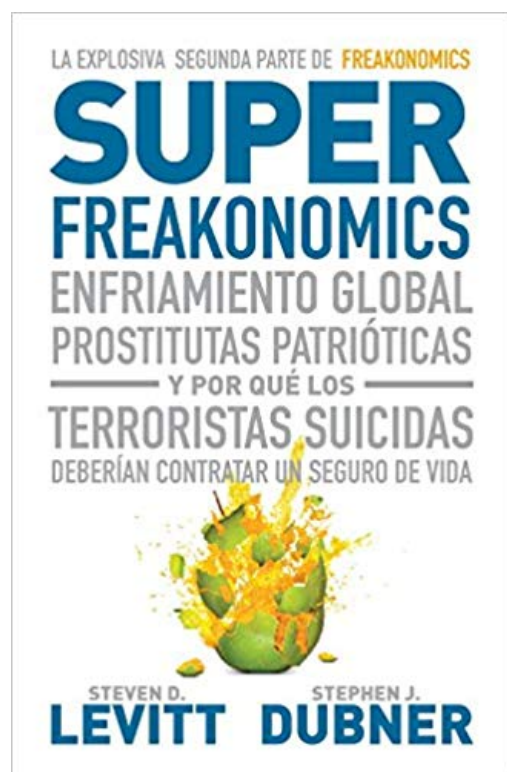


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## Reviews of the Superfreakonomics by STEPHEN J./DUBNER STEPHEN J. DUBNER

lacki

Pimps versus real-estate agents? Prostitutes versus Santa? The authors apply much the same economic logic to much the same counter-intuitive mashups as in the original publishing smash FREAKONOMICS, but with diminished returns to my way of thinking. Read FREAKONOMICS first, then this one, which you should not expect to surpass the original.

Ylonean

very interesting to read, although not so helpful in self-improvements, still fun!

While reading I just keep thinking to myself, a lot of these conclusions were based on the law of large numbers, so a lot of more likely/less likely in there(if you know what I mean). I mean even if the percentage of occurrence of one thing is 1% higher than the other, you can say that's more likely to happen. But I personally think sometimes that's not anything worth concluding.

The author of the black swan will probably oppose a lot of the conclusions made in this book since they don't count outliers..

Hurus

Interesting and such a fun book, but surely you don't believe everything you read ? Here is a different perspective on several different sociologic topics important to our society. Many of its' tenets will be difficult to prove conclusively, but it is an eye opening look at counter-intuitive consequences of economic incentives. Overall ,the theme of intended consequences and surprising effects of various public policies holds true and makes for a compelling read.

Gholbirus

The reason I do like this book is simple: the best economics is all about practical theory and applications, the original economists were trying to solve very simple problem such as how to keep people from abusing the common, is there enough food to go around, etc.

But, there are several problems with his book:

The writing style/prose editing suggest readers with a short attention span, every time I get started on a topic it switches to another topic (the chapters have several subtopics and points seamlessly intermixed). The author's self-awareness of their success from the 1st book is painfully aware in this one, the sequel. For those in the sciences it is well known that a thesis is only as good as the data collected; and much of the authors data is from small sample sizes they go on the claim as irrefutable law (most contentious is the abortion and the crime rate correlation from the 1st book), which makes their hypothesis always...questionable; and for those critical of the Freakonomics series is their main argument against them.

In the end the book does what they probably intend, makes economics a philosophy relevant for the masses again. This book presents people with material for conversation and debate after dinner with friends and family. No longer something for government committees and corporations board of directors, economics is back to its practical roots. Bit these books are just that, not necessarily critical study but contrary based investigation of some interesting and important questions, insisting that dialogue and further inquiry of the selected subject matters occur.

Kipabi

If you enjoyed Freakonomics (or you've a thing for trivia), you'll like this one; it's more of the same. The authors go about explaining why a simple, intuitive or knee-jerk understanding of the whys and hows of our world is often mistaken and why. And they do it with a sense of humor, providing amusing and interesting real-life & historical examples (although nothing, in my opinion, will ever quite live up to the drug dealers of the last volume!).

All in all, this qualifies as a sort of non-fiction "beach read." Econ-lite.

So why 3 stars?

I read this on Kindle, and somehow one of the charts was missing (another chart from another section of the book appeared in its place), so if shoddy e-editing drives you nuts. . . maybe avoid the Kindle edition.

Dikus

Perhaps expected more enlightenment than presented. The first book Freakonomics was interesting read.

However, this book has additional facts but not much in enlightening department. Maybe there is no more thunder after the first book. I found the read to be bordering on boaring and as compared to the

first book a sore disappointment. Well better luck next time guys.

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