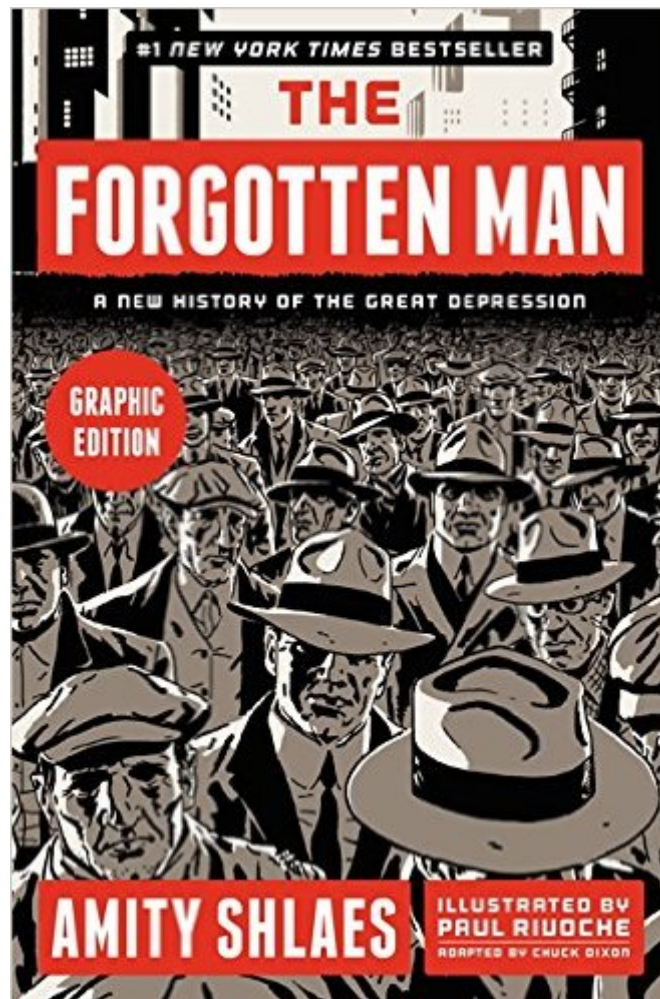


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An illustrated edition of Amity Shlaes's #1 New York Times bestseller, featuring vivid black-and-white illustrations that capture this dark period in American history and the men and women, from all walks of life, whose character and ideas helped them persevere. This imaginative illustrated edition brings to life one of the most devastating periods in our nation's history—the Great Depression—through the lives of American people, from politicians and workers to businessmen, farmers, and ordinary citizens. Smart and stylish, black-and-white art from acclaimed illustrator Paul Rivoche provides an utterly original vision of the coexistence of despair and hope that characterized Depression-era America. Shlaes's narrative and Rivoche's art illuminate key economic concepts, presenting the thought-provoking case that New Deal regulation prolonged the Depression. *The Forgotten Man* reveals through striking words and pictures moving personal stories that capture the spirit of this crucial moment in American history and the steadfast character and ingenuity of those that lived it.

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Amity Shlaes is an incredibly gifted researcher and articulate writer. Her original "The Forgotten Man" addresses the state of this country following the start of the Great Depression in August of 1929 and ran throughout the 30's, 40's, and until the mid-50's, and describes in an excellent analysis how the administrations and federal government did things which made the Depression worse and much longer through "The New Deal", which most Americans of all ideologies do not understand. The New Deal was a series of domestic programs enacted in the United States between

1933 and 1936, and a few that came later. They included both laws passed by Congress as well as presidential executive orders during the first term (1933-37) of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The programs were in response to the Great Depression, and focused on what historians call the "3 Rs": Relief, Recovery, and Reform. That is Relief for the unemployed and poor; Recovery of the economy to normal levels; and Reform of the financial system to prevent a repeat depression. In the "First New Deal" of 1933-34, programs, such as the National Recovery Administration (NRA), sought to stimulate demand and provide work and relief through increased government spending. The Roosevelt Administration reacted by launching a rhetorical campaign against monopoly power, which was cast as the cause of the depression, and appointing Thurman Arnold to break up large trusts. Ignoring the pleas of the Treasury Department, Roosevelt embarked on an antidote to the depression, reluctantly abandoning his efforts to balance the budget and launching a \$5 billion spending program in the spring of 1938 in an effort to increase mass purchasing power. Sound familiar? It failed.

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