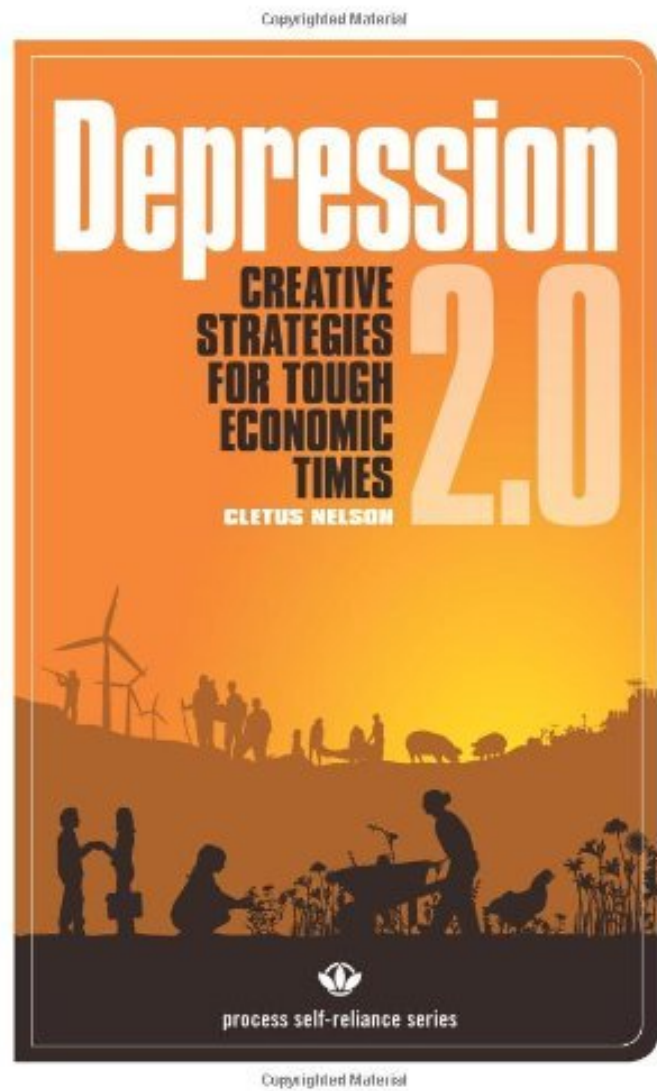


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40 of 44 people found the following review helpful. UselessBy EsquilaxHortensisThis book promises a lot and delivers very little. It can be described as a mixture of 1) A vague retelling of what caused our economic woes, 2) Obvious "advice" such as reminding you that in hard times you can move back in with your parents, and 3) Stern

admonitions about how decadent modern society is and how much better off we'd all be if our standard of living is reduced to roughly that of the medieval peasant engaged in subsistence farming and participating in a barter economy. Now, I'm an odd enough person that I more or less agree with this last point. The trouble is that not only does Depression 2.0 contain very few actual "strategies" for coping with such an eventuality, but what it does have to tell us is written in such a self-righteous, heavy-handed manner that even as sympathetic a person as myself felt condescended to and marginalized. What practical "strategies" this book does contain are more along the lines of making it through a tough but relatively short-lived recession, such as dumpster diving and hanging out at the library for free entertainment. If you're looking for actual tips on how to weather the big one, this is not the book for you. In fact, I can't think of any situation in which I'd recommend this book to anybody. No matter what you hope to learn, it can be learned much better elsewhere. While the list of topics in the book's description is impressive, you will be amazed at the actual size of the book, as it is quite slim. Consequently, I found that most of the book consists of what would work well as overviews of large sections of useful, practical content, but that, unfortunately, that actual content is not there. Being told that it's a good idea to do something is nice; being told how to do it would be better. If you are interested in real advice, practical strategies, and solid how-tos, I highly recommend "The Urban Homestead" from the same publisher. That will teach you to do everything from collecting rainwater for irrigation to baking bread to setting up a chicken coop to heating your house without electricity. Much handier to have around if things continue to get worse, and there's no reason to believe that they won't.

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Some good ideas

By E. Harkness While I was not around for the first Depression my parents were and as a consequence I've picked up a quite a few pointers through life that they had learned through their own experiences. This book gave a few more that I had not thought of. I can't say that the information was amazingly new, but it hit the "ah-ha!" button in my brain.

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By Darrell Bowen Very basic, for those who are prep a good review, for those beginning the journey to understand what is happening world wide a good primer.

With contributions from Douglas Rushkoff, Claire Wolfe and Charles Hugh Smith We have grown accustomed to life in a stable and prosperous society, and many of us are not prepared for financial uncertainty. Depression 2.0 is a practical, empowering, hands-on guide to persevering and even thriving in the event of an economic crisis.

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- Worst Case Scenario: Contemplating Unemployment
- Down but Not Out: Economics for Leaner Times
- Walking Away: Thinking about Bankruptcy
- In Case of Emergency: The Resilient Home
- Return to Simplicity: Retreat Options
- Keeping the Lights on: Home Energy Solutions
- Between the Cracks: When You Have No Shelter
- Beyond Currency: When Greenbacks Go Bad
- Survival Finances: Crisis Investing
- Future Shift: The Road Ahead

Depression 2.0 is the fourth title in Process's celebrated Self-Reliance Series, created to help urbanites make smart choices to live sustainably in the twenty-first century.

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