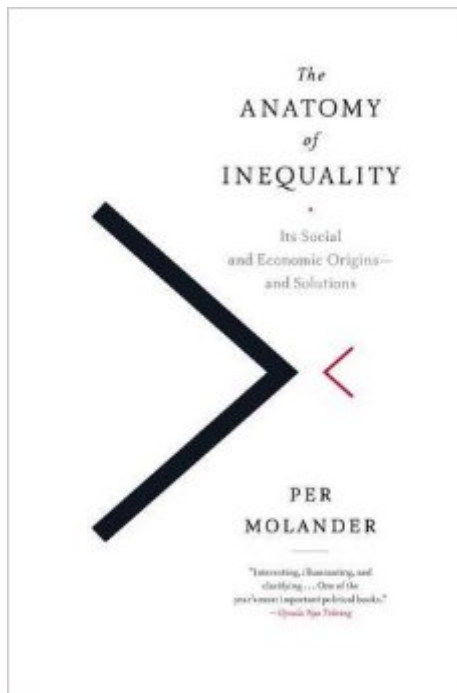


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The Anatomy Of Inequality: Its Social And Economic Origins- And Solutions



Synopsis

“Virtually all human societies are marked by inequality, at a level that surpasses what could be expected from normal differences in individuals’ capabilities alone.” So begins this new approach to the greatest social ill of our time, and nearly every other era. From a country with one of the world’s lowest rates of income and social imbalance, award-winning Swedish analyst Per Molander’s book changes the conversation about the causes and effects of inequality. Molander addresses the obvious questions that other pundits often avoid—including why the wealthiest countries, such as the United States, have the greatest incidences of inequality.

Drawing from anthropology, statistics, references to literature, and political science, Molander looks at his subject across various political and ideological systems to examine policies that have created more just societies, and demonstrate how we can enact similar changes in the name of equality. In doing so, he presents a persuasive and moving case that humankind is much greater than the inequalities it has created.

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Social and economic inequality is not just a recent discovery but it has a rich and varied history. This book takes a look at the historical and current-day development of this inequality before considering options to eradicate it. It was a bit of a mixed bag, neither ultra-inspirational and information packed or something best left on the bookstore shelf. To be fair, it probably does require that you are a bit more of a focussed nerd to this subject as it does lack more generalist, mainstream appeal. More is the pity. The author seeks to leverage the experiences of Sweden and

its public policy to encourage income and social equality, believing that society can change if it wants without any overly traumatic changes being necessary. The current system is sick, else what could explain why the United States â “ one of the wealthiest and most powerful countries in the world â “ has the greatest incidence of inequality. It should be leading the way, not trailing behind, and equality is not a synonym for communism or socialism either. Certainly the author has thrown a lot of material into the mix, jumping over disciplines in the process, and delivers many interesting ideas and concepts for possible change. It is just that the book is a bit stodgy and reading it does require an above-average degree of concentration and determination. A book like this that seeks to advocate change should be accessible, inviting and engaging, pushing the reader to share the authorâ™s enthusiasm and desire for change. It is less clear whether the book will achieve the critical mass, especially amongst the general reader community, and that can be a shame. If you stumble over this book, it may be worth checking out to see if you can connect with it.

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