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This was required for a class, but frankly it was interesting enough I was even willing to read the chapters not assigned. It's well organized and researched, and the writing straddles the line between "academic journal article" and "interesting newspaper article." It clearly conveys a lot of information without boring or overwhelming the reader. My professor supplemented this book with ch 3 of Vivien Schmidt's "The Futures of European Capitalism" in order to help us better understand how European economies differ from the USA and each other. Despite the fact that I didn't think I'd be particularly interested in this subject, it turned out to be one of the most interesting classes I've taken (I am a senior in college working on my BA in Political Science.)

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