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Synopsis

This text provides students of community and economic development with a theoretical and practical introduction to the field. Bringing together leading scholars, it provides both a conceptual background and contemporary approaches, with a progression from theory to practice. Included are case studies and supportive material to develop community service-learning activities.

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This is a college level textbook, apparently. Now I happen to like college textbooks, and I love to read. Gary seems to be paralleling what John Kretzmann and John McKnight are doing, for example in *Building Communities from the Inside Out: A Path Toward Finding and Mobilizing a Community's Assets*. This book is useful. This book does recognize that we are going to have to shift out of the Newtonian/Cartesian fragmented paradigm, into something more systems oriented, as in *Walk Out Walk On: A Learning Journey into Communities Daring to Live the Future Now* (BK Currents). That is useful. What I want to say, is that colleges really need to get their students out into the community, the way Muhammad Yunus did, in *Banker To The Poor: Micro-Lending and the Battle Against World Poverty*. We also need books for people who don't read much, who will probably never go to college, who have limited time to help their communities. I think of for example *Deeply Woven Roots: Improving the Quality of Life in Your Community*,

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