



The Gardens of Democracy: A New American Story of Citizenship, the Economy, and the Role of Government

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Sasquatch Books. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Gardens of Democracy: A New American Story of Citizenship, the Economy, and the Role of Government, Eric Liu, Nick Hanauer, Understand income inequality, middle-out economics and other realities of modern America as authors Eric Liu and Nick Hanauer argue that fundamental American assumptions about citizenship, society, economics, and government need updating for the 21st century. For many years the dominant metaphor for understanding markets and government has been the machine. Liu and Hanauer view democracy not as a machine, but as a garden. A successful garden functions according to the inexorable tendencies of nature, but it also requires goals, regular tending, and an understanding of connected ecosystems. The latest ideas from science, social science, and economics--the cutting-edge ideas of today--generate these simple but revolutionary ideas: True self interest is mutual interest. (Society, it turns out, is an ecosystem that is healthiest when we take care of the whole.) Society becomes how we behave. (The model of citizenship depends on contagious behavior, hence positive behavior begets positive behavior.) We're all better off when we're all better off. (The economy is not an efficient machine. It's an effective garden that need tending. Adjust...

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