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Tiffany says

Very disappointing. I was hoping for an interesting study, and got anecdotes. And I hated her self-important tone.

Dawnie says

I was so mad at the end of this book. I felt like she didn't represent the poor or lower classes at all. She still had a way to go home and eat whenever she felt like it. She needed to be more dedicated to this project. However if she is aiming for the way upper class to at least semi understand the poor, then maybe she shed a small pin light on it. VERY VERY disappointed.

Jessica says

This book was so well written and helpful that I stopped going to lecture because the book provided me with all of the information I needed in an easily understandable format.

Benard says

the book is all about involvement between the government and the house hold behavior,which generates to individual daily life of the consumer.

Christine says

I cannot begin to yell you how happy i am that i am FINALLY done with this book!

Chuck says

Fascinating. Joyously Fascinating. As one would expect the final chapters get pretty political, but other than that it is economics described about as well as one can describe them, and in the most layman terms possible. I might read it again!

Kikynov says

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martha says

Probably as enjoyable as an econ textbook can be. Yay Paul Krugman. I really enjoyed all the real world stories and examples.

Ivy says

Had to read for my microeconomics class. Very interesting.

Joe says

A good overview for those who have never done their reading on the subject, but I suspect its sudden bursts of not-so-subtle bias and its very textbook-like tone won't offer much to those more acquainted than I was. At its best, a solid introduction.

Tista Kundu says

Not like its macro part

Noah says

Friedman really puts his ill-conceived analogy skills to the test in this astoundingly uninformative book. It's a mish-mash of wild speculation, obvious truths, and irrelevant anecdotes. Anyone who has ever read a newspaper since 1999 already knows everything this book has to offer.

Foxglow says

Everyone should read.

Jane says

Good information.

Danel Homméus says

As a review of this book, Macroeconomics, third Edition (Krugman and Wells), I will overview the intro and the first chapter.

- a) The invisible hand, my benefit your cost, good and bad times
- b) And some of the principles that underlie individual choices (principle 1 and principle, how economies work (principle 5 and principle 9), and finally economy-wide interaction (principle 10 and principle 12).

Invisible hand

The invisible hand refers to the way in which the individual pursuit of self-interest can lead to good results for society as a whole. This concept was appearing for the first time in a famous passage in the book (The Wealth of Nations) of one of the pioneers of economics, the Scottish Adam Smith.

The pursuit of this self-interest also implied either in the production, the distribution or the consumption of goods and services, and the study of this whole activity is what are called economics.

The first chapter is also about principles; which are the core of economics and underlie individual choice; such as:

Principle 1: people must make choice because resources are scarce.

There are at least two factors that constrain people to not have all they want: the limited time and income. Even though someone may have the necessary money to purchase all he/she wants, but the fact is there's not enough time to use or enjoy all of them. So people need to make choices.

Principle 2: the opportunity cost of an item-what you must give up in order to get it-is its true cost.

Resources are limited, a choice has to be made about what goods or services to have or not. By making a choice, certainly they have any other goods and services that would be left out, and this is the price to pay for the one you opt for. In economics, this term (the opportunity cost) refers to what you must give up when making a choice.

Principle 3: "How much" decisions require making trade-offs at the margin: comparing the costs and benefits of doing a little bit more of an activity versus doing a little bit less. ("How much" is a decision at the margin)

Principle 4: People usually respond to incentive, exploiting opportunities to make them better off. As people tend to make choices in each of the situation that presents to them, so incentive would be a key element to encourage and prompt people in making a specific choice rather than another one.

The invisible hand and the twelve principles, respectively, for the introduction and the first chapter is the basis to dive into the rest of the book, but also the necessary key element in order to have a better understanding of economics in general.
