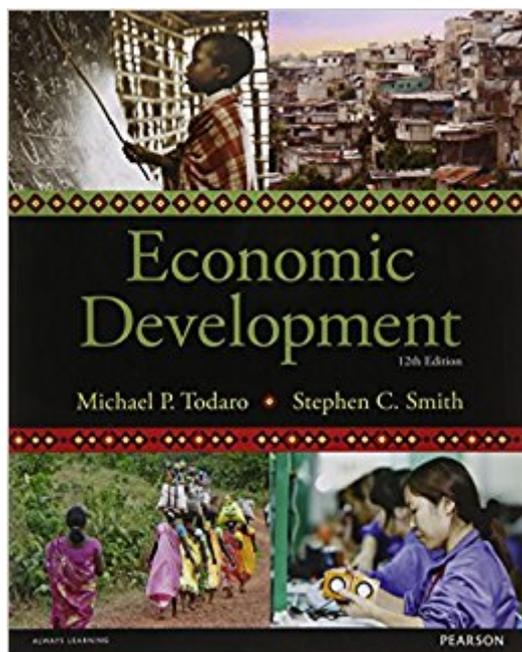


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I am by no means specialist in economics, but I think this book offers quite good overview about economic issues in the development of poor countries. The growth models may be a little confusing to someone as beginner as I am, but overall the book offers good information about various issues. This is the best advantage of the book: it doesn't handle only with economics, but takes a more comprehensive view about the development of land, including health, gender, population issues etc. Especially I found important that the book talks a lot about the environmental issues also. However, I wouldn't be so uncritical concerning the assumption about the possibility of ever-continuing economic growth because of the major environmental threats our planet is now facing. There could be more concern for ecological limits. Still, this book is good introduction to these issues - even for such a fresh beginner in economics as I am. I warmly recommend.

This was a college Book

The greatest problem facing economists today (I should say "facing the world today") is how to create wealth in the poorest countries of the world. This introduction to the subject is accessible to any reader, even those with very limited previous knowledge of economics. The book begins with a critical summary of current development theories and then takes on a number of policy questions, with case studies. Each chapter ends with discussion questions and the publisher maintains a web site with useful quantitative and graphing exercises (with answers). Michael Todaro writes from a left-of-center perspective and is more ideological than most textbook writers. However, he presents other points of view and presents them pretty fairly in my opinion. And I have to say that he scores some pretty big points against the neoclassical theorists by showing that their assumptions are frequently at odds with reality. While some of Todaro's more stridently ideological statements can be annoying, I know of no other book that provides such a comprehensive, well organized, and engagingly written introduction to economic development.

Very well developed and interesting book!

Great book, but horrible binding. After a while of normal use, the spine became messed up. I don't know if it was the glue or what, but I will probably not be able to sell it after the semester...

Excellent Resource!

Great book if you're wanting to do learn about how economies develop, the various factors that influence different societies and approaches to make the world better off. Book itself came in "fair" condition to say the least. You get what you pay for though.

This was a good text book; one of my favorites due principally to the topic. So many common issues of the developing world can be explained by the study of this discipline. I refer to this book from time to time for ideas on problem solving in my work.

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