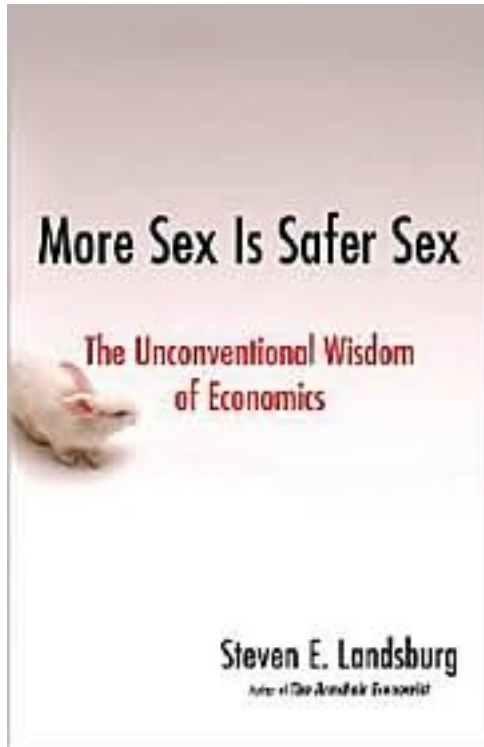

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Description

Steven Landsburg's writings are living proof that economics need not be "the dismal science." Readers of *The Armchair Economist* and his columns in *Slate* magazine know that he can make economics not only fun but fascinating, as he searches for the reasons behind the odd facts we face in our daily lives. In *More Sex Is Safer Sex*, he brings his witty and razor-sharp analysis to the many ways that our individually rational decisions can combine into some truly weird collective results -- and he proposes hilarious and serious ways to fix just about everything.

When you stand up at the ballpark in order to see better, you make a rational decision. When everyone else does it too, the results, of course, are lousy. But this is just the tip of the iceberg of individual sanity and collective madness. Did you know that some people may actually increase the spread of sexually transmitted diseases when they avoid casual sex? Do you know why tall people earn more money than shorter competitors? (Hint: it isn't just unfair, unconscious prejudice.) Do you know why it makes no sense for you to give charitable donations to more than one organization?

Landsburg's solutions to the many ways that modern life is unfair or inefficient are both jaw-dropping and maddeningly defensible. We should encourage people to cut in line at water fountains on hot days. We should let firefighters keep any property they rescue from burning houses. We should encourage more people to act like Scrooge, because misers are just as generous as philanthropists.

Best of all are Landsburg's commonsense solutions to the political problems that plague our democracy. We should charge penalties to jurors if they convict a felon who is later exonerated. We should let everyone vote in two congressional districts: their own, and any other one of their choice. While we're at it, we should redraw the districts according to the alphabetical lists of all voters, rather than by geography. We should pay FDA commissioners with shares of pharmaceutical company stocks, and pay our president with a diversified portfolio of real estate from across the country.

Why do parents of sons stay married more often than parents who have only daughters? Why does early motherhood not only correlate with lower income, but actually cause it? Why do we execute murderers but not the authors of vicious computer viruses? The lesson of this fascinating, fun, and endlessly provocative book is twofold: many apparently very odd behaviors have logical explanations, and many apparently logical behaviors make no sense whatsoever.

Insightful reviews

Toshitaka: I read this book of Japanese translation. This book is extremely awful. I cannot totally agree the Author... Therefor, maybe, The Japanese edition have made changed title of this book by the translator. It becomes the title completely different. It will NOT be fully accepted in Japan in the original title and topic. I disagreed with most of what he said. I was to rate this book based on logical reactions while reading it, it should have had no star.

Graham Swalling: As many other readers have made note - the author, and in turn the book, are cold and hard to dive in to.

While his logic may be strong Landsburg does little to engage the reader. Unfortunately chapter after chapter the first three paragraphs were all that challenged and enthralled. After each chapter's introduction you were left to reiteration and narrative that did little to excite, challenge, or to make you think.

Pass.

Tommy: Steven Landsburg at first came off as witty and amusing but he increasingly wore on me during this book as he became overly arrogant and bull headed.

It is obvious that he is a micro-economics guy and he seems to think economics is the be all-end all of the world. I appreciate his fervor but I feel he is dishonest in his means and blindly ignores answers that may disagree with his particular taste.

His seeming disdain for the ideas of macro economics or the thought that anything other than economics might play a role in decision making was irritating.

I like that he pushed his ideas to their ideological extremes and consequences but as the book wore on he became too self righteous about them.

Mike: I tapped out at approximately web page 220 of this e-book while the writer wrote, "If placing a greenback price on human lives moves you as cold-hearted, develop up." at the beginning of that chapter, bankruptcy 15 referred to as "Matters of lifestyles and Death," while the writer mentioned how bad humans being taken off respirators and the way that was once in some way compassionate, i used to be at the very least keen to get to the top of the chapter, yet after that one line telling me to develop up, i might had enough. Steven Landsburg most likely is familiar with extra approximately economics than I ever will. it is noticeable notwithstanding that he is aware not anything approximately writing. perhaps it isn't reasonable that I learn this after studying Freakonomics, yet I did, and you may inform "More Sex" is simply attempting to take advantage of that book's popularity. In fact, for the 1st time outdoors of fiction, I observed an writer violate the rule of thumb of no longer referencing a greater e-book on your crappy book. It took the superficial features of Freakonomics, comparable to the counter-intuitive reasoning and likely weird and wonderful connections, yet forgot the particular study and the very fact that, as Steven Levitt stated in his book, "While morality indicates how the realm should work, economics exhibits us the way it really works." If economics isn't really morality, Landsburg certain did loads of moralizing for an economist. What I beloved approximately Freakonomics is that every bankruptcy confirmed an instance of the way the area really works by means of making connections among possible disparate situations, e.g. what do sumo wrestlers have in universal with teachers? each discovering is information based; there are not any inspiration experiments. there is additionally this sense that Freakonomics desires you to appreciate its findings, now not speak all the way down to you. Landsberg's ebook is perhaps 10 to 20% information based, and typically inspiration experiments designed to appear clever yet at the surface, could be flawed. Jack could be a manufacturing unit proprietor who

pollutes and Jill could be a swimmer, yet setting apart Jack and Jill so Jack may well pollute and Jill may perhaps swim does not remember the fact that Jack has different acquaintances who personal factories and will push Jill away with company lawyers, and eventually, Jill will not be swimming anywhere. you could cite the belief of the communal move however the setting being polluted isn't really an remoted area. try out tragedy of the commons sometime.Landsberg is obtuse while he desires to be. think Grandpa Simpson complaining approximately anything irrelevant, yet he's additionally higher trained and probably extra common sense minded. Also, chilly doesn't start to describe Landsberg. Mr. Spock shakes his head at this man and says, "Dude, have a heart."This is additionally the second one time i have learn a publication by way of a typical contributor to Slate magazine. either books had this smugness, this fake cleverness that's any such turn-off. It does not make you greater or smart; it simply makes you sound infuriating. You wrote this e-book to take advantage of a trend, simple and simple. the unique expense of this e-book was once \$28.00; i purchased it for \$5.98 most likely in 2010, many years after its preliminary publication. I overspent in this publication through \$20.00 (I'm together with the fuel and meals funds I most likely spent using to Barnes & Noble that day). This man owes me \$8.00 simply because i did not end it.I hate the truth that i'm opposed to ebook burning and throwing books within the garbage. i must donate this e-book to Goodwill or go away it at one of many lounges at one of many faculties I paintings at, and a few negative child will decide it up and browse it and event a similar distress as I did. This publication gave me extra difficulties than it solved.Landsberg, i will take a payment or cash order. Thank you.PS- in case you have any feedback for the way to do away with this book, please enable me know.

Jessica: I loved this booklet yet i did not love it. i purchased it to learn because the again disguise stuck my realization like "Freakonomics" did. It wasn't pretty much as good in my opinion. This writer burdened me much and i'm no longer 100 percent definite why. It wasn't as effortless to stick with as "Freakonomics" was. It relatively looked as if it would me like loads of what he was once arguing used to be merely from a methodical and calculating viewpoint. primarily the realm desires purely boys for kids and we can not supply our cash to a couple of charity. total there have been a few fascinating arguments and the stuff I did comprehend was once idea upsetting and not anything more.

Dmpower: This e-book is within the similar vein as "Freakonomics" and in reality really references the booklet a couple of times. Be warned, this publication is generally theory. For example, the author's advice for reforming the electoral method contains having all congressional reps run national races with their constituencies divided through the alphabet, no longer kingdom and county lines. should you settle for that almost all of the author's principles are usually not going to be packaged in any politician's record of latest reforms, you could relish unique his assertions. an excellent read.

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