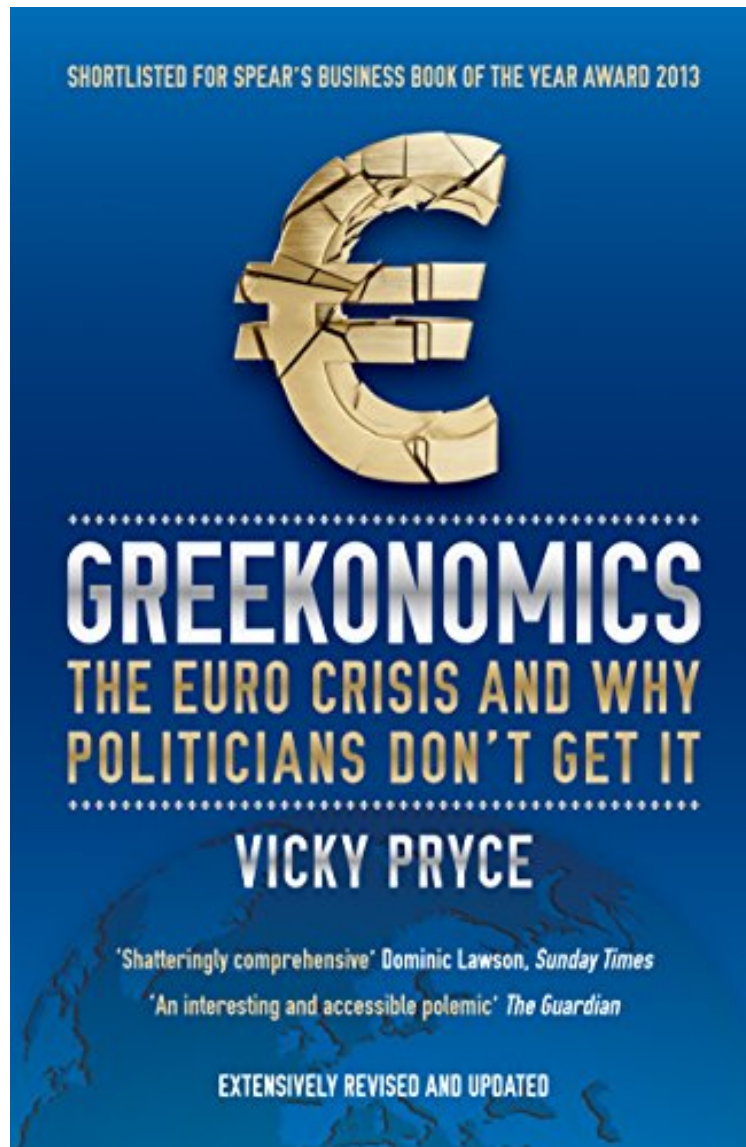


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Vicky Pryce : Greeconomics: The Euro Crisis and Why Politicians Don't Get It before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Greeconomics: The Euro Crisis and Why Politicians Don't Get It*:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Could not put it down By Arthur This book was read in a weekend - I could not put it down. I have a background in Economics, so this was a relatively straightforward read. The author is clearly well-informed about global economics, the crisis and its origins, including the history of the Greek state since Independence. The author has more credence in my eyes because she is an Ethnic Greek. I would have looked at it

with more narrow eyes had the author been German or French. I was astonished at LaGarde's hypocritical remarks by rebuking the Greek people to pay their taxes even though her job at the IMF exempts her from paying taxes. Sad to see the level of bureaucratic incompetence in my ancestral homeland, exposing us to foreign creditors, and the actions of others not acting in the national interest. Greece will always be home, and I have a positive view that the country will move on and up out of this crisis. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely rivoting
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This book is a must read and apply if the EU will succeed. It not only explains the goods but the necessary bads and the need for the Eurobond to exist. Albeit it will never happen. If you want to learn quickly and efficiently this is the read of the decade. I'm in awe. I can't believe it's not a textbook in every school, every tv show, and a must for every politician!
0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Read about Euro Crisis
By Dan Clements
For anyone interested in the European banking/sovereign debt crisis, this is a must read. Excellent historical background and discussions of alternatives for the future.

The eurozone is in crisis. Spiralling debts, defaulting banks, high unemployment - the European dream of a united union appears to be over. All fingers point to the corrupt and greedy PIIGs: Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece and Spain. Profligate governments have exploited the system, squandered the benefits and now beg for bail-outs from those that prosper. But is it really that simple? Economist Vicky Pryce argues that, given the flaws at its conception, the eurozone has been doomed from the very start. Politicians ignored common sense and deliberately created a system based on political not economic motives. They failed to provide firewalls for inevitable crises and placed little emphasis on practical structural reforms for the countries that needed them. It was a recipe for disaster and Europe now reaps the whirlwind. Is it time for a Greek exit? Focusing on Greece - not only her home country but perceived as the main threat to the euro's survival - Pryce explores the history of the eurozone, the causes of the crisis and, damning the proposed official solutions as counterproductive, suggests a way out of the current mess.

A good read - It has intellectual depth and insider perspective - Flashes of humour - [an]Excellent achievement. Radar, The Independent
A lively and non-technical description of just how we got here with the euro-crisis. The Business Economist
'Given the politicians' endorsements on the cover of her book, it's possible that they do get it, but Pryce, a Greek-born economist, does an admirable job of rescuing her homeland from the scurrilous portraits of it that have recently dominated the press. She reminds us of Greece's much-troubled past, which should have given Europe's politicians pause for thought before welcoming it into the euro, and blames political expediency, not a racist stereotyping of Greek laziness, for the financial mess. Some of the economic detail is a little hard to follow, but Pryce works hard to be accessible, and highlights key facts that are contributing to people's anger in Greece - unemployment benefit, for example, is paid out for just one year and, even then, only if you have contributed enough. After that, you're on your own.'
Independent on Sunday
' Her account of the country's institutionalised rottenness...is shatteringly comprehensive.'
Sunday Times Culture
'Vicky Pryce has just written a book in which she argues that Greece could never have lived within the euro and economic Armageddon was an inevitability. The book, niftily titled
Greeconomics, is an interesting and accessible polemic. Before writing it, Pryce was a top civil servant, joint head of the UK's government economic service and before that she had a senior job in the City. An interesting and impressive career.'
The Guardian
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