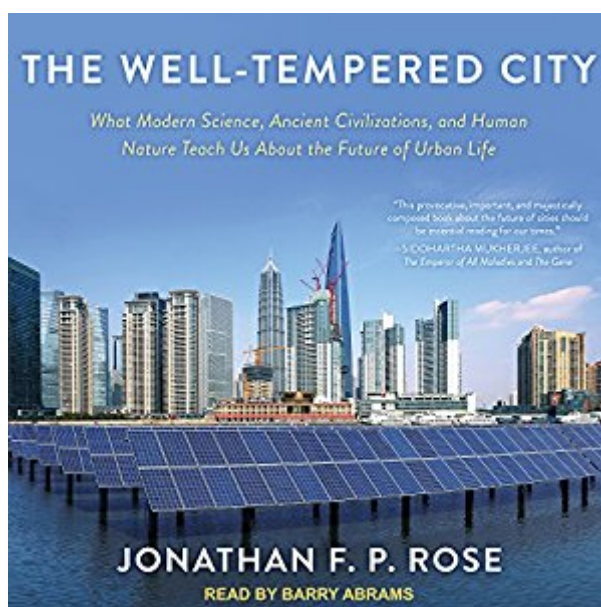


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The Well-Tempered City: What Modern Science, Ancient Civilizations, And Human Nature Teach Us About The Future Of Urban Life



Synopsis

Cities are birthplaces of civilization; centers of culture, trade, and progress; cauldrons of opportunity - and the home of 80 percent of the world's population by 2050. As the 21st century progresses, metropolitan areas will bear the brunt of global megatrends such as climate change, natural resource depletion, population growth, income inequality, mass migrations, and education and health disparities, among many others. In *The Well-Tempered City*, Jonathan F. P. Rose - the man who "repairs the fabric of cities" - distills a lifetime of interdisciplinary research and firsthand experience into a five-pronged model for how to design and reshape our cities with the goal of equalizing their landscape of opportunity. Drawing from the musical concept of "temperament" as a way to achieve harmony, Rose argues that well-tempered cities can be infused with systems that bend the arc of their development toward equality, resilience, adaptability, well-being, and the ever-unfolding harmony between civilization and nature. These goals may never be fully achieved, but our cities will be richer and happier if we aspire to them and if we infuse our every plan and constructive step with this intention.

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Customer Reviews

I just finished the *Well-Tempered City* and feel very grateful to have spent time with such a kind and intelligent author. Jonathan Rose's holistic view, combined with his tremendous culture and knowledge, provide a global vision of all of the issues of society within a city, from water management, energy, public spaces, health and education, to what really shapes a city: its purpose. Not having any background in city planning, I was very interested to have such a tour of all of the

skills needed to make a healthy city. One important concept that makes itself clear is the need for collective impact: that all good efforts should support each other. I feel this book is a good read for anyone who wants to be inspired and be part of making the world better.

Brilliantly thought out and presented in a logical and entertaining form, this volume gives hope that human life as we know it may just survive on this planet after all. People are returning to live and work in cities all over the U.S., and are drawn to them in the developing countries worldwide - this exploration of the beginnings of the city, their historical development, and current trajectory, is fascinating reading for anyone who cares about sustainable living. The idea of "system thinking" about cities, as is done for ecosystems such as the or Greater Yellowstone, is relatively new, and Rose applies the critical thinking that is so important if we and our culture are to survive. Highly Recommended.

Deep and rich insight into how we can revitalize our urban spaces. Worth the time for the read. Definitely. The historical underpinnings of Rose's narrative are a real treat.

Rich, insightful analysis, copious supporting research, and a voice informed by deep love of the subject matter.

Best book I have ever read.

It reminds me why I entered the planning field

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