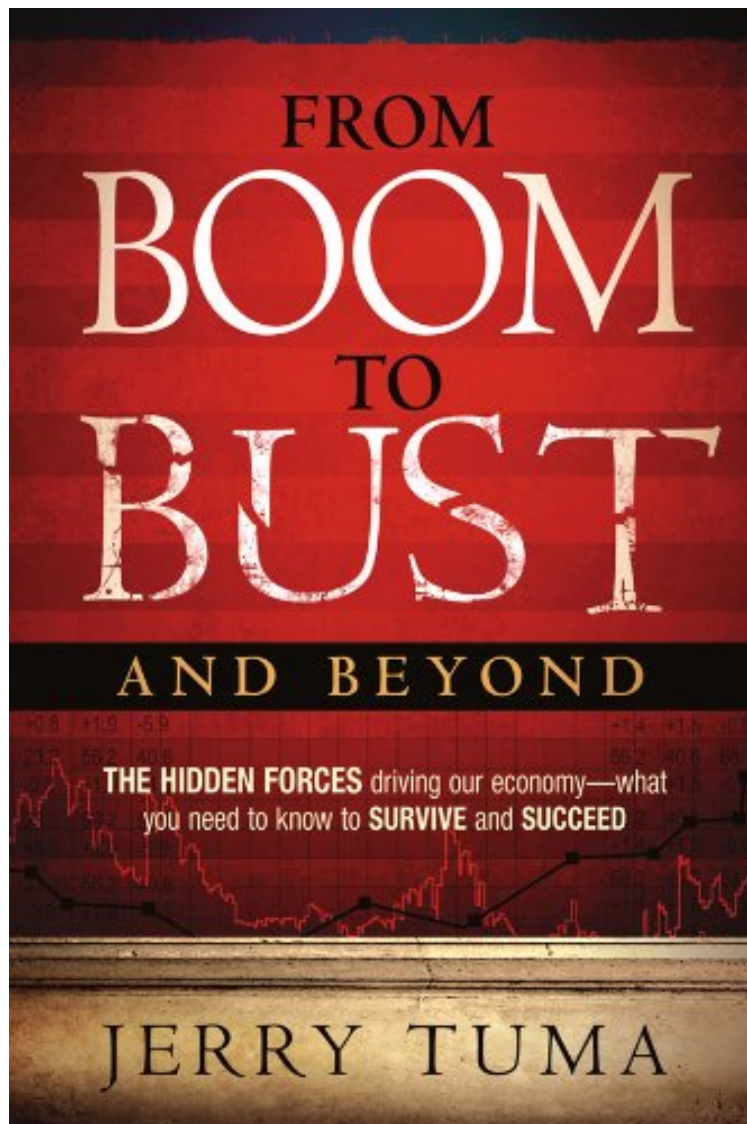


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ArgumentBy J. AvellanetFirst, let me say that after reading Jerry Tuma's book *From Boom to Bust and Beyond*, I came away with a bit more optimistic view of where the US is heading and the choices we need to make ... even though Mr. Tuma plainly lays out the rather discouraging demographic trends facing the US (and western Europe). Ultimately, in my opinion, that's the mark of a good advice book - being upfront and realistic about the problems, and then offering sound advice to help surmount (or at least minimize) the challenges. So why did I give it 4 rather than 5 stars? There are two reasons: 1. Chapters One and Twelve present more of Mr. Tuma's personal opinion / spin than the rest of the book. In the rest of the book, he lets the facts speak rather plainly for themselves. As a result, these two chapters take away from the strength of the book and detract a bit from its credibility as one is left wondering, "Now, is he only providing the facts to support his viewpoint - or is he taking his viewpoint from all the facts?" 2. His argument that a growing young population is needed to facilitate a growing economy is good (and makes a lot of sense), but I'm uncertain if this is entirely supported by all the facts. Not once in the book are the continents of Africa or Latin America mentioned, nor is the Mideast mentioned, and those areas have huge (and rapidly) growing young populations. However, it is possible his omission of these 3 large areas of the globe are explained by Mr. Tuma's core argument: for good economic growth one needs to couple young population growth with expansive civil liberties; the problem is, Mr. Tuma never articulates that...and thus weakens his argument. Therefore, I took his explanations for why the US and Europe are facing the economic challenges of the 2010's with a bit of salt; his explanations sound reasonable albeit with some minor gaps or holes, but still, overall, pretty plausible. So with that sense of caution, Mr. Tuma's advice throughout the book is excellent. For instance, he suggests getting engaged in the political process in a pragmatic and progressive manner (rather than today's dogmatic conservative v. liberal which, as is rather clear from reading this book, isn't helping). He then uses the big picture demographic trends to help figure out personal investments to make over the next decade. That type of practical advice is why I emerged from reading this book with a bit more optimism than when I went into it. Also, Mr. Tuma's insights into immigration - and the types of immigration we need coupled with the types of immigration policies we need - are not only excellent, but completely backed up by the historical record (see Amy Chua's superb *Day of Empire: How Hyperpowers Rise to Global Dominance--and Why They Fall* for a clear-eyed, no-nonsense explanation with a lot of "here's the point at which this empire failed and why" stories that will be painfully reminiscent of current US arguments about immigration). Tuma's *From Boom to Bust and Beyond* is full of big picture insights and personal advice that should be read by anyone who's interested in the future of the US, the future of Europe, or the future their kids will inherit over the next decade. And thankfully, you'll walk away with things you can do - rather than just things about which you can worry.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent ReadBy C. FriendI heard Mr. Tuma on a talk radio program and his interview convinced me to buy this book. I read it from cover to cover in one day. Mr. Tuma's research into our current economic situation is convincing. He speaks of a "demographic winter" brought about by the aging of the Baby Boomer generation. And since most recoveries do not take place without consumer spending (70% of the US GDP), we find ourselves in a world of hurt in the short run (more mortgage calamity ahead) and will not see a real economic renaissance until Boomer's children are of the age to experience peak spending which will occur no sooner than 2020. Well thought out and easy to read without tons of technical economic-speak, Mr. Tuma sets a course for us to navigate these tenuous waters of the next decade. A great read!

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