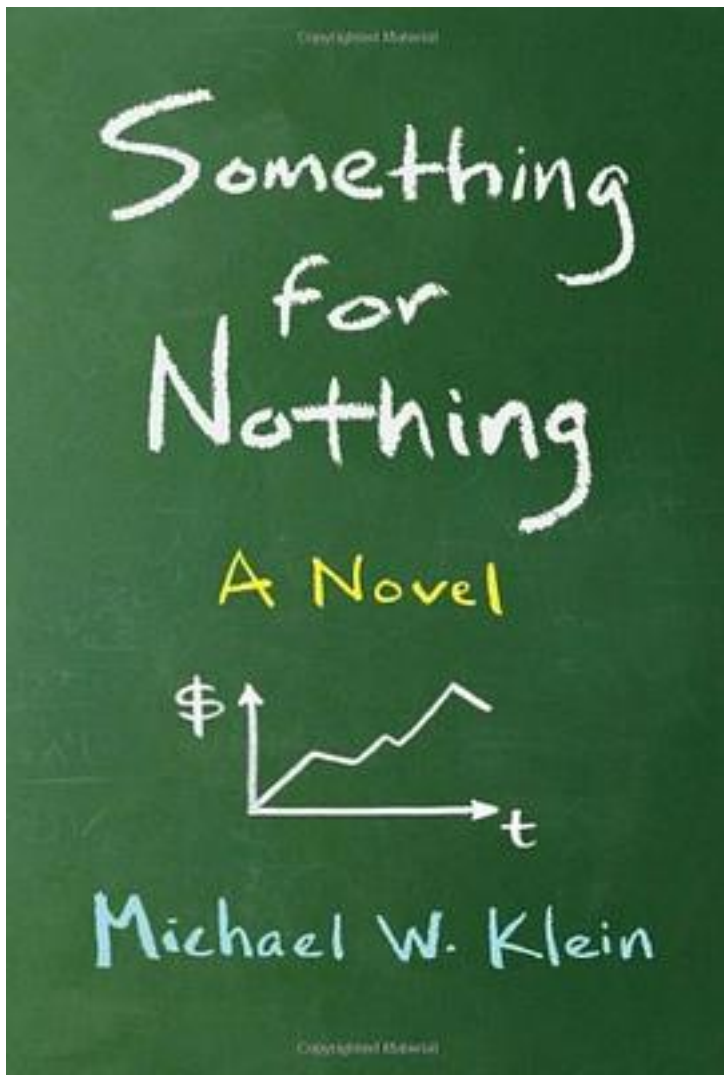


Something for Nothing



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Review

"Michael W. Klein's novel *Something for Nothing* is a fun romp through the life of a young, aspiring academic as he struggles to find his way in the world. It is often amusing, sometimes edifying, and always entertaining." --N. Gregory Mankiw, Robert M. Beren Professor of Economics, Harvard University, and author of *Principles of Economics*

(Greg Mankiw)

"Klein effectively taps into fears that every researcher must have felt at one time or another about the possible fragility of his or her results, and gives us a window to view how a desperate but otherwise normal everyday person may be tempted to behave unethically. He does so with humor and a heavy dose of irony. Klein perfectly captures the bumbling, bungling, and cluelessness of (at least some) new Economics PhDs beginning their careers." --Nelson C. Mark, Alfred C. DeCrane Jr. Professor of Economics, University of Notre Dame

(Nelson Mark)

"The thrill in this book--as in the economics profession itself--comes from trying to determine what's real and what's satire. Klein expertly combines them by mixing the insights of an academic insider with an appreciation of the human comedy that was almost completely missing from his previous book, *Exchange Rate Regimes in the Modern Era*." --Yoram Bauman, economist and stand-up comedian

(Yoram Bauman)

Product Description

David Fox (Ph.D. Economics, Columbia, Visiting Assistant Professor at Kester College, Knittersville, New York) is having a stressful year. He has a temporary position at a small college in a small town miles from everything except Albany. His students have never read *Freakonomics*. He thinks he is getting the hang of teaching, but a smart and beautiful young woman in his Economics of Social Issues class is distractingly flirtatious. His research is stagnant, to put it kindly. His search for a tenure-track job looms dauntingly. (The previous visiting assistant professor of economics is now working in a bookstore.) So when a right-wing think tank called the Center to Research Opportunities for a Spiritual Society (CROSS)--affiliated with the Salvation Academy for Value Economics (SAVE)--wants to publish (and publicize) a paper he wrote as a graduate student showing the benefits of high school abstinence programs, fetchingly retitled "*Something for Nothing*," he ignores his misgivings and accepts happily. After all, publication is "the coin of the realm," as a senior colleague puts it. But David faces a personal dilemma when his prized results are cast into doubt. The school year is filled with other challenges as well, including faculty politics, a romance with a Knittersville native, running the annual interview gauntlet, and delivering the culminating "job talk" lecture under trying circumstances. David's adventures offer an instructive fictional guide for the young economist and an entertaining and comic tale for everyone interested in questions of balancing career and life, success and integrity, and loyalty and desire.

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评论

第一次看到economist写的关于economist的小说。虽然经历不一样，但是我想任何一个在美国在academia的economists都会感同身受吧。故事的plot对于旁人而言，不一定有什么太大的感觉，对于做applied micro的人而言，却可能是一辈子最担心的噩梦。。

A delightful read, despite the inexperience of an economist-turned writer. It's truly frightening when one finds an error and it ruins everything -- no significance, wrong directions ... Other than that, the author conveys some insightful pieces of advice for job market candidates. Maybe, I'll be able to use them later.....

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