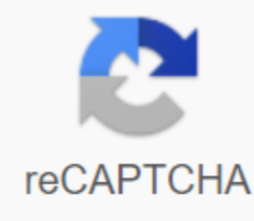




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Most mornings I ride my bike to work past some high-rise buildings under construction. I walk past builders in hard hats and steel legs, pouring concrete and welding beams. They're working on a very tangible building. Then I walk to my office, leave my bike and enter a completely different world of software engineers. They look at the screens of their computers and are quietly type. They're working on a very intangible program. In some ways, the builder and software engineer are similar - they are both great projects involving hundreds of people, working together to do something valuable. But one morning I thought in my head about how much they are different. The most interesting thing for me was the difference in scalability. If a high-rise company wants to make more money, it must build another high-rise. But if a software company wants to make more money, it can just sell more copies of the same software - theoretically forever. It was an interesting idea that made me down a rabbit hole, thinking about how different software companies work compared to other industries. Things like financing venture capital, not loans, and burning millions before ever expecting profits, etc. so when I browsing, I came across a review of Capitalism Without Capital: The Rise of the Intangible Economy by Jonathan Haskel and Stian Westlake. Curious if this will help me answer some of the high-altitude vs software questions, I picked up a copy and checked it out. Haskel and Westlake break down in very clear terms some surprising details about how the role of intangible assets in businesses like Disney and Apple and Starbucks fundamentally change the way they work. This is a fascinating reading that I started to think of as the intangible economy of 101. It's short and affordable, but there are some sections that went over my head as a non-economist. Without further ado, let's dig into the main points of the book! This can help you decide if this is something you would consider. It starts with four major differences between tangible and intangible assets: Intangible investments have sunk value and hard to recoup investments tend to spill over and be copied in a small scale investments better than tangiblesintangibles, most likely to produce synergies combined with other intangible intangiblesintturn value and hard to recoup. If my sushi restaurant fails before I repay the loan, the ASB can sell the building, ovens and tables to get some of its money back. Not so with the tech business. If my revolutionary new social media going belly up and I default on my credit, ATB will have a hell of a lot of time finding someone who wants to buy it. It makes it difficult for NIOC, or software businesses to get funding from traditional banks-they're just more risky! Intangible investments tend to spill over and be copied Starbuck spent a lot of money investing in an intangible brand. But this kind of thing is easy to copy. In Calgary, we can see many fewer stores such as Cafe Rosso.Cafe Rosso can learn from the store layout of Starbuck, employee training processes, branding, even coffee-beers sources. Starbuck proved that when we pay more for ethically sourced beans, customers happily shed \$5 per coffee. People in Rosso copy Starbuck intangible assets and achieve similar results for much lower value. Intangible investments scale better than tangiblesUber can invest millions in its mobile app design, and this is a great solution because the app can be used by an unlimited number of users. Spending hours pondering the right color for the Ride Request button can make sense when the solution affects millions of users. Intangible assets are likely to produce more value when combined with other intangiblesAirbnb beautiful web design is even more valuable when paired with a network of millions of hosts. The two scalable and high-quality intangible assets together are product synergies that make the whole more valuable than the sum of its parts. It's a kind of type 1 and 1 and 3 type of magic. I realized after reading this that people are naturally good with understanding traditional tangible businesses. This is relatively obvious as the economy works for a sandwich shop or a shirt company. However, our minds are harder to wrap around intangible assets... something like scale is infinitely easy to imagine. And the idea that what's invisible, like Google's search algorithm, can represent more man-hours of work than Bow Tower is hard to understand. Reading this book has helped me start to wrap my head around how the economy is changing these days. It has helped me make a little more sense in the world, and for that reason I recommend it :) Economy and Finance Buy It at the beginning of the twenty-first century, a quiet revolution occurred. For the first time, major developed countries have invested more in intangible assets such as design, branding, NICRO and software than in tangible assets such as machines, buildings and computers. For all types of businesses, from technology firms and pharmaceutical companies to cafes and gyms, the ability to deploy assets that cannot be seen or touched is becoming an increasingly important source of long-term success. But this is not just a familiar story of the so-called new economy. Capitalism without capital shows that the growing importance of intangible assets is also role in some of the major economic changes of the past decade. Rising intangible investment, Jonathan Haskel and Stian Westlake argue undervalued cause cause from economic inequality to stagnant productivity. Haskel and Westlake combine decade-long studies on how to measure intangible investments and their impact on national accounts, showing the number of different countries investing in intangible assets, how this has changed over time, and recent thoughts on how to evaluate it. They explore the unusual economic characteristics of intangible investment and discuss how these features make an intangible rich economy fundamentally different from an economy

based on material values. Capitalism without capital ends by presenting three possible scenarios of what the future of the intangible world might be, and outlining how managers, investors and politicians can use the characteristics of the intangible age to grow their business, portfolios and economy. The part of the world economy that doesn't fit the old model just keeps getting bigger. This has serious implications for everything from tax legislation to economic policies in which cities thrive and which cities lag behind, but in general, the rules that govern the economy are out of step. This is one of the biggest trends in the world economy, which is not getting enough attention. If you want to understand why this matters, a brilliant new book Capitalism without Capital by Jonathan Haskel and Stian Westlake is about a good explanation, as I've seen. Bill Gates' historical view of capital as something tangible persists and limits our thinking, the authors argue. Of course, what intangible assets qualify as capital can be discussed endlessly. In capitalism without capital, they choose a broad definition and study its consequences. By doing so, they give an insight into some puzzling issues . . . And make a good case that we don't know as much as we think because some of our tools for measuring economic indicators are out of date. - George Mollovan, Wall Street Journal Economist Jonathan Haskel and UK government adviser Stian Westlake describe in an entertaining and interesting way why governments should consider innovation as an engine of profit. -Ehsan Masood, Nature One of the most important and stimulating economic this year reads . . . Read this book. -Tyler Cowan, Marginal Revolution Recommended reading for venture capitalists and investment advisors. -Kirkus Reviews For introduction, however, would be difficult to do better than capitalism without capitalism, which is clear and alive and raises- without all the answers-appropriate questions. -Diana Coyle, Enlightened Economist at Haskel and Westlake's book focuses on the rise of the intangible economy. They do not attempt to make any statements on the EU, but in one chapter of their book they evoke material and investment against the OECD's employment austerity measure. The results are fascinating. In their own own countries with more restrictive borrowing and dismissal are investing more in tangible assets and less in intangible assets. -Graham Leach, CityAM And before anyone starts talking about pettiness arguing over symbols, let me point you to an amazing new book by an ex-colleague of mine, Stian Westlake, called Capitalism Without Capital: The Rise of the Intangible Economy. -Pat Kane, National Intriguing Book . . . Perhaps the most surprising fact in a book full of surprises is how big the investment in intangible assets - in research and development, software, databases, artistic creations, projects, branding and business processes - is already... Mr Haskel and Westlake have charted the economy's challenging new economy. - Martin Wolf, Financial Times: Capitalism without capital must be read by anyone who wants to understand the nature of modern capitalism and its politics. -Daniel Finkelstein, The Times First Book. -Arnold Kling, Askblog Book does its thing in a light-hearted, conversational way that will appeal to economists and non-economists alike. -The Economist's Big New Book of Capitalism Without Capital by Jonathan Haskel and Stian Westlake suggests the rise of intangible assets makes corporate banking riskier. Manish Sabharwal, Indian Express In capitalism without capitalism, Haskel and Westlake explore the key characteristics of intangible investments, including scalability, sunken expense, side effects and synergies... 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Sichel, the business economy of the nineteenth and twentieth century in a world where capitalists owned factories and the workers supplied the workforce ended. In this book, Haskel and Westlake explain with fascinating examples how today's business assets are mostly intangible and how it changes everything we know about business-corporate strategy, accounting, industrial strategy. Strategy. You are a client, investor, manager, employee or politician, you will get new ideas from this tour de force. -John Kay, author of The Other Money People needs to read for those concerned about how to revive rising living standards. -Robert Peston, author of The Book How Do We Fix This Mess?: The economic price of having it all and the path to lasting prosperity on almost every page of this book I found myself going Oh, now I understand or yes, I've never looked at it that way. Capitalism without capital is very original and illuminates. 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