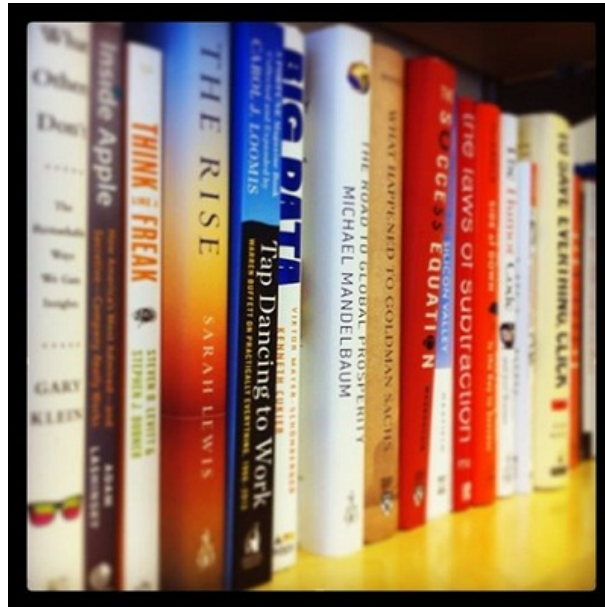


11 Smart Books You Should Read This Summer

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1. Beautiful Game Theory: How Soccer Can Help Economics by Ignatio Palacios-Huerta (May 25)

2. Complexity and the Art of Public Policy by David Colander & Roland Kupers (May 25)

Maybe the most groundbreaking book on this list. [Colander](#) and [Kupers](#) rightfully claim that the “Regulation versus Laissez Faire” debate is a false dichotomy. We should think about the economy and the government as a symbiotic relationship and ask the question: “Under what conditions does this relationship flourish” instead of getting into partisan philosophical debates.

Here’s the interesting part. Colander is an economist and Kupers studies complexity. They treat the economy not like a machine that can be “fixed” but as an organic, complex system consisting of millions of interacting parts best understood from a bottom-up perspective. “They argue that a central role for government in this complexity framework is to foster an ecostructure within which diverse forms of social entrepreneurship can emerge and blossom.”

3. Everybody Dies: A Children’s Book for Grown-ups by Ken Tanaka & David Ury (May 27)

4. The Secret Club That Runs the World by Kate Kelly (June 3)