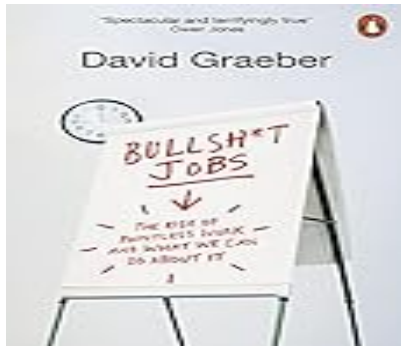


Bullshit Jobs: A Theory By David Graeber **Bullshit jobs book** In doing so he looks at how rather than producing anything work has become an end in itself; the way such work maintains the current broken system of finance capital; and finally how we can get out of it. **Bullshit jobs epub** This book is for anyone whose heart has sunk at the sight of a whiteboard who believes workshops should only be for making things or who just suspects that there might be a better way to run our world.

Bullshit jobs book summary The obvious ramifications are left entirely unaddressed: CEOs bankers military (BS job examples the author uses) do not acknowledge their job as such; engineers and SW developers instead often fall over each other to do that. **Bullshit jobs epub**) The figures (all two of them) are a joke: still unsure what Figure 1 supposedly shows but it's neither trend (two datapoints one year apart) nor that >50% of work is BS (unless emails good and bad meetings admin tasks and are BS; anyone with teamwork experience can disprove that). **Book bullshit jobs** One of the specific predictions he made that sadly did not come true was that by the end of the twentieth century the major Western societies would have achieved the fifteen hour work week because technology would have alleviated hitherto long menial hours. **Book bullshit jobs** Why has that not happened and instead employees are working longer and longer hours? Graeber blames the creation of what he calls 'BS jobs' (I had to shorten the word to pass censorship rules) and the 'BSization' of proper jobs. **Bullshit jobs book review** Graeber's defines a BS job as 'a form of paid employment that is so completely pointless unnecessary or pernicious that even the employee cannot justify its existence even though as part of the conditions of employment the employee feels obliged to pretend that this is not the case'. **Book bullshit jobs** He had taken 'the default choice of many directionless folk: law school' but has found his job as a lawyer to be 'utterly meaningless contributed nothing to the world and in his own estimation should not really exist'. **Bullshit jobs book pdf** There are also 'goons' who exist only because people employ them - soldiers for example; and 'duct tapers' who are employed to help one part of an organisation communicate with another in the same organisation. **Bullshit jobs epub** This is what Graeber has to say in middle management in academia: 'Now those of us toiling in the academic mills who still like to think of ourselves as teachers and scholars before all else have come to fear the word "strategic". **Book bullshit jobs** "Strategic statement" (or even worse "strategic vision documents") instil a particular terror since these are the primary means by which corporate management techniques - setting up quantifiable methods for assessing performance forcing teachers and scholars to spend and of their time assessing and justifying what they do and less and less time actually doing it - are insinuated into academic life'. **Bullshit jobs book summary** So they then started to try and bully everyone into using it...Then they tried to entice people in by having HR post a load of touchy feely crap or people writing "internal blogs" that nobody cared about. **Bullshit jobs book review** What is clear that we must resist 'The pressure to value ourselves and others on the basis of how hard we work at something we'd rather not be doing...if you're not destroying your mind and body via paid work you're not living right'. **Bullshit jobs book summary** The last part of the book is devoted to answering the question 'How have so many humans reached the point where they accept that even miserable unnecessary work is actually superior to no work at all?' From there Graeber discusses the modern culture of managerial feudalism and the resentment it generates yet is itself oblivious to it. **Book bullshit jobs** They must not have gotten very far as the book spends about 2 chapters on classifying BS jobs and the rest on a deep dive into the effects of pointless employment the political and cultural reasons that it might exist and the way that jobs for the sake of jobs damages us. **Bullshit jobs book summary** It then takes us on a whistle stop tour of the history of managerialism the roots of the protestant work ethic and how it informs some of the ideas that proliferate this type of employment. **Book bullshit jobs** Despite the fact the book does actually use quite a few graphs and figures to inform its argument its main strength is of course the rigorous qualitative analysis Graeber engages in as should be expected in a book about human social structures and organizations. **Bullshit jobs book pdf** He tries to put up a convincing case that most jobs are not needed but fails to give any even remotely convincing evidence so you really have no idea how many unnecessarily jobs actually exists.

Bullshit jobs book pdf Bullshit Jobs: A Theory



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Spectacular and terrifyingly true Owen Jones Thought provoking and funny The Times Up to 40% of us secretly believe our jobs probably aren't necessary. **Book bullshit jobs** In the early twentieth century people prophesied that technology would see us all working fifteen hour weeks and driving flying cars. **Bullshit jobs book pdf** Not only have the flying cars not materialised but average working hours have increased rather than decreased. **Bullshit jobs epub** And now across the developed world three quarters of all jobs are in services finance or admin: jobs that don't seem to contribute anything to society, **Book bullshit jobs** In *Bullshit Jobs* David Graeber explores how this phenomenon one associated with the Soviet Union but which capitalism was supposed to eliminate has happened. **Book bullshit jobs** *Bullshit Jobs: A Theory* I know little about the academic discipline of anthropology but if it's possible for someone like Graeber to be Professor of Anthr. **Bullshit jobs book pdf** at a world leading university (LSE) then I am genuinely concerned for the subject and those who study it, **Bullshit jobs book summary** BS jobs is a promising concept and worthy of analysis and interrogation, **Bullshit jobs book pdf** But Graeber's evidence is anecdotal at best his arguments childish and his writing repetitive, **Bullshit jobs book** Worst of all the book is full of circular justifications and truisms and lacks intellectual rigour, **Bullshit jobs pdf** *Bullshit Jobs: A Theory* Worst book I've read in 2018 should know better than trust an academic anthropologist to teach me anything about the industry, **Bullshit jobs book summary** The subject is interesting but the author has little idea what he's talking about and lots of ideology, **Bullshit jobs book summary** Evidence is anecdotal at best: individual emails or unbelievably posts from internet fora where anyone can pose as anything: **Bullshit jobs book review** The BS job definition underpinning the book it's BS if the person having the job believes it to be is pure strategic genius as it deflects all critique, **Bullshit jobs book** Unfortunately it's methodologically ridiculous in all its naive relativism. **Book bullshit jobs** (Annoyingly I'm also a hands on engineer; so are my half a dozen colleagues who read the book. **Bullshit jobs pdf** Equally annoying are the straw men the authors insists on knocking down (Douglas Adams's hairdressers) as well as his abysmal ignorance of e: **Bullshit jobs epub** SW (industrial SW means duct taping together open source SW? for real?!). **Bullshit jobs pdf** Again should know better than have an anthropologist lecture me about SW. **Book bullshit jobs** All in all a waste of time and money if you're a trained scientist/engineer or simply partial about substantiated claims. **Bullshit jobs book review** If you insist on wasting the former I'll save you the latter by sending you my copy (lightly annotated before giving up). **Bullshit jobs book summary** Even better just read Graeber's original essay; the book adds nothing to it anyhow: **Bullshit jobs epub** *Bullshit Jobs: A Theory* John Maynard Keynes had great confidence that capitalism will improve not only the wealth but also the well being of all in society. **Bullshit jobs pdf** He also says that 'Hell is a collection of individuals who are spending the bulk of their time working on a task they don't like and are not particularly good at', **Bullshit jobs epub** He provides plenty of examples cabinetmakers compelled to fry fish is one of them, **Bullshit jobs book review** There is the story of a corporate lawyer who went on to become a happy singer in an indie rock band when he became

disillusioned with his job as a corporate lawyer, **Bullshit jobs book review** Some such BS jobs are so pointless that no one notices even if the employee vanishes. **Book bullshit jobs** One case involved a Spanish civil servant who skipped work for six years to study philosophy and became an expert in Spinoza before he was found out, **Bullshit jobs book** In another case an employee had been sitting at his desk dead for four days before his colleagues realised that he had died. **Bullshit jobs book review** People who are employed in jobs that exist primarily to make someone else look or feel important are known as 'flunkies'. **Bullshit jobs epub** In addition to financial consultancy middle management is where one might find BS jobs aplenty: **Book bullshit jobs** A sign that you have a job like this is when you are designated to provide 'strategic leadership', **Bullshit jobs book summary** From one he quoted 'in banking obviously the entire sector adds no value and is therefore BS': **Bullshit jobs pdf** Then there is the Human Resources Department that sets up intranet and instruct employees to make it 'into a kind of internal "community" like Facebook: **Book bullshit jobs** ' Graeber argues that the rise of such jobs was not due to economic factors but political and moral ones, **Book bullshit jobs** He discusses how jobs can truly have value and how exactly can value be measured. **Book bullshit jobs** If Graeber is right that this is not an economic problem but a political and moral one then the solution cannot be economic either, **Bullshit jobs book summary** That keeps us then in utter suspense - unless workers revolt: **Book bullshit jobs** Bullshit Jobs: A Theory One of the most insightful and liberating books I've ever read, **Book bullshit jobs** Graeber unrolls a convincing and substantial critique of the dire state of employment and our modern conceptions of work: **Bullshit jobs book review** Ignore the reviews saying the book is just a rehash of his 2013 essay or that it doesn't really go anywhere: **Bullshit jobs epub** It interrogates directly some of the unspoken assumptions about work and human nature itself we've been socialised to accept at face value: **Bullshit jobs book review** There are also other reviews complaining the book doesn't back everything up with numbers a sadly common complaint in a world where political and rhetorical literacy is dead, **Bullshit jobs book summary** How do you come up with a number to show how many people don't actually need to be employed? (Beyond asking them of course as the book does. **Book bullshit jobs** Graeber's work is never dry he really channels his animated way of speaking and thinking into the text: **Bullshit jobs book review** Read this book if you've ever felt like something is wrong with your job or the modern workplace: **Bullshit jobs epub** Bullshit Jobs: A Theory The author wrote a blog post about unnecessary jobs which gained a bit of traction, **Book bullshit jobs** He then received a relatively small number of anecdotal stories for people describing their unnecessary jobs: **Book bullshit jobs** He collated those stories with seemingly little verification of their accuracy onto a book, **Bullshit jobs book** This undermines the rest of the book when he tries to answer why so many people are paid to do jobs that aren't needed and why they get created in the first place: **Bullshit jobs book review** If this book was just a bunch of amusing anecdotes that would be fine but it tries to go way beyond that and ends up becoming a long boring pointless rant, **Bullshit jobs book** He is Professor of Anthropology at the London School of Economics, **Book bullshit jobs** As an assistant professor and associate professor of anthropology at Yale from 1998-2007 he specialised in theories of value and social theory, **Book bullshit jobs** The university's decision not to rehire him when he would otherwise have become eligible for tenure sparked an academic controversy and a petition with than 4500 signatures. **Bullshit jobs book** He went on to become from 2007-13 Reader in Social Anthropology at Goldsmiths University of London. **Book bullshit jobs** His activism includes protests against the 3rd Summit of the Americas in Quebec City in 2001 and the 2002 World Economic Forum in New York City, **Book bullshit jobs** Graeber was a leading figure in the Occupy Wall Street movement and is sometimes credited with having coined the slogan We are the 99 percent. In other words: they are bullshit jobs. This book shows why and what we can do about it. Instead something curious happened. Best avoided by all except true believers in revolution.g. BS jobs can also be defined by the scope of work. Doormen are examples in this category. Graeber interviewed employees from various sectors. They set it up; nobody uses it. Unfortunately Graeber is loath to make policy recommendations. I only wish I'd read it sooner. It ends on what might be done about the

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