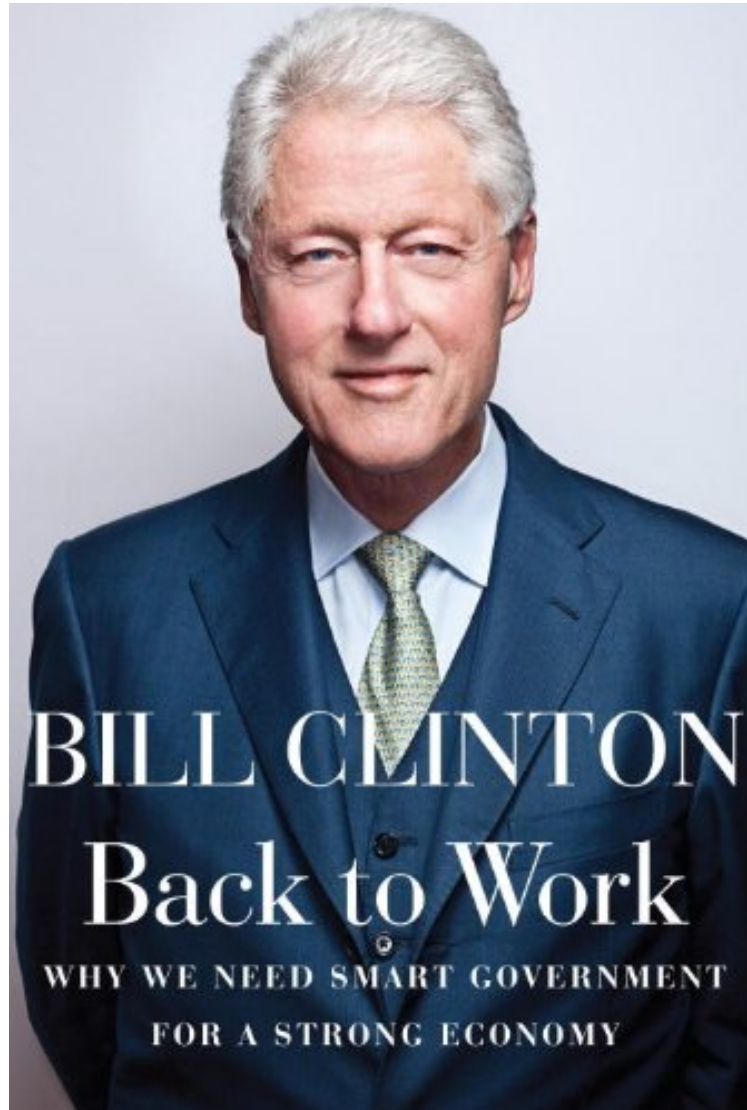


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Elegant explanation with excellent examples of possible interventionsBy CustomerI feel Clintons strongest point is that he really wants to solve problems, regardless of his personal ego. The first part deals with how we got here economically. I was impressed at his description of the shifts in circumstances since 1980 and why he says President Obama's choices and performance are better than most think.

Those who disagree with Clinton passionately would likely disagree with section one. Section 2 addresses what can be done to improve things. Clinton has always been a collector of the trivia of various policy experiments done by the USA and other nations. Section 2 is a collection of different policies are worth trying to deal with economic problems, tax policies, and other issues. One of my frustrations with the liberals and conservatives is that they are not offering a bunch of positive simple proposals that can be experimented one at a time with small initial investments. The example he has me excited about is the program to make one day retrofits on buildings affordable. The economic investment and carbon emission savings allow coal power plants to be closed instead of investing in expensive technology to clean coal power. The houses gain value. The policies have already been done on small scales in various places. I would like to see a greater amount of discussion on what simple things can we do in terms of public policy that be tested from all political perspectives. I would encourage anyone who is interested in or wonders how the government can improve things to look at what Clinton has to say; even if you disagree with most of it, he offers a compelling set of policy interventions that could make for a better USA and world. It is worth contemplating and debating.

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Being an Indian, I have a great respect for President Bill Clinton for the dynamic leadership he had provided to a great country USA. Whether domestic or foreign issues he had handled during his presidency, which we learn from his Books are a great source of study for whoever who dons the role of a Leader irrespective of the size or volume he or she leads in their respective domains. This particular Book " Back to Work" is filled with so much of facts and information supported by voluminous data analysing the past, present and future of not only USA - but the revelations of the current economic global scenario is a study for any serious student of World Economy.

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By Xianguang Storey
In a very concise and clear fashion, former president Clinton gave those who would listen amazingly practical suggestions as to how to unlock the money and bring back the economic growth in the United States that more middle class and the working poor can benefit from. You can definitely find a couple from the 46 detailed and well reasoned suggestions that relate to yourself and your own areas of expertise and start your cooperation and networking from there.

"I wrote this book because I love my country and I'm concerned about our future," writes Bill Clinton. "As I often said when I first ran for President in 1992, America at its core is an ideal—the idea that no matter who you are or where you're from, if you work hard and play by the rules, you'll have the freedom and opportunity to pursue your own dreams and leave your kids a country where they can chase theirs." In *Back to Work*, Clinton details how we can get out of the current economic crisis and lay a foundation for long-term prosperity. He offers specific recommendations on how we can put people back to work and create new businesses, increase bank lending and corporate investment, double our exports, and restore our manufacturing base. He supports President Obama's emphasis on green technology, saying that change in the way we produce and consume energy is the strategy most likely to spark a fast-growing economy and enhance our national security. Clinton also says that we need both a strong economy and a smart government working together to restore prosperity and progress. He demonstrates that whenever we've given in to the temptation to blame government for our problems, we've lost our commitment to shared prosperity, balanced growth, financial responsibility, and investment in the future. That has led our nation into trouble because there are some things we have to do together. For example, he says, "Our ability to compete in the twenty-first century is dependent on our willingness to invest in infrastructure: we need faster broadband, a state-of-the-art national electrical grid, modernized water and sewer systems, and the best airports, trains, roads, and bridges. There is no evidence that we can succeed in the twenty-first century with an antigovernment strategy," writes Clinton, "with a philosophy grounded in 'Yours'—re on your own's—rather than 'Wers'—re all in this together's." Clinton believes that conflict between government and the private sector has proved to be remarkably good politics, but it has produced bad policies, giving us a weak economy with few jobs, growing income inequality and poverty, and a decline in our competitive position. In the real world, cooperation works much better than conflict, and "we need victories in the real world."

"A reality-based strategy for economic renewal packed with ideas on how to fix America's job machine . . . Offers some well-timed optimism . . . Contains sensible ideas . . . Articulate, engaging." —Daniel Gross, *The Washington Post*

"A lucid one-man rebuttal of the Tea Party's anti-government agenda and a practical set of proposals . . . for restoring economic growth. A succinct common-sense argument for why America needs a strong national government, why both spending cuts and increased tax revenues are necessary for addressing the debt problem (which is going to get worse given the demographics of an aging baby-boomer population and the high costs of interest payments), and why that debt problem 'can't be solved unless the economy starts growing again.'" —Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times*

"This book presents page after page of intelligent suggestions on how the U.S. can cut its crippling debt, create new jobs, and get 'back into the future business' . . . I found much to agree with." —James Pressley, *Bloomberg News*

"A personal, plain-spoken economic picture of where we are, a mile-high view of the three decades that got us

here, and how to revive our economy in classic 'American Dream growth' style. . . . If this list whiplashes from the nitty-gritty to the mile-high view and back again, it demonstrates that Clinton is a politician who can operate at both levels without breaking a sweat. . . . A book with the chutzpah that the Democrats have been missing." —Carolyn Kellogg, Los Angeles Times

"Four stars . . . There's an upbeat, front-foot tone to *Back to Work* that is welcome at a time of despair. Love him or hate him, [Clinton] hasn't lost his touch . . . It's refreshing to hear from him." —Martin Vander Weyer, The Telegraph (U.K.)

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"Feisty . . . a cogent, well-informed attack on the GOP's 'antigovernment ideology.' A smart, forthright, appealingly folksy defense of activist government." —Publishers Weekly

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