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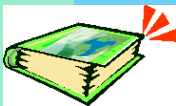
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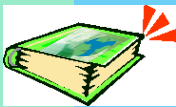


Solidarity Economy: Building Alternatives for People and Planet is a collection of papers and reports from the U.S. Social Forum 2007. This collection of twenty-seven short chapters provides a window into the incredibly diverse solidarity economy organizing going on in the U.S., as well as providing examples from Canada and Peru. Inside is the work of some noted progressive thinkers, including a debate between Michael Albert and David Schweickart, a short article on spirituality by David Korten, and a piece describing the real world practices of the solidarity economy by Ethan Miller. Other chapters include an explanation of the monetary system through a Mr. Potato Head metaphor, the voices of young immigrant-rights activists from the U.S. Social Forum, a nuts-and-bolts description of worker cooperative structure, and description of ethical consumption practices ranging from socially-responsible investing to dumpster-diving. The book begins by defining the solidarity economy through visions and practices, and subsequent sections describe how to build the solidarity economy through social movements, socially-responsible businesses, public policy, and daily practice. The last section documents the birth of U.S. Solidarity Economy Network at the U.S. Social Forum, with summaries of the caucuses and key documents. Learn about the growth of this new economy, pushing through the cracks of our dysfunctional economic practices and institutions with the combined wisdom of decades of social movement organizing.



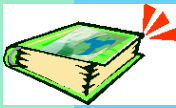
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Lead Staff Organizer
for the U.S. Social Forum



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