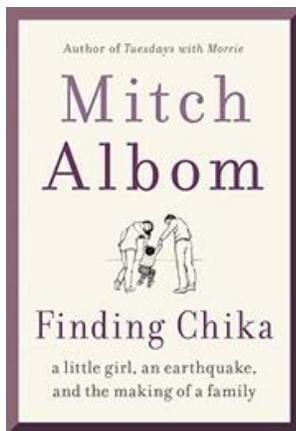




## Finding Chika

Author: Mitch Albom

Published by Harper Collins Publishers in 2019 (243 pages)



"Finding Chika" is Mitch Albom's third book that I have read, first two being "Tuesdays with Morrie" and "The Five People You Meet in Heaven." Like the previous two books mentioned above, this book is also a portrayal of someone in his life.

This is a story of a little girl, Chika whom Mitch and his wife Janine brought home in Michigan from the orphanage in Haiti for the treatment of a tumor in Chika's brain. After two years of care in the custody of Mitch and Janine, Chika couldn't be saved.

During Chika's treatment, Mitch and Janine, explored extensively all means possible that could have saved the little girl's life. The story told by Mitch is poignant and is a lesson in love that only a parent can bestow on his/her child.

The vicarious chats between Mitch and Chika are adorable:

"Does God have powers?" Chika asks.

"Yes," we say.

"Is he brave?"

"Yes."

"Does he protect horses?"

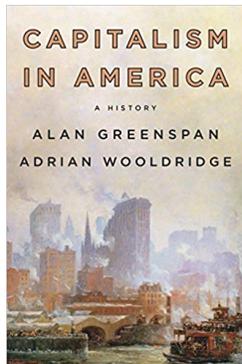
Mitch tells the story of the little girl, Chika through the combination of his imaginary conversation with Chika and narrations. He is both expository and persuasive throughout the book. If you love kindness and innocence, you'll love this book.

-Reviewed by Anil Shrivastava 'Musafir'

## Capitalism in America –A History

Authors: Alan Greenspan and Adrian Wooldridge

Random House Paperback - 634 pages (large prints)



Capitalism in America is an excellent book for everyone who wants to understand the reasons for American economic might and what causes economic ups and downs with a historical perspective. The authors, a past Federal Reserve chairman, Alan Greenspan and an economist, Adrian Wooldridge also consider whether America will retain its economic superiority or will fade into mediocracy.

The most important reasons for America's unprecedented economic superiority, according to the authors, are innovation, creative destruction and encouragement provided to the entrepreneurs.

Creative destruction is described as the dismantling of long-standing practices in order to make way for innovation. Creative destruction was first coined by Austrian economist Joseph Schumpeter in 1942. Thus, creative destruction is also called Schumpeterian process

The authors give credit for America's economic growth to Laissez-faire. Further on, the authors suggest that entitlements reform and more pragmatic reserves ratios at big banks are essential to maintaining our economic superiority.

Entitlement reform is making changes in government programs such as Social Security and Medicare so that they are less expensive. Cash Reserve Ratio is the percentage of deposits which commercial banks are required to keep as cash.

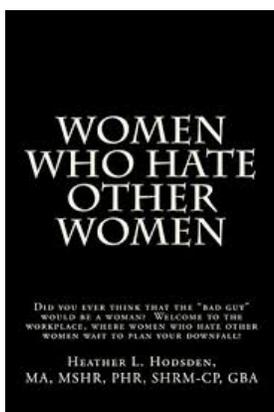
Capitalism in America is a must read for a clear understanding of capitalism vis-à-vis democracy.

-Reviewed by Anil Shrivastava 'Musafir'

## Women Who Hate Other Women

**Author: Heather Hodsden**

**Kindle Edition**



I came across Women Who Hate Other Women by Heather Hodsden while browsing LinkedIn.com. The introduction of this book states, "My goal is to shed light on the problems they (women) face and to tell women's workplace horror stories." This subject, which is extremely close to my heart, has been overlooked, ignored, and ill-addressed."..." The goal of this book is to let other women who have been verbally assaulted, fired for no reason of their own, and gossiped about by another female coworker know that they aren't alone."

The book's Chapter One starts with Heather's own experience at Sayreville War Memorial High School where she was employed as a French language teacher. There she was bullied, ostracized and humiliated by none other than her female co-workers. To add insult to injury, the school administration fired her at the end of the 2003 school year without taking any steps to act on Heather's complaints. The other teachers were jealous of her superior pedagogy. Later, a male

teacher gave her the shocking news that her own mentor (a female) felt insecure due to her (Heather's) teaching abilities.

Heather suggests that women should fight against this malaise. She reveals that "The "history" of women in the workplace is to pretend that "hating" doesn't exist." She gives facts and figures about women's abuses at the workplace and provides the needed suggestions about the remedies and resources to get help.

The book is easy to read and very interesting. The problem is that the book's title and the first chapter, "Sayreville- My Story" gives the impression that Women Who Hate Other Women may just be a sob story. In fact, it's not so.

**-Reviewed by Anil Shrivastava 'Musafir'**

## **Journey-Yes**

**Author: Umesh and Rashmi Rohatgi**

**Publisher: MG Publications House (pages 111)**

Journey-Yes is a personal memoir of Umesh Rohatgi and his wife, Rashmi Rohatgi. Journey-Yes chronicles Ramesh's life between 1944 and 1970. It continues onwards from 1971 till 2019 as the story of both Ramesh and Rashmi, As you may have guessed, they got married in 1971.

Though it's an autobiographical book, the Rohatgi's have made this an interesting read by mentioning hundreds of organizations either they founded or they are associated with. The list of those organizations can be good places for aspiring volunteers and philanthropists.

The Rohatgis have done enormous social work despite holding a job, bringing up two very successful children and guiding and helping members of their extended families. It is not possible to mention all the organizations they served, but the pages 93 through and 107 through 109 of the book mentions many of them.

It's an amazing and selfless journey and the Rohatgi's have shown through their karmas that it is possible to lead an altruist life through kith and kin.

**-Reviewed by Anil Shrivastava 'Musafir'**