

# Good Economics for Hard Times



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Two prize-winning economists show how economics, when done right, can help us solve the thorniest social and political problems of our day.

Figuring out how to deal with today's critical economic problems is perhaps the great challenge of our time. Much greater than space travel or perhaps even the next revolutionary medical breakthrough, what is at stake is the whole idea of the good life as we have known it.

Immigration and inequality, globalization and technological disruption, slowing growth and accelerating climate change--these are sources of great anxiety across the world, from New Delhi and Dakar to Paris and Washington, DC. The resources to address these challenges are there--what we lack are ideas that will help us jump the wall of disagreement and distrust that divides us. If we succeed, history will remember our era with gratitude; if we fail, the potential losses are incalculable.

In this revolutionary book, renowned MIT economists Abhijit V. Banerjee and Esther Duflo take on this challenge, building on cutting-edge research in economics explained with lucidity and grace. Original, provocative, and urgent, *Good Economics for Hard Times* makes a persuasive case for an intelligent interventionism and a society built on compassion and respect. It is an extraordinary achievement, one that shines a light to help us appreciate and understand our precariously balanced world.

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## 评论

引进的时候恐怕要删掉几句说great leap forward 的

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Insightful discussions but suggestions appear to be quite disorganized and unclear at times

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看完另一本poor economics再写两本的书评。

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两位非常喜欢的经济学家的作品！详细分析了近年来的几个国际社会热点问题，包括移民、国际贸易、经济增长、环境保护、失业、转移支付，每个问题下都写了很多经济学界的经典研究和前沿尝试，很强调policy

implication。在对专业学识信仰信任缺失以及学科体系高度发达的时候，经济学研究容易剑走偏锋，作者用这本书完成了多个层面的“科普”。虽然目标群体多是非经济学者，但读来仍受益匪浅。

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很一般的科普

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nice overview of some recent academic results on pressing topics. it actually shows the breadth of knowledge of Banerjee & Duflo.

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Brilliant, they really deserve the prize

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终于听完了！引用好多文献，感觉作者写论文的时候看完文献做写笔记就写了这本书吼。大部分理论和实证都很新，不过稍微有些凌乱，面面俱到；目前看来就是为新自由主义辩护！；原来hard times指的就是现在！

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涉及到了很多重要的话题并提供了多个角度的解读，中间还穿插了许多作者及其好友经济学家的轶事，很有意思。

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主题更贴近于时下的政治热点，跟poor economics比起来逊色了一些，但是社会政策的设计还是有一定启发。

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A must-read book which is quite special and meaningful even more so in this world full of chaos and quarrels. Though some parts related to social welfare need further experiments to substantiate, it does share lots of insightful thoughts.

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只读了前三章，还是想去看小说书了，非虚构类读完需要耐心呀。写的挺不错，非常真诚，条理清晰，阐述全面又详细，再配一些图表，就感觉像在看文献了。

写的非常坦诚和深入

很扎实的分析，写法和《贫穷的本质》一样，有很多案例和分析，会改变常规的一些认知，比如作者对移民就业的分析，其实也可以和我们的城市外来人工问题做个对比；话题虽然都很宏大，可是从真实世界来分析，就不显得与我们无关了

Economy is sticky, and giving people cash is not as effective as helping them to find value and dignity through works

真的好看。每个章节都是这两年的学习和工作中常常让我日思夜想深有个人体会的问题，全球化中的劳动力和贸易以及科技进步对于经济发展及分配等。作者以经济学研究成果为背景，但更多是表达了对社会政策的反思，尤其是基于经济学框架的政策在现实中不起作用的情形。文风真的是学者能做到的最清楚明白又风趣易读得了。以及作者真的很讨厌川普，哈哈。Kramerbooks真的是我从小到大力范围内最intellectually satisfying又接地气的书店，包罗万象又前沿精品。

跟《贫穷的本质》一样，非常务实的一本书，也容易让人大开眼界，从政策和实例的角度解剖世界上各种各样的经济问题。非常推荐！

书上最后写到：“我们对坏的想法能做的唯一办法是保持警惕，抵制那些“明显”的诱惑，对可能出现的奇迹持怀疑态度，对证据提出质疑，对我们所知道和所知道的事情持复杂和诚实的态度。

没有警惕，那些对多方面存在问题的讨论就变成口号和讽刺漫画，政策分析则被庸俗的补救措施所取代。”这句话，也试用于网络世界，特别是自媒体发的文章…

用随机对比实验研究移民、贸易、经济增长、气候变化，以及贫富差距问题

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There are too much about the Economy that we don' t know, while there' re still a lot we can do to make the world we co-inhabit a better place. Several generations of economists have devoted their careers to the field of Growth Economics, from Solow to Rome...

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