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The book includes chapter-length discussions of topics such as the economic meltdown, Barack Obama, ecodemocracy, democratizing the economy, and democracy in the global south. It is also a guide to the rich diversity of forms of elected government, and it contains practical ideas for empowering today's voters around the world.

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