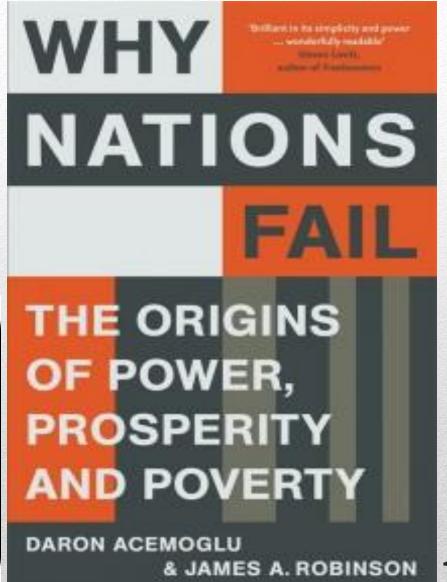
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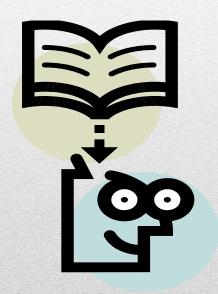
(GREAT BRITAIN)

GENRE : NON FICTION

THEME : POLITICAL ECONOMY

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## **PURPOSE**

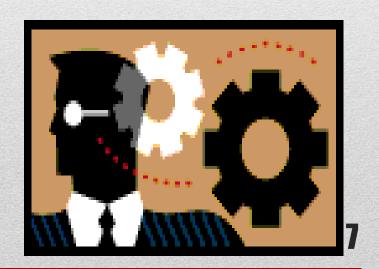


- ❖ Address Debates On Global Poverty In A Novel Way.
- \* Explained World Inequalities.

#### THEME

What matters the most in determining a nation's SUCCESS or FAILURE?? Is it its

- > History?
- > Geography?
- > Culture?
- > Economy?
- ➤ Value System?



#### IT IS...

# POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS



(Inclusive)

(Extractive)



FAIL

#### TARGET AUDIENCE

General



Amateur Readers

Readers Having Command Over The Subject

All Age Groups

#### STRENGTHS



- A Thought Provoking Book
- Suitable Title
- Easy To Read
- Writing Style Engaging And Clear About
   Objectives
- Real Life Examples
- Well Organized Thoughts
- Written On An Optimistic Note

## STRENGTHS (CONTD...)



- Supported With Great Historical Accounts
- Nice Blend Of History, Economics, Politics And Contemporary Issues
- Great Use Of Contrasts like Mexico vs The USA, Bill Gates vs Carlos Slim.
- Addressed Issues Like How Change Doesn't
   Happen Which Is As Important As Understanding
   Why It Does

#### SHORTCOMINGS



- No Discussion Of Competition Between Nations
- No Relationship Between Institutions And Technology That Matters. E.g.- Germany Did Well Economically Under Hitler As Well As Bismarck
- No Focus On Transnational Organizations

# SHORTCOMINGS (CONTD...)

- Doesn't Provide Solutions To Bring The Excluded And Marginalized At Par With The Mainstream
- Neglects Personality Factors Due To Institutional Approach
- Less Importance of Culture, Geography And
   Ignorance In Forming Well Established
   Functional Societies

# SHORTCOMINGS (CONTD...)



- Attack On Foreign Aid Citing Afghanistan As An Example
- Overemphasis On Certain Elements like
   Extractive and Inclusive Institutions

#### **OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED**

- ✓ Explained The Concept Of Poverty And Prosperity Globally In A Simple, Easy And Novel Way
- ✓ Synergy Between Political And Economic Institutions
- ✓ Addressed The Debate As To Why Similar
   Looking Nations Differ So Greatly In Their
   Economic And Political Development

#### **KEY POINTS**

- Extractive Institutions
- Inclusive Institutions
- Creative Destruction
- Critical Juncture
- Vicious Circle
- Virtuous Circle



#### **EXAMPLES**

- Mexico vs The USA
- Bill Gates vs Carlos Slim
- North Korea vs South Korea
- Western Europe vs Eastern Europe



#### WE LEARNT.

- Role Of Institutions In Eradicating Global Poverty
- Inclusive Political Institution Can Be A Vaccine
   Against The Dead Hand Of Dying Monopolists
   While Extractive Institutions Spread Infection
- It May Put Readers On The Path Of Thinking
   Measures That Can Prevent The Failure Of
   Nations

## **EVALUATION**



Evaluation has been done by using Rating Scale

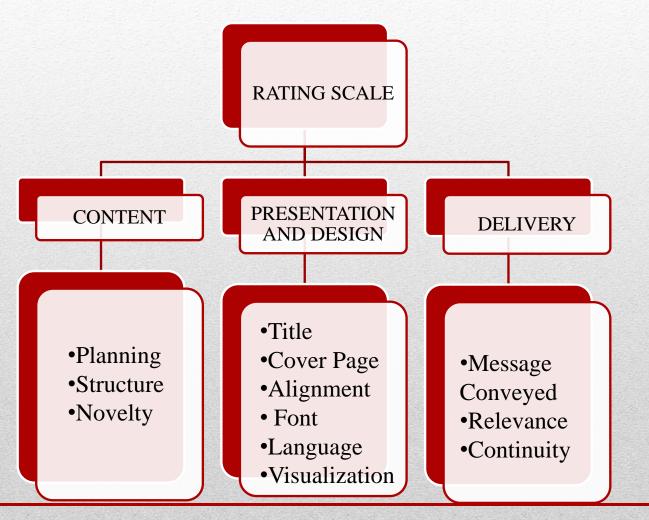
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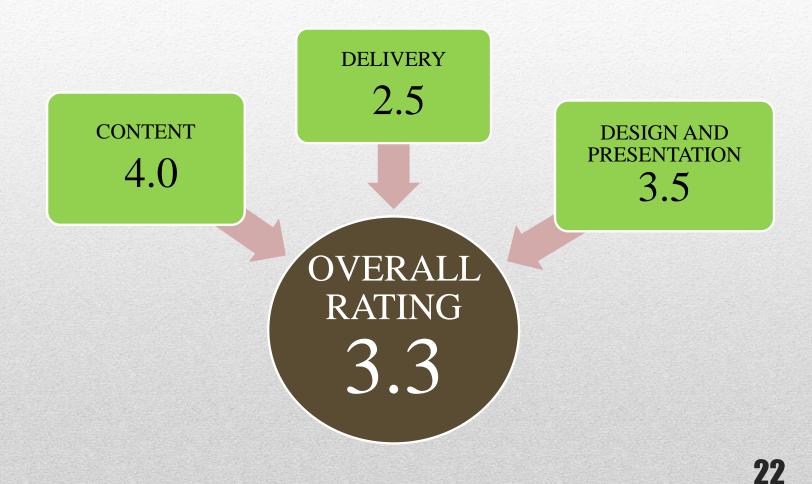


**Five Point Scale** 

## METHOD OF RATING



### **OUR RATING**



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WHY

Stillant in its simplicity and power ... worsterfully restable?

Andrew of Persons

## NATIONS

FAIL

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# QUESTIONS ??

A fascinating and Readable Book -Robert Slow, Nobel Laureate

Brilliant in its simplicity and Power - Steven Levitt

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