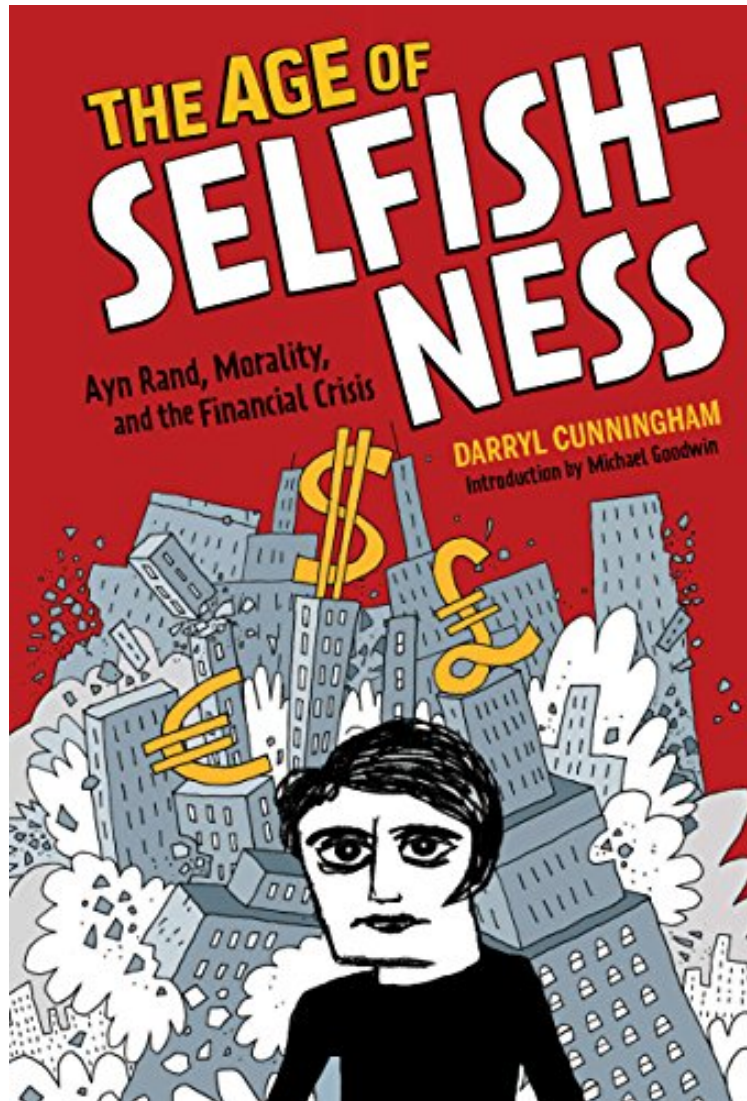


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Easy to read, explains a lot, highly recommend this bookBy CustomerIf you believe the author's premise, this book explains a lot about current events in the United States. I found the graphic format appealing, and actually useful in depicting points about selfishness. The first two section of the book are better than the third section, which stretches credibility. I enjoyed discussing this book with others, and will

probably recommend it to my book club. I read Ayn Rand's novels as a teenager, when her extreme views did not seem as heartless. As I've gained experience in the world the flaws in her logic become glaring. Who knew that others would find reason to embrace that same logic as the basis for their moral views? If you've wondered about the 2008 financial meltdown or the success of Donald Trump, this book is a must read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Connecting the dots from Ayn Rand to Alan Greenspan, the crash of 2008, and why we have Paul Ryan. By George Wiman I liked the division in 3 parts: a (very) brief biography of Ayn Rand, the advance of her philosophy leading to social decay and the crash of 2008, and where we are now. That's a lot of territory to cover, so I don't quite understand the criticism that it treats the topics lightly. It is a sketch, and provides a good starting point for readers to explore the sub-topics in more depth through other books. I wasn't super-thrilled by the artwork, but as with any graphic novel you get used to it by the end of the book. Just one tiny quibble. The author mentions a rise in violent crime during a period of social decay. And that in recent years, violent crime has fallen. It is true that there are many reasons for these trends, but one left out of the book is the tracking of violent crime rates and the reduction thereof, to the banning of lead in fuels and coatings. Anyone interested can look up the research as it is now quite well-known. Perhaps the author would consider mentioning it in a future version of the book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Highly Recommended By Michael C. Kessler This artful and erudite graphic novel is a clear and thorough indictment of neoliberalism and Rand's objectivism in general. You'll probably get more out of it you've read a bit of Rand's works and (like me) ultimately felt queasy and appalled by her ideas, but it's certainly not necessary. It's also a ripping comic, with effective minimalist art. Highly recommended.

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