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The KunstlerCast Duncan Crary 2011-10-01 Based off the popular podcast, this book collects one man's conversations with an outspoken social critic on the negative effects of the suburbs. James Howard Kunstler has been described as "one of the most outrageous commentators on the American built environment." An outspoken critic of suburban sprawl, Kunstler is often controversial and always provocative. The KunstlerCast is based on the popular weekly podcast of the same name, which features Kunstler in dialogue with author Duncan Crary, offering a personal window into Kunstler's worldview. Presented as a long-form conversational interview, The KunstlerCast revisits and updates all the major ideas contained in Kunstler's body of work, including: The need to rethink current sources of transportation and energy The failure of urban planning, architecture and industrial society America's plastic, dysfunctional culture The reality of peak oil Whether sitting in the studio, strolling city streets, visiting a suburban mall or even "Happy Motoring," the grim predictions Kunstler makes about America's prospects are leavened by his signature sharp wit and humor. This book is rounded out by commentary, footnotes and supplemental vignettes told from the perspective of an "embedded" reporter on the Kunstler beat. Readers may or may not agree with the more dystopian of Kunstler's visions. Regardless, The KunstlerCast is bound to inspire a great deal of thought, laughter, and hopefully, action. Praise for The KunstlerCast "A bracing dose of reality for an unreal world." —Stephen J. Dubner, co-author of Freakonomics and SuperFreakonomics "Erudite, eloquent . . . with good humor about the hilariously grotesque North American nightmare of car-addicted suburban sprawl." —Dmitry Orlov, author of Reinventing Collapse "Prepare to be enlightened, infuriated and amused." —Gregory Greene, Director, The End of Suburbia "So enlightening yet casual that the reader feels like they're eavesdropping into the den of Kunstler's prodigious mind." —Andrew D. Blechman, author of Leisureville

Wolf Totem Jiang Rong 2008-03-27 China's runaway bestseller and winner of the inaugural Man Asian Literary Prize Published in China in 2004, Wolf Totem has broken all sales records, selling millions of copies (along with millions more on the black market). Part period epic, part fable for modern days, Wolf Totem depicts the dying culture of the Mongols--the ancestors of the Mongol hordes who at one time terrorized the world--and the parallel extinction of the animal they believe to be sacred: the fierce and otherworldly Mongolian wolf. Beautifully translated by Howard Goldblatt, the foremost translator of Chinese fiction, this extraordinary novel is finally available in English.

The Long Emergency James Howard Kunstler 2006 The last two hundred years have seen the greatest explosion of progress and wealth in the history of mankind. But the age of oil, that fuelled this expansion, is coming rapidly to an end. The depletion of fossil fuels is about to transform life as we know it, and do so much sooner than we think. In "The Long Emergency", the distinguished commentator and analyst James Howard Kunstler explains what to expect after we pass the tipping point of peak oil production, and sets out to prepare us for economic, political, and social changes of an unimaginable scale.

A Safe and Happy Place James Howard Kunstler 2017-05-10 "In the fall of 1967, a schlemiel named Don Bessemer from Short Pump, Virginia, got me pregnant. Well, okay, I got myself pregnant with his

assistance. I fell for this superficial clod one rainy October afternoon when we were the only two patrons in a hole-in-the-wall called Cafae Ludovico off Astor Place...' So begins the journey into adulthood of 19-year-old Erica "Pooh" (as in Winnie) Bollinger from Oyster Bay, Long Island. She's a sophomore at NYU and nothing is working out there. She's knocked up. She hates the city. The Vietnam War is making America crazy, not to mention the sit-com looniness of everyday existence on the home-front. Pooh desperately wants out. She hears about a magical place up in Vermont where you can leave all this crap behind, a commune called Sunrise Village founded by the mysterious, charismatic figure known in the hippie underground only as "Songbird." Maybe she ought to go up there and check the situation out..."--Back cover.

The Flight of Mehetabel James Howard Kunstler 2013-05-01 From WATER STREET PRESS President Kennedy is entertaining some now-forgotten head-of-state in the White House and eleven-year-old Jeff Greenaway and his best friend Bobby Schindler are in New York City entertaining themselves-tossing water balloons, pennies and one Spanish melon off the fifteenth-floor terrace of the Schindler's apartment building over looking Fifth Avenue. Bobby's cat, Mehetabel, wanders out to sun herself and-inspired by the blustery day-the boys decide to fashion a parachute of Mrs. Schindler's pink damask tablecloth and send Mehetabel for a twelve-foot sail from the balcony of the water tower to the terrace. The phlegmatic Mehetabel cooperates like a flight cadet as they fit her with the parachute, but the wind is unpredictable and the experiment goes awry. Mehetabel takes flight over Central Park with the boys-along with a Park Avenue matron, a couple of winos, a retired veterinarian and the New York City Fire Department-in hot pursuit. James Howard Kunstler's charming tale takes us back to an age when NYC was a natural playground for two little boys on a breezy afternoon, a native would lend you a dime to make a phone call, and cats could fly. The Flight of Mehetabel is the third in Mr. Kunstler's series of children's books for adults. Collect all of his enchanting Jeff Greenaway tales at www.waterstreetpressbooks.com.

Living in the Long Emergency James Howard Kunstler 2020-03-03 Forget the speculation of pundits and media personalities. For anyone asking "Now what?" the answer is out there. You just have to know where to look. In his 2005 book, The Long Emergency, James Howard Kunstler described the global predicaments that would pitch the USA into political and economic turmoil in the 21st century—the end of affordable oil, climate irregularities, and flagging economic growth, to name a few. Now, he returns with a book that takes an up-close-and-personal approach to how real people are living now—surviving The Long Emergency as it happens. Through his popular blog, Clusterf*ck Nation, Kunstler has had the opportunity to connect with people from across the country. They've shared their stories with him—sometimes over years of correspondence—and in Living in the Long Emergency: Global Crisis, the Failure of the Futurists, and the Early Adapters Who Are Showing Us the Way Forward, he shares them with us, offering an eye-opening and unprecedented look at what's really going on "out there" in the US—and beyond. Kunstler also delves deep into his past predictions, comparing and contrasting them with the way things have unfolded with unflinching honesty. Further, he turns an eye to what's ahead, laying out the strategies that will help all of us as we navigate this new world. With personal accounts from a Vermont baker, homesteaders, a building contractor in the Baltimore ghetto, a white nationalist, and many more, Living in the Long Emergency is a unique and timely exploration of how the lives of everyday Americans are being transformed, for better and for worse, and what these stories tell us both about the future and about human perseverance.

The Fall of a Great American City Kevin Baker 2019-10-08 The Fall of a Great American City is the story of what is happening today in New York City and in many other cities across America. It is about how the crisis of affluence is now driving out everything we love most about cities: small shops, decent restaurants, public space, street life, affordable apartments, responsive government, beauty, idiosyncrasy, each other. This is the story of how we came to lose so much—how the places we love most were turned over to land bankers, billionaires, the worst people in the world, and criminal landlords—and how we can - and must - begin to take them back. Co-published with Harper's Magazine, where an earlier version of this essay was originally published in 2018. As New York City approaches the third decade of the twenty-first century, it is in imminent danger of becoming something it has never been before: unremarkable. By unremarkable I don't just mean periodic, slump-in-the-art-world, all-the-bands-suck, cinema-is-dead boring. I mean flatlining. No longer a significant cultural entity but a blank white screen of mere existence. I mean The-World's-Largest-Gated-Community-with-a-few-cupcake-shops. For the first-time in our history, creative-youngpeople- will-no-longer want-to-come-here boring. Even, New-York-is-over boring. Or worse, New York is like everywhere else. Unremarkable. This is not some new

phenomenon, but a cancer that's been metastasizing on the city for decades now. Even worse, it's not something that anyone wants, except the landlords, and not even all of them. What's happening to New York now—what's already happened to most of Manhattan, its core, and what is happening in every American city of means, Boston, Washington, San Francisco, Seattle, you name it—is something that almost nobody wants, but everybody gets. As such, the current urban crisis exemplifies our wider crisis: an America where we believe that we no longer have any ability to control the systems we live under.

Minnesota Cold Cynthia Kraack 2009-06-15 Orwellian vision of a post-nuclear future. Full of compelling family drama and characters who believe in human dignity and the possibility of freedom even against the odds.

The Harrows of Spring James Howard Kunstler 2016-07-05 The World Made by Hand postapocalyptic saga concludes with this "suspenseful tale spiked with suffering and violence, rough justice and love" (Booklist). The small town of Union Grove has adapted, struggled, and thrived in the new age of civilization. But early spring is full of hardships: Fresh food is scarce and the winter stores are almost gone. Despite the time of privation, young explorer Daniel Earle resurrects the town newspaper, and the town trustees ask him to help revive the Hudson River trade route. But even as the townsfolk strive forward, a group of visitors remind them that nothing is easy in the new world. They proclaim themselves as representatives of the Berkshire People's Republic, spouting high-minded, near-fanatical rhetoric of social justice and absolute equality—all while demanding tribute from the citizens under slyly veiled threats. Now, the townspeople of Union Grove will have to decide just how far they are willing to go to keep the freedom and peace for which they have fought so hard . . . With this glimpse into a future that could become reality all too soon, James Howard Kunstler delivers "a slyly folksy, caustically hilarious, unabashedly proselytizing, and affecting finale in a keenly provocative saga." (Booklist).

An Embarrassment of Riches James Howard Kunstler 2011-11-01 A picaresque novel of the American West in 1803. An historical comedy about two bumbling botanists sent into the southern wilderness by Thomas Jefferson to look for something that isn't there. A novel in the spirit of Lewis and Clark (who make cameo appearances). Replete with wild Indians, river pirates, the kidnapped son of King Louis XVI, the lost colony of Roanoke, and much more. A non-stop romp full of life and humor and the sensibility of early America.

The Story of B Daniel Quinn 2010-01-13 From the author of the critically acclaimed, award-winning bestseller *Ishmael* and its sequel, *My Ishmael*, comes a powerful novel with one of the most profound spiritual testaments of our time "A compelling 'humantale' that will unglue, stun, shock, and rearrange everything you've learned and assume about Western civilization and our future."—Paul Hawken, author of *The Ecology of Commerce* Father Jared Osborne has received an extraordinary assignment from his superiors: Investigate an itinerant preacher stirring up deep trouble in central Europe. His followers call him B, but his enemies say he's something else: the Antichrist. However, the man Osborne tracks across a landscape of bars, cabarets, and seedy meeting halls is no blasphemous monster—though an earlier era would undoubtedly have rushed him to the burning stake. For B claims to be enunciating a gospel written not on any stone or parchment but in our very genes, opening up a spiritual direction for humanity that would have been unimaginable to any of the prophets or saviors of traditional religion. Pressed by his superiors for a judgement, Osborne is driven to penetrate B's inner circle, where he soon finds himself an anguished collaborator in the dismantling of his own religious foundations. More than a masterful novel of adventure and suspense, *The Story of B* is a rich source of compelling ideas from an author who challenges us to rethink our most cherished beliefs. Explore Daniel Quinn's spiritual *Ishmael* trilogy: *ISHMAEL* • *MY ISHMAEL* • *THE STORY OF B*

Remnant Thomas Sherry 2010-11 Resuming the 'Deep Winter' story after the second book, 'Shatter', *Remnant* follows the Drummond family into new territory. As a Second Civil War rages, Rick Drummond finds himself amid those who are learning anew, the cost of freedom.

A History of the Future James Howard Kunstler 2014-08-05 Humanity hangs on after the fall of civilization in this "wily, funny, rip-roaring, and profoundly provocative page-turner" (Booklist, starred review). After the collapse of the old world—the pandemics, the environmental disasters, the end of oil, the ensuing chaos—people are pursuing a simpler and sometimes happier existence. In Union Grove, New York, the townspeople are preparing for Christmas . . . the perfect time for a long-lost member of the community to return. Robert Earle's son, Daniel, has come home after two years exploring what is left of the United States. He brings news of three new nations arisen from what was once America—and the dangers and possibilities they may hold. Meanwhile, a horrific murder threatens to turn the community of Union Grove

against itself—and what is supposed to be a time of peace and togetherness is overtaken by suspicion and fear. In this vividly depicted look at a world that may be on our own horizon, “Kunstler skewers everything from kitsch to greed, prejudice, bloodshed, and brainwashing” in a gripping story of hope, hate, and humanity’s last chance at survival (Booklist).

Maggie Darling James Howard Kunstler 2007-12-01 She's the goddess of hearth and home, America's millionaire media maven of domesticity, Connecticut's most dazzling hostess, and everything in her world is perfect—except that Maggie Darling's picture-book life has suddenly gone off the rails. Amid the extravagant trappings of a Christmas Eve bash, she spies her swinish stockbroker husband slipping out of a powder room moments after his creamy young colleague. Matrimonial meltdown launches Maggie on a year of romance and misadventure, starting with an ill-fated fling with British rock star-turned-movie-actor Frederick Swann. Back home, a sniper is loose on the Merritt Parkway and a gang known as the Businessman's Lunch Posse is terrorizing patrons of Manhattan's four-star restaurants. Meanwhile, Maggie's son Hooper drops out of college and falls into the company of the sinister gangsta-rap group Chill Az Def. As calamity piles on catastrophe, can Maggie Darling brilliantly resolve the collapse of civilization as we wish we knew it?

The Wampanaki Tales James H. Kunstler 1980-05-01

Geography Of Nowhere James Howard Kunstler 1994-07-26 Argues that much of what surrounds Americans is depressing, ugly, and unhealthy; and traces America's evolution from a land of village commons to a man-made landscape that ignores nature and human needs.

Too Much Magic James Howard Kunstler 2012-06-19 James Howard Kunstler's critically acclaimed and bestselling *The Long Emergency*, originally published in 2005, quickly became a grassroots hit, going into nine printings in hardcover. Kunstler's shocking vision of our post-oil future caught the attention of environmentalists and business leaders alike, and stimulated widespread discussion about our dependence on fossil fuels and our dysfunctional financial and government institutions. Kunstler has since been profiled in *The New Yorker* and invited to speak at TED. In *Too Much Magic*, Kunstler evaluates what has changed in the last seven years and shows us that, in a post-financial-crisis world, his ideas are more relevant than ever. “Too Much Magic” is what Kunstler sees in the bright visions of a future world dreamed up by optimistic souls who believe technology will solve all our problems. Their visions remind him of the flying cars and robot maids that were the dominant images of the future in the 1950s. Kunstler's image of the future is much more sober. With vision, clarity of thought, and a pragmatic worldview, Kunstler argues that the time for magical thinking and hoping for miracles is over, and the time to begin preparing for the long emergency has begun.

The Halloween Ball James Howard Kunstler 1987 An elaborate, outrageous Halloween party becomes the catalyst that brings tragedy to the town of Excelsior Springs, New York, and the revelation of secret dreams, fears, and hopes for four men confronting the realities of turning thirty

The King in Yellow Robert William Chambers 2020-09-28 Toward the end of the year 1920 the Government of the United States had practically completed the programme, adopted during the last months of President Winthrop's administration. The country was apparently tranquil. Everybody knows how the Tariff and Labour questions were settled. The war with Germany, incident on that country's seizure of the Samoan Islands, had left no visible scars upon the republic, and the temporary occupation of Norfolk by the invading army had been forgotten in the joy over repeated naval victories, and the subsequent ridiculous plight of General Von Gartenlaube's forces in the State of New Jersey. The Cuban and Hawaiian investments had paid one hundred per cent and the territory of Samoa was well worth its cost as a coaling station. The country was in a superb state of defence. Every coast city had been well supplied with land fortifications; the army under the parental eye of the General Staff, organized according to the Prussian system, had been increased to 300,000 men, with a territorial reserve of a million; and six magnificent squadrons of cruisers and battle-ships patrolled the six stations of the navigable seas, leaving a steam reserve amply fitted to control home waters. The gentlemen from the West had at last been constrained to acknowledge that a college for the training of diplomats was as necessary as law schools are for the training of barristers; consequently we were no longer represented abroad by incompetent patriots. The nation was prosperous; Chicago, for a moment paralyzed after a second great fire, had risen from its ruins, white and imperial, and more beautiful than the white city which had been built for its plaything in 1893. Everywhere good architecture was replacing bad, and even in New York, a sudden craving for decency had swept away a great portion of the existing horrors. Streets had been widened, properly paved and lighted, trees had been planted, squares laid out, elevated

structures demolished and underground roads built to replace them. The new government buildings and barracks were fine bits of architecture, and the long system of stone quays which completely surrounded the island had been turned into parks which proved a god-send to the population. The subsidizing of the state theatre and state opera brought its own reward. The United States National Academy of Design was much like European institutions of the same kind. Nobody envied the Secretary of Fine Arts, either his cabinet position or his portfolio. The Secretary of Forestry and Game Preservation had a much easier time, thanks to the new system of National Mounted Police. We had profited well by the latest treaties with France and England; the exclusion of foreign-born Jews as a measure of self-preservation, the settlement of the new independent negro state of Suanee, the checking of immigration, the new laws concerning naturalization, and the gradual centralization of power in the executive all contributed to national calm and prosperity. When the Government solved the Indian problem and squadrons of Indian cavalry scouts in native costume were substituted for the pitiable organizations tacked on to the tail of skeletonized regiments by a former Secretary of War, the nation drew a long sigh of relief. When, after the colossal Congress of Religions, bigotry and intolerance were laid in their graves and kindness and charity began to draw warring sects together, many thought the millennium had arrived, at least in the new world which after all is a world by itself.

After Oil John Michael Greer 2012-10 Author John Michael Greer, host of the blog "The Archdruid Report," a weekly peak oil blog, brings together twelve original tales selected from among his readers. Each story offers glimpses into possible futures where oil scarcity and lower energy availability spell the end of modern industrial society.

Home from Nowhere James Howard Kunstler 1998-03-26 Describes the landscape debates and movements in America that attempt to restore the beauty of its dwelling places

Goodness and the Literary Imagination Toni Morrison 2019-10-15 What exactly is goodness? Where is it found in the literary imagination? Toni Morrison, one of American letters' greatest voices, pondered these perplexing questions in her celebrated Ingersoll Lecture, delivered at Harvard University in 2012 and published now for the first time. Perhaps because it is overshadowed by the more easily defined evil, goodness often escapes our attention. Recalling many literary examples, from Ahab to Coetzee's Michael K, Morrison seeks the essence of goodness and ponders its significant place in her writing. She considers the concept in relation to unforgettable characters from her own works of fiction and arrives at conclusions that are both eloquent and edifying. In a lively interview conducted for this book, Morrison further elaborates on her lecture's ideas, discussing goodness not only in literature but in society and history—particularly black history, which has responded to centuries of brutality with profound creativity. Morrison's essay is followed by a series of responses by scholars in the fields of religion, ethics, history, and literature to her thoughts on goodness and evil, mercy and love, racism and self-destruction, language and liberation, together with close examination of literary and theoretical expressions from her works. Each of these contributions, written by a scholar of religion, considers the legacy of slavery and how it continues to shape our memories, our complicities, our outcries, our lives, our communities, our literature, and our faith. In addition, the contributors engage the religious orientation in Morrison's novels so that readers who encounter her many memorable characters such as Sula, Beloved, or Frank Money will learn and appreciate how Morrison's notions of goodness and mercy also reflect her understanding of the sacred and the human spirit.

One Second After William R. Forstchen 2011-04-26 A post-apocalyptic thriller of the after effects in the United States after a terrifying terrorist attack using electromagnetic pulse weapons. New York Times best selling author William R. Forstchen now brings us a story which can be all too terrifyingly real...a story in which one man struggles to save his family and his small North Carolina town after America loses a war, in one second, a war that will send America back to the Dark Ages...A war based upon a weapon, an Electro Magnetic Pulse (EMP). A weapon that may already be in the hands of our enemies. Months before publication, One Second After has already been cited on the floor of Congress as a book all Americans should read, a book already being discussed in the corridors of the Pentagon as a truly realistic look at a weapon and its awesome power to destroy the entire United States, literally within one second. It is a weapon that the Wall Street Journal warns could shatter America. In the tradition of On the Beach, Fail Safe and Testament, this book, set in a typical American town, is a dire warning of what might be our future...and our end. The John Matherson Series #1 One Second After #2 One Year After #3 The Final Day Other Books Pillar to the Sky 48 Hours At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

A Christmas Orphan James Howard Kunstler 2012-12-01 From WATER STREET PRESS Two days before Christmas, eons ago in 1962, eleven-year-old Jeff Greenaway overhears his parents having an argument in their New York City apartment. Could it be, as his mother declares sarcastically, that he was "an orphan found on the doorstep in a willow basket?" And are these people who claim to be his mother and father actually imposters? The heartbreaking news propels Jeff into a strange adventure on the verge of the Great Holiday. He sets off for Grand Central Station to find the town of Drakesburg, Vermont, inspired by an episode of his favorite TV show, *The Twilight Zone*--the show that happened to be on when his parents started their quarrel. In Drakesburg, he imagines, with its quaint turn-of-the-century charm and its people full of tender-hearted goodness, he can start life over as an orphan, maybe even find a sympathetic family to adopt him if he promises to milk the cow and take out the garbage. Jeff rides the Holiday Special train north through the night to Vermont, with his baseball mitt and some fresh underwear in his school briefcase, only to discover that the sparkly New England town of television land is not quite the paradise he imagined. The locals in the town diner have never seen anything quite like him, a boy on the run from parents he says were phonies. Jeff makes the rounds of the town's best-looking houses desperately seeking a family that might be interested in adopting an orphan. The results are not quite what he expected. But as twilight settles over the snowy streets on Christmas Eve, fate lands him in the perfect situation, a family with a boy his own age, who even has his own horse! The only complication is that the father is the town sheriff.... James Howard Kunstler's charming, elegiac tale returns us to a time when we all believed we would shape life on our own terms--and reminds us that happiness is still something worth taking a few risks to achieve.

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Violence Against Black Bodies Sandra E. Weissinger 2017-04-07 *Violence Against Black Bodies* argues that black deaths at the hands of police are just one form of violence that black and brown people face daily in the western world. Through the voices of scholars from different academic disciplines, this book gives readers an opportunity to put the cases together and see that violent deaths in police custody are just one tentacle of the racial order—a hierarchy which is designed to produce trauma and discrimination according to one's perceived race-ethnicity.

The Long Emergency James Howard Kunstler 2007-12-01 A "frightening and important" look at our unsustainable future (*Time Out Chicago*). A controversial hit that has sparked debate among business leaders, environmentalists, and others, *The Long Emergency* is an eye-opening look at the unprecedented challenges we face in the years ahead, as oil runs out and the global systems built on it are forced to change radically. From the author of *The Geography of Nowhere*, it is a book that "should be read, digested, and acted upon by every conscientious U.S. politician and citizen" (Michael Shuman, author of *Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities in a Global Age*).

Blood Solstice James Howard Kunstler 1986-01-01 Grover Graff, a reporter who specializes in investigating religious cults, discovers a link between the scattered pieces of the body of his best friend

and the Children of Abraham, one of the cults he has been investigating

[The Knowledge](#) Lewis Dartnell 2015-03-10 How would you go about rebuilding a technological society from scratch? If our technological society collapsed tomorrow what would be the one book you would want to press into the hands of the postapocalyptic survivors? What crucial knowledge would they need to survive in the immediate aftermath and to rebuild civilization as quickly as possible? Human knowledge is collective, distributed across the population. It has built on itself for centuries, becoming vast and increasingly specialized. Most of us are ignorant about the fundamental principles of the civilization that supports us, happily utilizing the latest—or even the most basic—technology without having the slightest idea of why it works or how it came to be. If you had to go back to absolute basics, like some sort of postcataclysmic Robinson Crusoe, would you know how to re-create an internal combustion engine, put together a microscope, get metals out of rock, or even how to produce food for yourself? Lewis Dartnell proposes that the key to preserving civilization in an apocalyptic scenario is to provide a quickstart guide, adapted to cataclysmic circumstances. *The Knowledge* describes many of the modern technologies we employ, but first it explains the fundamentals upon which they are built. Every piece of technology rests on an enormous support network of other technologies, all interlinked and mutually dependent. You can't hope to build a radio, for example, without understanding how to acquire the raw materials it requires, as well as generate the electricity needed to run it. But Dartnell doesn't just provide specific information for starting over; he also reveals the greatest invention of them all—the phenomenal knowledge-generating machine that is the scientific method itself. *The Knowledge* is a brilliantly original guide to the fundamentals of science and how it built our modern world.

[World Made by Hand](#) James Howard Kunstler 2009-01-19 In this “richly imagined” dystopian vision, mankind must find a way to survive as modern civilization slowly comes apart (*O, The Oprah Magazine*). When Earth ran dry of oil, the age of the automobile came to an end; electricity flickered out. With deprivation came desperation—and desperation drove humanity backward to a state of existence few could have imagined. In the tiny hamlet of Union Grove, New York, every day is a struggle. For Mayor Robert Earle, it is a battle to keep the citizens united. As the bonds of civilization are torn apart by war, famine, and violence, there are some who aim to carve out a new society: one in which might makes right—a world of tyranny, subjugation, and death. A world Earle must fight against . . . In his shocking nonfiction work, *The Long Emergency*, social commentator James Howard Kunstler explored the reality of what would happen if the engines stopped running. In *World Made by Hand*, he offers a stark glimpse of that future in a work of speculative fiction that stands as “an impassioned and invigorating tale whose ultimate message is one of hope, not despair” (*San Francisco Chronicle*). “Brilliant.” —Alan Cheuse, *Chicago Tribune* “It frightens without being ridiculously nightmarish, it cautions without being too judgmental, and it offers glimmers of hope we don't have to read between the lines to comprehend.” —*Baltimore City Paper*

[Living in the Long Emergency](#) James Howard Kunstler 2020-03-03 Forget the speculation of pundits and media personalities. For anyone asking “Now what?” the answer is out there. You just have to know where to look. In his 2005 book, *The Long Emergency*, James Howard Kunstler described the global predicaments that would pitch the USA into political and economic turmoil in the 21st century—the end of affordable oil, climate irregularities, and flagging economic growth, to name a few. Now, he returns with a book that takes an up-close-and-personal approach to how real people are living now—surviving *The Long Emergency* as it happens. Through his popular blog, *Clusterf*ck Nation*, Kunstler has had the opportunity to connect with people from across the country. They've shared their stories with him—sometimes over years of correspondence—and in *Living in the Long Emergency: Global Crisis, the Failure of the Futurists, and the Early Adapters Who Are Showing Us the Way Forward*, he shares them with us, offering an eye-opening and unprecedented look at what's really going on “out there” in the US—and beyond. Kunstler also delves deep into his past predictions, comparing and contrasting them with the way things have unfolded with unflinching honesty. Further, he turns an eye to what's ahead, laying out the strategies that will help all of us as we navigate this new world. With personal accounts from a Vermont baker, homesteaders, a building contractor in the Baltimore ghetto, a white nationalist, and many more, *Living in the Long Emergency* is a unique and timely exploration of how the lives of everyday Americans are being transformed, for better and for worse, and what these stories tell us both about the future and about human perseverance.

[The World Ends in Hickory Hollow](#) Ardath Mayhar 2017-03-24 NOT WITH A BANG! When the bombs fell and Western civilization ended, the residents of Hickory Hollow, Texas, scarcely noticed the difference.

They were already used to fending for themselves -- growing their own food, helping their neighbors survive, keeping their rural life going, much as before. But when the Ungers -- a band of renegade thieves, murderers, and ne'er-do-wells -- began raiding the nearby plots, looting and killing everyone in sight, it was time to take action! "I was reminded constantly of George R. Stewart's classic post-holocaust novel, *Earth Abides*. The gentle rhythms of country existence, the sense that the world will continue (with or without us), the joy of living close to the earth, the nature of community itself, all combine for a poignant tale celebrating the best of what it means to be human. In Mayhar's perceptive eyes, the World Begins in Hickory Hollow." --Robert Reginald. Ardath Mayhar authored more than sixty books, including science fiction, fantasy, western literature, poetry, and young adult tales. She lived and worked in Eastern Texas.

Strong Towns Charles Marohn 2019-10-01 A new way forward for sustainable quality of life in cities of all sizes *Strong Towns: A Bottom-Up Revolution to Build American Prosperity* is a book of forward-thinking ideas that breaks with modern wisdom to present a new vision of urban development in the United States. Presenting the foundational ideas of the Strong Towns movement he co-founded, Charles Marohn explains why cities of all sizes continue to struggle to meet their basic needs, and reveals the new paradigm that can solve this longstanding problem. Inside, you'll learn why inducing growth and development has been the conventional response to urban financial struggles—and why it just doesn't work. New development and high-risk investing don't generate enough wealth to support itself, and cities continue to struggle. Read this book to find out how cities large and small can focus on bottom-up investments to minimize risk and maximize their ability to strengthen the community financially and improve citizens' quality of life. Develop in-depth knowledge of the underlying logic behind the "traditional" search for never-ending urban growth Learn practical solutions for ameliorating financial struggles through low-risk investment and a grassroots focus Gain insights and tools that can stop the vicious cycle of budget shortfalls and unexpected downturns Become a part of the Strong Towns revolution by shifting the focus away from top-down growth toward rebuilding American prosperity *Strong Towns* acknowledges that there is a problem with the American approach to growth and shows community leaders a new way forward. The Strong Towns response is a revolution in how we assemble the places we live.

The Kandy-Kolored Tangerine-Flake Streamline Baby Tom Wolfe 2009-11-24 "An excellent book by a genius," said Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., of this now classic exploration of the 1960s from the founder of new journalism. "This is a book that will be a sharp pleasure to reread years from now, when it will bring back, like a falcon in the sky of memory, a whole world that is currently jetting and jazzing its way somewhere or other."--Newsweek In his first book, *The Kandy-Kolored Tangerine-Flake Streamline Baby* (1965) Wolfe introduces us to the sixties, to extravagant new styles of life that had nothing to do with the "elite" culture of the past.

Drawing for Architecture Leon Krier 2009-07-10 Drawings, doodles, and ideograms argue with ferocity and wit for traditional urbanism and architecture. Architect Léon Krier's doodles, drawings, and ideograms make arguments in images, without the circumlocutions of prose. Drawn with wit and grace, these clever sketches do not try to please or flatter the architectural establishment. Rather, they make an impassioned argument against what Krier sees as the unquestioned doctrines and unacknowledged absurdities of contemporary architecture. Thus he shows us a building bearing a suspicious resemblance to Norman Foster's famous London "gherkin" as an example of "priapus hubris" (threatened by detumescence and "priapus nemesis"); he charts "Random Uniformity" ("fake simplicity") and "Uniform Randomness" ("fake complexity"); he draws bloated "bulimic" and disproportionately scrawny "anorexic" columns flanking a graceful "classical" one; and he compares "private virtue" (modernist architects' homes and offices) to "public vice" (modernist architects' "creations"). Krier wants these witty images to be tools for re-founding traditional urbanism and architecture. He argues for mixed-use cities, of "architectural speech" rather than "architectural stutter," and pointedly plots the man-vehicle-land-need ratio of "sub-urban man" versus that of a city dweller. In an age of energy crisis, he writes (and his drawings show), we "build in the wrong places, in the wrong patterns, materials, densities, and heights, and for the wrong number of dwellers"; a return to traditional architectures and building and settlement techniques can be the means of ecological reconstruction. Each of Krier's provocative and entertaining images is worth more than a thousand words of theoretical abstraction.

Too Much Magic James Howard Kunstler 2013-07-09 The author of *The Long Emergency* offers his predictions as to what technological advances will truly bring, in a sobering look at the future that dispels the overly optimistic vision of the future as depicted in 1950s pop culture.

The End of Oil Paul Roberts 2005-04-05 Petroleum is now so deeply entrenched in our economy, our politics, and our personal expectations that even modest efforts to phase it out are fought tooth and nail by the most powerful forces in the world: companies and governments that depend on oil revenues; the developing nations that see oil as the only means to industrial success; and a Western middle class that refuses to modify its energy-dependent lifestyle. But within thirty years, by even conservative estimates, we will have burned our way through most of the oil that is easily accessible. And well before then, the side effects of an oil-based society—economic volatility, geopolitical conflict, and the climate-changing impact of hydrocarbon pollution—will render fossil fuels an all but unacceptable solution. How will we break our addiction to oil? And what will we use in its place to maintain a global economy and political system that are entirely reliant on cheap, readily available energy? Brilliantly reported from around the globe, *The End of Oil* brings the world situation into fresh and dramatic focus for business and general readers alike. Roberts talks to both oil optimists and oil pessimists, delves deep into the economics and politics of oil, considers the promises and pitfalls of alternatives, and shows that, although the world energy system has begun its epoch-defining transition, disruption and violent dislocation are almost assured if we do not take a more proactive stance. With the topicality and readability of *Fast Food Nation* and the scope and trenchant analysis of *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, this is a vitally important book for the new century.

The City in Mind James Howard Kunstler 2003-01-07 *The City in Mind* is a far-reaching discourse on the history and current state of urban life. Kunstler reflects on various and diverse cities across the world and investigates the nature and character of their city lives. From London to Mexico City, he takes an in-depth look at each city's history, development and state of architectural and societal success. Other cities explored include Rome, Berlin and Paris. In his investigations, he discovers a disparate Europe with its mix of pre-industrial creativity, war-marked reminders of the twentieth century, and the architectural aftermath of World War II, modernism, and for some, the Cold War. In his discussions on Western culture, Kunstler expands the notions of urbanism first discussed by Jane Jacobs. His examination of cities is at once a concise history of their urban lives and a detailed criticism of how those histories have either aided or hindered the social and civil progress of the cities' occupants.

Manhattan Gothic James Howard Kunstler 2012-09-01 From WATER STREET PRESS A children's story for grown-ups. "...amongst their own kind, children are the world's most thoroughgoing skeptics." But not eleven-year-old Jeff Greenaway. When his parents suddenly come into possession of hard-to-get tickets to the smash musical *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, but can't find a babysitter, Jeff ventures out in the Manhattan night to meet his hero, Count Zackuloff, the mad, moldy host of Channel 5's *Midnight Mystery Theater*, a horror movie program. Amazingly, the Count takes Jeff along on a publicity stunt in costume to the Horn and Hardart Automat, drawing crowds of curious fans. Next, the Count takes Jeff to a double feature horror matinee at the 58th Street Translux. An unusual friendship develops between the boy and the ghoul. Through it all, Jeff nurtures dreams of becoming the Count's on-screen sidekick. But the Count has his own dreams—and they do not include a lifetime of introducing old horror movies on a third-rate New York TV station. James Howard Kunstler's charming tale takes us back to an age when New York City was a natural playground for a little boy and his own, personal vampire hero—a time when it seemed possible that all of our dreams could come true.

The Witch of Hebron James Howard Kunstler 2010-09-07 The dystopian epic of *World Made by Hand* continues in a novel hailed as "Larry McMurty's *Lonesome Dove*, set in the dystopian world of *The Road*" (New York Journal of Books). A new age has begun on Earth. Oil is no longer a resource. Some parts of America are nuclear wastelands. Civilization has devolved into a constant struggle for food, water, and shelter. In the tiny hamlet of Union Grove, New York, the US government is little more than a rumor. Wars are being fought over dwindling resources and illness is a constant presence. Bandits roam the countryside, preying on the weak and a sinister cult threatens the town's fragile stability. It is up to every citizen of Union Grove to decide what they are willing to fight for, kill for, and die for . . . This is a tale of humanity at its shining best and brutal worst woven together in a "suspenseful, darkly amusing story with touches of the fantastic in the mode of Washington Irving" (Booklist). "Kunstler's postapocalyptic world is neither a merciless nightmare nor a starry-eyed return to some pastoral faux utopia; it's a hard existence dotted with adventure, revenge, mysticism, and those same human emotions that existed before the power went out." —Publishers Weekly

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