



The Value of Nothing: How to Reshape Market Society and Redefine Democracy

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St Martin's Press. Paperback / softback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Value of Nothing: How to Reshape Market Society and Redefine Democracy, Rajeev Charles Patel, "A deeply thought-provoking book about the dramatic changes we must make to save the planet from financial madness."-- Naomi Klein, author of "The Shock Doctrine" Opening with Oscar Wilde's observation that "nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing," Patel shows how our faith in prices as a way of valuing the world is misplaced. He reveals the hidden ecological and social costs of a hamburger (as much as \$200), and asks how we came to have markets in the first place. Both the corporate capture of government and our current financial crisis, Patel argues, are a result of our democratically bankrupt political system. If part one asks how we can rebalance society and limit markets, part two answers by showing how social organizations, in America and around the globe, are finding new ways to describe the world's worth. If we don't want the market to price every aspect of our lives, we need to learn how such organizations have discovered democratic ways in which people, and not simply governments, can...

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