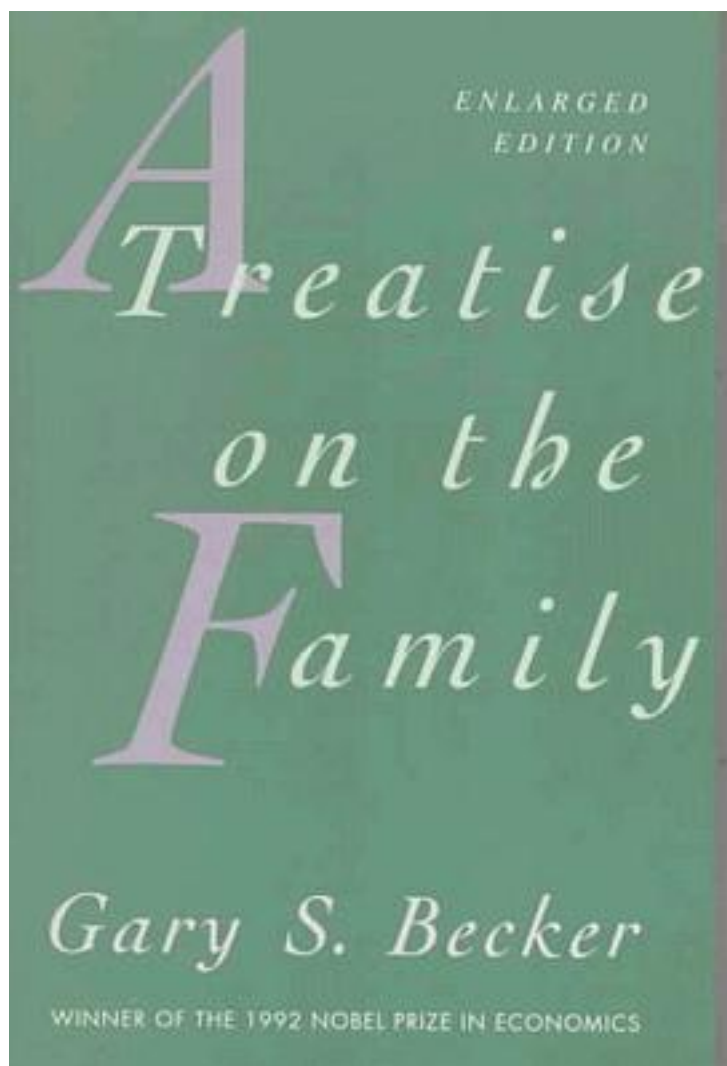


# A Treatise on the Family



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Imagine each family as a kind of little factory--a multiperson unit producing meals, health, skills, children, and self-esteem from market goods and the time, skills, and knowledge of its members. This is only one of the remarkable concepts explored by Gary Becker in his landmark work on the family. Becker applies economic theory to the most sensitive and fateful personal decisions, such as choosing a spouse or having children. He uses the basic economic assumptions of maximizing behavior, stable preferences, and equilibria in explicit or implicit markets to analyze the allocation of time to child care as well as to careers, to marriage and divorce in polygynous as well as monogamous societies, to the increase and decrease of wealth from one generation to another. The consideration of the family from this perspective has profound theoretical and practical implications. For example, Becker's analysis of assortative mating can be used to study matching processes generally. Becker extends the powerful tools of economic analysis to problems once considered the province of the sociologist, the anthropologist, and the historian. The obligation of these scholars to take account of his work thus constitutes an important step in the unification of the social sciences. "A Treatise on the Family" will have an impact on public policy as well. Becker shows that social welfare programs have significant effects on the allocation of resources within families. For example, social security taxes tend to reduce the amount of resources children give to their aged parents. The implications of these findings are obvious and far-reaching. With the publication of this extraordinary book, the family moves to the forefront of the research agenda in the social sciences.

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## 评论

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可是爱情婚姻家庭这么不科学的东西，谁又能给出remedy

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Indeed controversial.

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Becker的经典之作，但是不好读。挣扎在懂与不懂之间。

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A quite technical book, which is not a suitable, gentle introduction to this topic. I recommend it on the merit of Becker's clarity. A recent survey book would be "Economics of the Family" by Browning, Chiappori, Weiss (grad level book).

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insightful and old-fashioned

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就这么点事能写这么厚一本书。经常看到这种非常有道理但又非常self-evident的话 “divorce is more attractive when the gain from marriage is reduced”

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刚从正在进行堕胎公投的爱尔兰回来就看到讲Irish family patterns的部分。整本书很数学，有些论点值得深思，总的来说理论大于实践

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## 书评

加里贝克尔于上世纪90年代，因其对人们“以交换为基础的行为”的理论在1992年获得诺贝尔经济学奖。

他率先将经济学理论中非常经典的市场理论引入婚姻研究——婚姻交换理论

假设大多数的婚姻中是由个人或其父母来决定是否要结婚，假定有一个婚姻市场，在这个市场中，单身的人通...

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