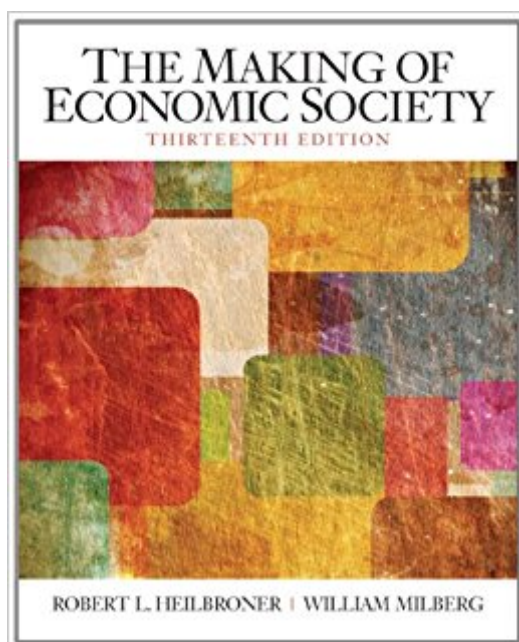


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## Synopsis

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came in a very used condition but got the job done. lots of information and worked perfectly for class.

While I do believe Mr. Heilbroner pulled a few punches; This book is well worth the time it takes to read it. Only occasionally is the prose is hard to follow. It is worth the effort to re-assemble the few hidden diamonds of understanding. Thought provoking and still relevant in 2011. 90% of it will be relevant 100 yrs from now. Reviews the different kinds of economies and how they developed and how politics is a distinct part of economic society. I liesurly read the 222 pages in 10 days.

I know textbooks aren't cheap but this book is almost \$80 new and is paperback. I've purchased much 'more book' for considerably less. Rent it if you can, I did.

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I am shocked by the reviews here. I was assigned this book when I took econ back in the early 1980s and only later, when I used it in my own courses, did I realize how much of it I had carried with me. It is beautifully written and covers the development of modern capitalism like no other book. It provides the historical context that is missing from the vast majority of texts and you end up learning theory without realizing it. Plus, once Milberg was added as a co-author, the quality of the second half of the book (more recent developments) really jumped. I now assign chapters I used to skip. All that said, I have to agree with the reviewer who said that \$80 seems out of line. Indeed. But, it is a testament to the quality of this text that I continue to assign it despite that fact (I generally try to rely on sources you can find on the Internet so that my students can save money).

I'd enjoyed Heilbroner's "Worldly Philosophers" so much that I purchased this title thinking it would be its equal, but sadly that was not the case. That's not to say that "Making of Economic Society" is a bad book or not worth the read, it's just that this book should be read before "Worldly Philosophers" or simply omitted as much of what was put forward in "Worldly Philosophers" is repeated here. Reading the two in the order I did is akin to drinking a glass of merlot and then a glass of chardonnay; it's hard to taste the chardonnay if the prior merlot lingers on your palate. Not to mention Heilbroner's conscious or unconscious cribbing from "Worldly Philosophers" leaves you feeling like you've somehow read this all before. The end result is little that is new between the two rendering it down to a matter of personal preference between the two and my own vote is for the much larger, more detailed "Worldly Philosophers" and my own advice is to skip directly to that over this title. Despite the addition and refinement over previous editions there isn't enough here to recommend it over "Worldly Philosophers."

**Content Summary:** Heilbroner's introductory text "The Making of Economic Society", reviews the development of economics from the Middle Ages of Feudal Europe through the height of the industrial revolution and to the present day information age. Intended for introductory economics students, it could also be enjoyed by the casual or curious reader who wanted to review basic economic history and theory. **Analytical Review:** Heilbroner's style is very accessible. This is a readable book. You don't have to be an economist to find something interesting in it. I found Heilbroner to take a fairly balanced view of the merits of capitalism and Adam Smith (which he clearly favors), but also an appreciative view of the Marxist spirit of equality. Heilbroner's book is concise without

sacrificing thought-provoking questions and content.

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