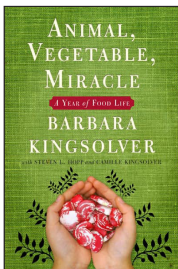


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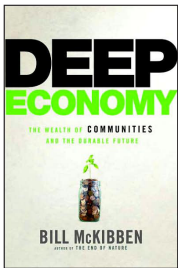
Great reads about making and keeping local economies vibrant.

**Animal, Vegetable, Miracle**

A Year of Food Life, by Barbara Kingsolver (HarperCollins)

"Tracing the food year, Kingsolver brings us meditations on asparagus, turkeys, tomatoes, and mulch as she and her family try to eat locally as much as they can. This is a distinct hybrid of *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, *Under the Tuscan Sun*, and *Walden*."

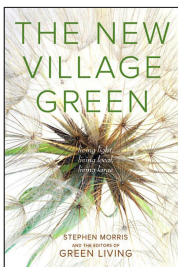
—Matt Plies, Annie Bloom's Books, Portland, OR

**Deep Economy**

The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future, by Bill McKibben (Times)

"McKibben takes us to places in the world, including our own backyards, where people are challenging the relentlessly pursued ideal that more is better. This is a book to give readers inspiration, tools, hopes, and a good, strong call to action."

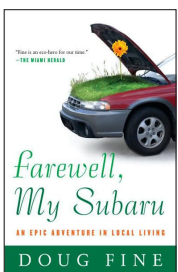
—Linda Ramsdell, The Galaxy Bookshop, Hardwick, VT

**The New Village Green**

Living Light, Living Local, Living Large, by Stephen Morris (New Society)

"This is a great collection of essays on sustainability. Written by such green movement people as Bill McKibben and Julia Butterfly Hill, essays cover topics from 'green weddings' to the limits of growth."

—Sandi Torkildson, A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore, Madison, WI

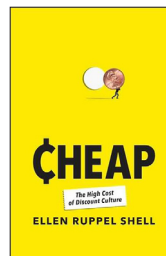
**Farewell, My Subaru**

An Epic Adventure in Local Living by Doug Fine (Villard)

"Journalist Doug Fine makes the leap to green, not without some stumbles, and delivers up an entertaining account of his journey. With no previous experience in farming or animal husbandry, and no mechanical skills or other pertinent knowledge, he jumps into living off the grid, driving on fragrant restaurant grease, and growing his own food. Though written in a light-hearted

style, there is still plenty of substance and one can't help but admire his determination and grit."

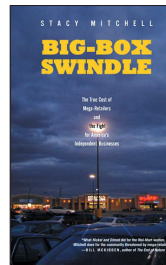
—Barbara Haynes, Paulina Springs Books, Sisters, OR

**Cheap**

The High Cost of Discount Culture, by Ellen Ruppel Shell (Penguin)

"Shell's perspective on the less-obvious negative effects of big box proliferation is a fascinating report on the genesis and impact of our obsession with what we believe is more for less. Her history of discounting shows just how long consumers have been manipulated, with studies of the effect of bargains on our brains proving the methods. Meanwhile, real value declines with the loss of durable products and viable economic models. The chapters on IKEA and outlet malls will make you flinch and hopefully lead to more-conscious spending choices."

—Carla Jimenez, Inkwood Books, Tampa, FL

**Big-Box Swindle**

The True Cost of Mega-Retailers and the Fight for America's Independent Businesses, by Stacy Mitchell (Beacon)

"This definitive study of the consequences of uncontrolled big box development opens our eyes to the myriad ways big box stores affect our lives: creating low-paying jobs, decimating downtowns, degrading our environment, fueling suburban sprawl, and diminishing community life. Mitchell shows us the true cost of the 'bargains.'"

—Steve Bercu, BookPeople, Austin, TX

**The Place You Love Is Gone**

Progress Hits Home, by Melissa Holbrook Pierson (Norton)

"Pierson addresses the toll that progress takes on the places we live, love, and, eventually, lose. Memories of the places she loves are vivid, and her feeling of the loss of and change in these places is impassioned and demanding of our attention."

—Julia Pascone, Inkwood Books, Tampa, FL

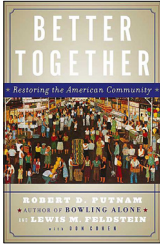
**The Small-Mart Revolution**

How Local Businesses Are Beating the Global Competition, by Michael H. Shuman (Berrett-Koehler)

"In a book as snappy as *Freakonomics*, Shuman presents clear and concise arguments showing how big box retailers gouge the cities in which they set up shop and mislead their customers, and how smaller retailers are actually doing much more to make their communities thrive."

—Adam Schnitzer, Green Apple Books, San Francisco, CA

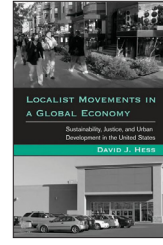
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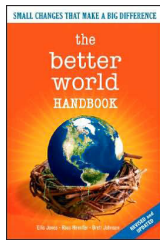
Better Together
Restoring the American Community, by Robert D. Putnam and Lewis Feldstein, with Don Cohen (Simon & Schuster)



Vanishing America
The End of Main Street Diners, Drive-Ins, Donut Shops, and Other Everyday Monuments, by Michael Eastman (Rizzoli)



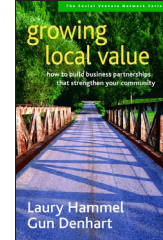
Localist Movements in a Globalist Economy
Sustainability, Justice, and Urban Development in the United States, by David J. Hess (MIT Press)



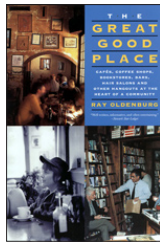
The Better World Handbook
Small Changes That Make a Big Difference, by Ellis Jones, Brett Johnson, Ross Haenfler (New Society)



Big Box Reuse
by Julia Christensen (MIT Press)



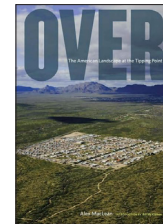
Growing Local Value
How to Build Business Partnerships That Strengthen Your Community, by Laury Hammel and Gun Denhart (Berrett-Koehler)



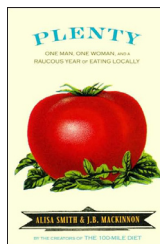
The Great Good Place
Cafés, Coffee Shops, Bookstores, Bars, Hair Salons, and Other Hangouts at the Heart of a Community, by Ray Oldenburg (Da Capo)



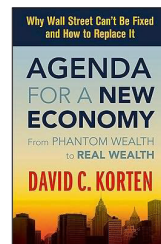
Hope and Hard Times
Communities, Collaboration, and Sustainability, by Ted Bernard (New Society)



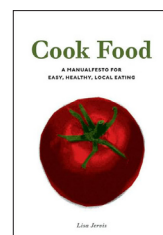
Over
The American Landscape at the Tipping Point, by Alex MacLean (Abrams)



Plenty
One Man, One Woman, and a Raucous Year of Eating Locally, by Alisa Smith and J.B. Mackinnon (Harmony)



Agenda for a New Economy
From Phantom Wealth to Real Wealth, by David C. Korten (Berrett-Koehler)



Cook Food
A Manifesto for Easy, Healthy, Local Eating, by Lisa Jarvis (PM Press)

Local First Resources

American Booksellers Association Shop Local Advocacy

www.bookweb.org/advocacy/shoplocal.html

IndieBound To-Go

www.indiebound.org/to-go

American Independent Business Alliance

www.amiba.net

Business Alliance for Local Living Economies

www.livingeconomies.org



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