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answers. It shows how the belief in market capitalism as the dominant force has come to dominate our interpretation of human relations, making it almost impossible to imagine and implement alternative models of social organization. It argues that there is much to be gained from using the feminist, class and local perspectives to investigate, dissect and doubt capitalism's cultural hegemony. I found the language and the structure of the book initially difficult, but encourage the reader to assimilate every page, because they all contain either useful theoretical reference or revealing examples drawn from a rich body of research. The one analogy that was for me particularly effective is that between the citizens of capitalist countries and the victims of rape. This analogy demonstrates the brutality of the cultural dominance of the capitalist representation of the world; however, it also helps to understand that the sense of impotence of individuals can gradually evolve into a shared sense of wrongness and indignation if supported by society finally doubting its "inevitability". The book was first published when many believed that western liberal democracy had affirmed itself "as the final form of human government" as Fukuyama wrote after the end of the Cold War. It should be read again now, as western liberal democracies struggle to make sense of the economic and financial crisis.

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By Baacutẽ; rbaral only gave this one 4 stars because I liked Take Back the Economy better - a more recent book by J.K. However, if you wish to know all about the conceptualization behind it though, this is a must read. I would recommend reading this one after Take Back the Economy, though.

8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Mind-Expanding
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This book is absolutely essential for those interested in economics generally, anti-capitalism specifically, and 3rd wave feminism especially. This book has opened my mind to economic plurality and possibility and has slain the idea that capitalism grips the world with an iron fist. There are moments where I wish J.K.G.G. would go further to explain certain analogies they make between certain research in a dissimilar field. Still though, this is a landmark book that makes me excited to read their next.

In the mid-1990s, at the height of academic discussion about the inevitability of capitalist globalization, J. K. Gibson-Graham presented a groundbreaking and controversial argument for envisioning alternative economies. This new edition includes an introduction in which the authors address critical responses to *The End of Capitalism* and outline the economic research and activism they have been engaged in since the book was first published.

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"This is a truly remarkable book. I am quite confident that it will be at the center of debate for some time to come"
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Why does the future (not to mention the present) seem to offer no hope of escape from capitalism? Ironically, the author argues, it is not the economic discourse of the right but primarily the socialist and Marxist traditions that have constituted capitalism as large, powerful, active, expansive, penetrating, systematic, self-reproducing, dynamic, protean, victorious, and capable of conferring identity and meaning. In this book J. K. Gibson-Graham explores the possibility of more enlivening modes of economic thought and action, outside and beyond the theory and practice of capitalist reproduction. She draws critically on feminist and post structuralist theorizings, of subjectivity and the body, and on anti-essentialist aspects of Marxism. She seeks (and finds) protean forms of capitalist representation not only in economic policy and contemporary urban space but in the discursive practices of feminism, cultural studies and the politics of the left. Challenging the usual vision of capitalism as necessarily and naturally hegemonic, J. K. Gibson-Graham liberates a space of economic difference, one in which a noncapitalist politics of economic invasion might take root and flourish.

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