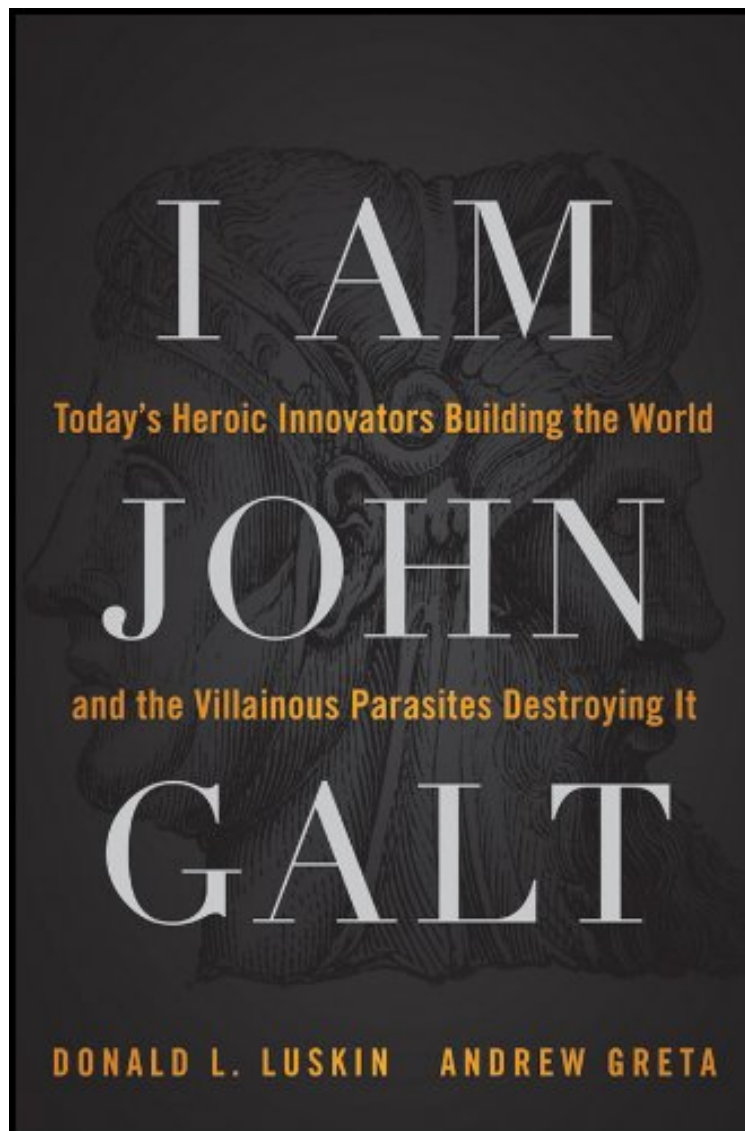


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A fantastic book for anyone who is a fan of Ayn Rand and her

philosophy of Objectivism. By Joseph J. Truncale I was serving in the U.S. Navy in 1960 when I first picked up an Ayn Rand novel (*Atlas Shrugged*) and like a lot of young eager intellectually curious people I became a fan of Ayn Rand and read every book, review and essay I could find about this amazing novelist/philosopher. I had even attended a course in Chicago given by Nathaniel Brandon on the philosophy of Objectivism around 1964. I recently purchased this 307 page hard cover book (*I Am John Galt: Today's heroic innovators building the world and the villainous parasites destroying it* by Donald L. Luskin and Andrew Greta) for a bargain price on . The fantastic thing about this book is that it recognizes and gives credit to the true innovators in our society who possess the rugged individualism of the heroes of Ayn Rand's novels. It also shows how right on target Ayn Rand was about the mind of the collectivist which this book also provides an overview of some of these characters. The nine chapters cover the following topics: The individualist which is about how Steve Jobs whose innovative mind created four whole industries. The mad collectivist explores Paul Krugman who preaches socialism. The leader focuses on John Allison who built America's strongest bank and then walked away. The parasite is about Angelo Mozilo who "corrupted government and nearly wrecked the U.S. economy. Chapter five (*The persecuted titan*) covers the amazing Bill Gates, computer and technology genius, who was criminalized because of his success. The central planner is about the despicable Barney Frank, the politician who just about destroyed our economy with his goofy far left ideas. Chapters 7, (*The Capitalist Champion*), 8, (*The sellout*) and 9, (*The economist of liberty*) cover further examples of heroes and villains when it comes to individualism and collectivism. If you are a fan of Ayn Rand and her philosophy of Objectivism you should check out this very interesting and informative book. I found it to be a fantastic read. Rating: 5 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: *Never Trust a politician: A critical review of politics and politicians*). 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An unusual, but very effective approach. By a professor Well-written book, taking Ayn Rand's characters and showing how they surround us every day. It's an unusual, but very effective approach. I highly recommend it! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Find out which current day figures are heroes and which are villains. By Kent Price Learn from Ayn Rand's heroes - don't be intimidated by their exceptional achievements. Present day heroes and villains are identified and compared with characters in Rand's books. You may be surprised by the names of the current day people discussed and their classification as hero or villain. These comparisons teach us what is possible in life, both the good and the bad. This is a very enlightening book that I heartily recommend.

Inspired by Ayn Rand's characters in *Atlas Shrugged* and *The Fountainhead*, penetrating profiles of both the innovators who move our world forward and those who seek to destroy the achievement of others John Galt, the fictional character from Ayn Rand's bestselling novel, *Atlas Shrugged*, has come to embody the individualist capitalist who acts in his own enlightened self interest, and in doing so lifts the world around him. Some of today's most successful CEOs, journalists, sports figures, actors, and thinkers have led their lives according to Galt's (i.e., Rand's) philosophy. Now, in *I Am John Galt*, these inspiring stories are gathered with the keen insight and analysis of well-known market commentator Donald Luskin and business writer Andrew Greta. Filled with exclusive interviews, profiles, and analyses of leading financial, business, and artistic stars who have based their lives, and careers, on the philosophy of the perennially popular Ayn Rand, this book both inspires and enlightens. On the other side are Rand's arch villains—the power-seekers, parasites, and lunatics who would destroy that which the creators and builders make. Who are today's anti-heroes, fighting the creativity of the innovators? Contains insightful interviews, profiles, and analyses of the individuals who have lived by a Randian code to achieve greatness for themselves and others. Offers a probing analysis of those who seek to destroy or undo the achievements of others—from academics, pundits, and government bureaucrats to fraudsters who have wreaked havoc on our world. Engaging and entertaining, *I Am John Galt* examines how the inspiration that is Galt thrives more than 50 years after publication of *Atlas Shrugged*. It will spark the interest of Ayn Rand fans everywhere, as well as those seeking a way to succeed in today's turbulent and confusing times.

From the Inside Flap Who is John Galt? It's been both a cry in the dark and a call to arms for generations of readers of Ayn Rand's great novels—which brilliantly portray a world like ours, a world of both great achievement and great crisis. This book answers that question. "I Am John Galt" introduces you to the real-life titans who've lived their lives like Rand's fictional heroes and the malefactors who've lived like her fictional villains. Steve Jobs he reinvented computers, movies, music, and telephones—just because it was cool Paul Krugman he corrupted economics and cheapened public discourse for the sake of partisan politics John Allison: he built one of America's strongest banks—by having 30,000 employees read "Atlas Shrugged" Angelo Mozilo the predatory lender who used taxpayer money to inflate the subprime housing bubble Bill Gates he became the richest man in the world—and his government almost destroyed him Barney Frank the populist politician who turned Fannie Mae into a weapon of mass economic destruction T. J. Rodgers the bad-boy high-tech CEO—who speaks out against corporate welfare and political correctness Alan Greenspan Ayn Rand's lifelong friend who became an economic czar—the ultimate sellout or a double-agent for libertarianism? Milton Friedman he made economics into a science—and showed that capitalism and freedom

are inseparable

Written by well-known market commentator Donald Luskin and business writer Andrew Greta, "I Am John Galt" is filled with incisive and entertaining profiles and exclusive interviews. Let yourself be inspired as the characters of Ayn Rand's world come to life. Read and learn--you, too, can say, "I am John Galt."

**From the Back Cover**

**Praise for I AM JOHN GALT**

"Love her or hate her, Ayn Rand and I agree that free-market capitalism is the best way to prosperity. Her books show that capitalism and capitalists always triumph, no matter what the odds. Real life can work the same way if you have courage, integrity, and idealism. The real-life capitalist heroes that Don Luskin and Andrew Greta write about in this book prove it." —Larry Kudlow, CNBC's The Kudlow Report

"Our world today is just like Ayn Rand's novels—it's a battleground of ideas. We are watching play out a war of intrusive government, corrupt businessmen, and sellout economists versus the innovators, entrepreneurs, and just plain working people who make the world grow. Don Luskin and Andrew Greta report from the front lines, showing that there are still great people achieving big things, standing defiantly against the enemies of growth." —Arthur B. Laffer, founder and Chairman, Laffer Associates

"Donald Luskin and Andrew Greta bring Ayn Rand's novel Atlas Shrugged to life. Hank Rearden lives. Sadly, so too does Wesley Mouch." —Grover Glenn Norquist, President, Americans for Tax Reform

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