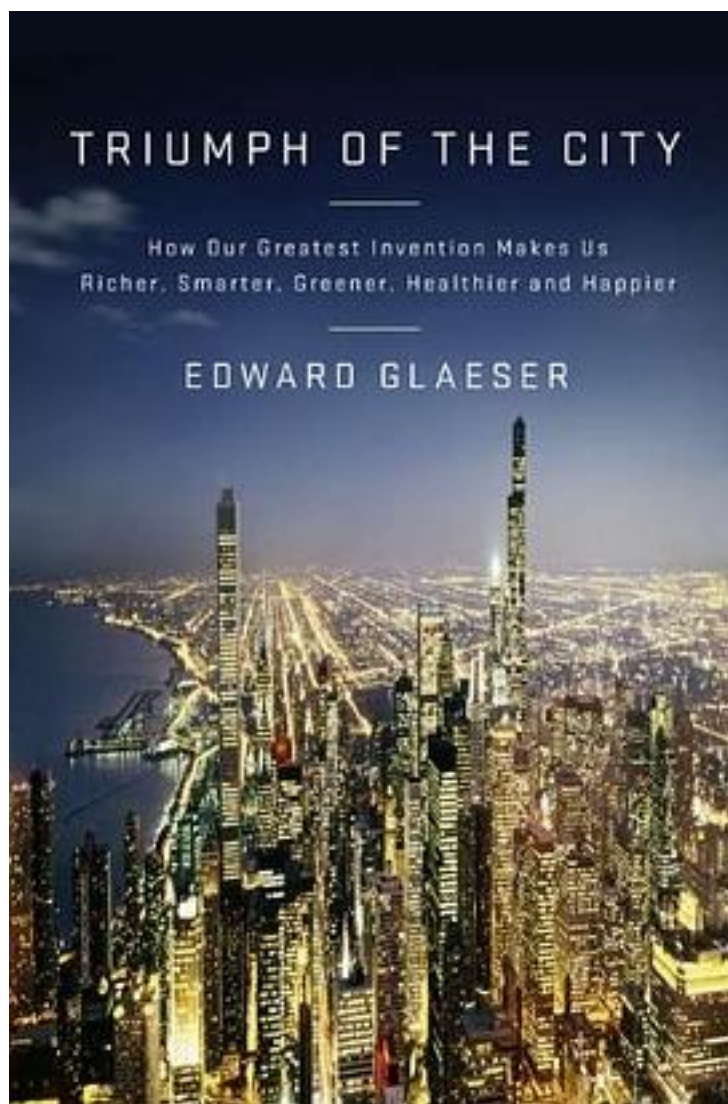


Triumph of the City



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A pioneering urban economist offers fascinating, even inspiring proof that the city is humanity's greatest invention and our best hope for the future.

America is an urban nation. More than two thirds of us live on the 3 percent of land that contains our cities. Yet cities get a bad rap: they're dirty, poor, unhealthy, crime ridden, expensive, environmentally unfriendly... Or are they?

As Edward Glaeser proves in this myth-shattering book, cities are actually the healthiest, greenest, and richest (in cultural and economic terms) places to live. New Yorkers, for instance, live longer than other Americans; heart disease and cancer rates are lower in Gotham than in the nation as a whole. More than half of America's income is earned in twenty-two metropolitan areas. And city dwellers use, on average, 40 percent less energy than suburbanites.

Glaeser travels through history and around the globe to reveal the hidden workings of cities and how they bring out the best in humankind. Even the worst cities-Kinshasa, Kolkata, Lagos- confer surprising benefits on the people who flock to them, including better health and more jobs than the rural areas that surround them. Glaeser visits Bangalore and Silicon Valley, whose strangely similar histories prove how essential education is to urban success and how new technology actually encourages people to gather together physically. He discovers why Detroit is dying while other old industrial cities-Chicago, Boston, New York-thrive. He investigates why a new house costs 350 percent more in Los Angeles than in Houston, even though building costs are only 25 percent higher in L.A. He pinpoints the single factor that most influences urban growth-January temperatures-and explains how certain chilly cities manage to defy that link. He explains how West Coast environmentalists have harmed the environment, and how struggling cities from Youngstown to New Orleans can "shrink to greatness." And he exposes the dangerous anti-urban political bias that is harming both cities and the entire country.

Using intrepid reportage, keen analysis, and eloquent argument, Glaeser makes an impassioned case for the city's import and splendor. He reminds us forcefully why we should nurture our cities or suffer consequences that will hurt us all, no matter where we live.

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## 评论

nothing new really...

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還可以，有幾篇的筆調還是非常美的，但是關於內容總覺得有對標題很期待，卻沒看到的東西。

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读了此书中的两章，主要讲贫民窟的正面和重要作用：贫民窟在群体从农村到城市转移的过程中往往是重要的环节，但它的存在并不代表着贫困的持续，相反，这个环节给绝对贫困的农村人口提供了获取城市资源的空间。

为什么要反对城市蔓延

Better city, better life

适合碎片化阅读。Center on people rather than places

观点就那么多，可能一本杂志文章更适合吧

梳理了城市作为人类发展的结果和原因的种种。诸如城市更环保，高楼大厦更有利于交通等等理念颇具思辨性。为什么城市通常比乡村更成功，有些城市为什么更成功，不同城市的发展前景等探讨的问题值得玩味。

An interesting reads for anyone interested in cities- why city is the future, why some cities succeed and others decline, why some polices are wrong, with examples with history and international comparisons.

打破人们对城市的偏见，提出未来城市发展之道。

很多观点非常有意思。

说不好给满分是不是有身为城市人的偏见在。在这个想法和竞争创造财富的时代，城市就是经济增长的最佳温床。当然前提是大家都endorse新教伦理观类似的意识形态。很多地方写得有史诗感。唯一不足是作为全家人生赢家的作者，pro城市的自我意识太明

显，以及对中国城市经济发展刻画得并不是那么回事。没事，整体的想法还是很棒并且Chicago school的传承和中和也很喜欢啊

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读起来相当舒服的一本书。清晰易懂。不过很奇怪经济学的书不用在正文里面引用，全放在书最后了。另外，更想住在Boston了。

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还行，有些观点还是不错的

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Urban  
Econ精选，从头到尾充都能看到Glaeser/Kahn等对于扎堆比分散好的思想，当然最终要的主旨还是“城市归根结底是人的城市”。就是想着Manhattan  
Institute连面试都不给一个就是气。。。

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这书真的一般。掉书袋，太简化问题，是我讨厌的部分。而且，看全是字的书真的快把我逼疯了。

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喜欢 这学期各种reading里面就比较喜欢这个还有orhan pamuk那本

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推荐，好书。

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是本好书，不过我读的太晚很多道理都懂了。

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书评

一本論述城市發展的書，或說是鼓吹城市擴大發展的論述。其內容核心價值其實是節能環保

~【若你熱愛自然，就離自然遠一點】，其次是城市較有利於知識密集而能激發創意，帶來發展。

這本書讓我想起去年有一本【落腳城市】的書，其藉由描述世界各大都市貧民區的故事，來推論貧民...

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当下，全球有一半的人生活在城市之中。在发展中国家，每个月有5百万人从乡下移民到城市之中。作者认为，城市是人类最伟大的发明。cities “our species’ greatest invention”。作者罗列了城市的好处：在城市聚集的影响下，聪明的人互相触碰；专业...

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这本书的标题，以及其英文副标题"How our greatest invention makes us richer, smarter, greener, healthier and happier", 毫不含糊地表明了作者的立场。对于一个在城市问题上受Lewis Mumford启蒙且深受其害的读者来说，对这样的观点自然不敢苟同。同时作为一个学经济学的人，我...

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其实这本书去年四月回harvard时，就在coop买好了。眨眼间放在书柜都快一年了，眼见中文版在国内如火如荼，业内人士纷纷引为圣经，我才想起来看。个人对glasaer的期待是，用城市经济学的视角来描述城市的现象，凡事能有个理由，而非简单现象的罗列。这本书最初的两章还是很有...

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城市的地位和未来 花旗和Economic Intelligence Unit最近出了一份报告，预测城市化的发展方向。如今世界有一半以上的人口生活在城市里，创造了80%的GDP；而每年有6000万人进入城市生活，所以到21世纪中期就会有七成的人口生活在城市里。在这个期间，几乎所有的经济增长，都将...

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由一位经济学家来写一本关于城市的书，最大的贡献便在于为普罗大众提供了一个更加多元的视角来看待城市发展过程中的问题。不同于专业的建筑师、规划师，发展经济学对城市的未来始终是乐观积极的，随着受教育程度的逐渐普及，受教育人口的最终选择永远是城市，所以越是能提供便...

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偶然的一次机会拿到这本书，两周的时间断断续续读完，文字翻译得不枯燥，有一点报告性质的文笔，字里行间流露出作者毕生的经历思考，对于城市的发展，书中列举了很多世界城市成功的历程，如新加坡、巴黎；也有发展没落的城市，如美国的底特律。再

次想到那句话，以史为鉴，可以...

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