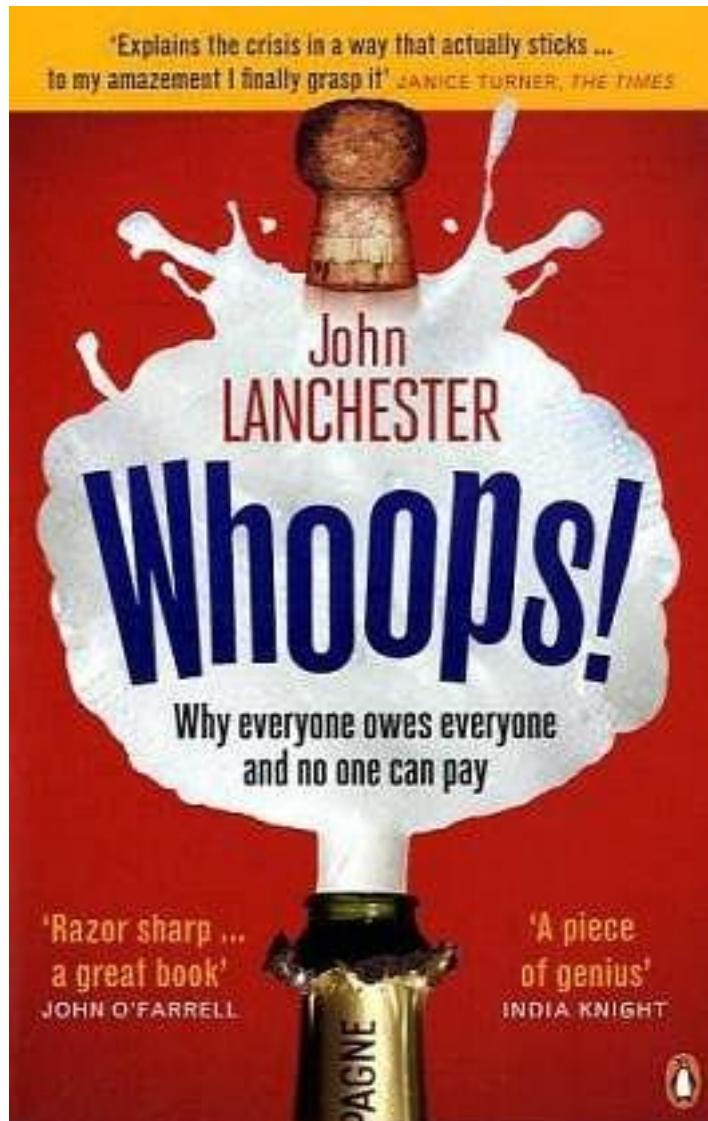


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There's probably a word in German for that feeling you get when you can understand something while it's being explained to you, but lose hold of the explanation as soon as it stops. A lot of writing about the credit crunch has that effect: you can grasp it while it's going on, and then as soon as it's over, you can no longer remember the difference between a CDO, a CDS, an MBS, and a toasted cheese sandwich. "Whoops!" makes it possible for all of us to grasp how we found ourselves in this predicament. What went wrong? In 2000, the total GDP of Earth was \$36 trillion. At the start of 2007 it was \$70 trillion. Today that growth has gone suddenly and sharply into decline, with an effect roughly resembling that of putting a car into reverse while doing seventy down a motorway. John Lanchester travels with a cast of characters - including reckless banksters, snoozing regulators, complacent politicians, predatory lenders, credit-drunk spendthrifts, and innocent bystanders to understand deeply and genuinely what is happening and why we feel the way we do.

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A good read, especially for those who want a plain-English and vivid account of what caused the 2007-9 financial crisis. However, not all the arguments are sound and solid.

在金融领域或者宏观经济方面的书，美国的比英国的多好多好多，可是有了对比才知道，美国的，即使是克鲁格曼这样的，都很机械，而英国的，在人文方面的考量就会明显有深度一些。资本主义的进步，或者生活在资本主义国家的普通人的福祉，其实就是在共产主义的“恐怖”下提高的，而共产主义的倒塌，也就是平民福祉裹足不前的时候了。看看各个国家的两大政党，即使偏左的，在程度上也远远不如共产主义，那么如何指望贫富差距不越来越大？

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