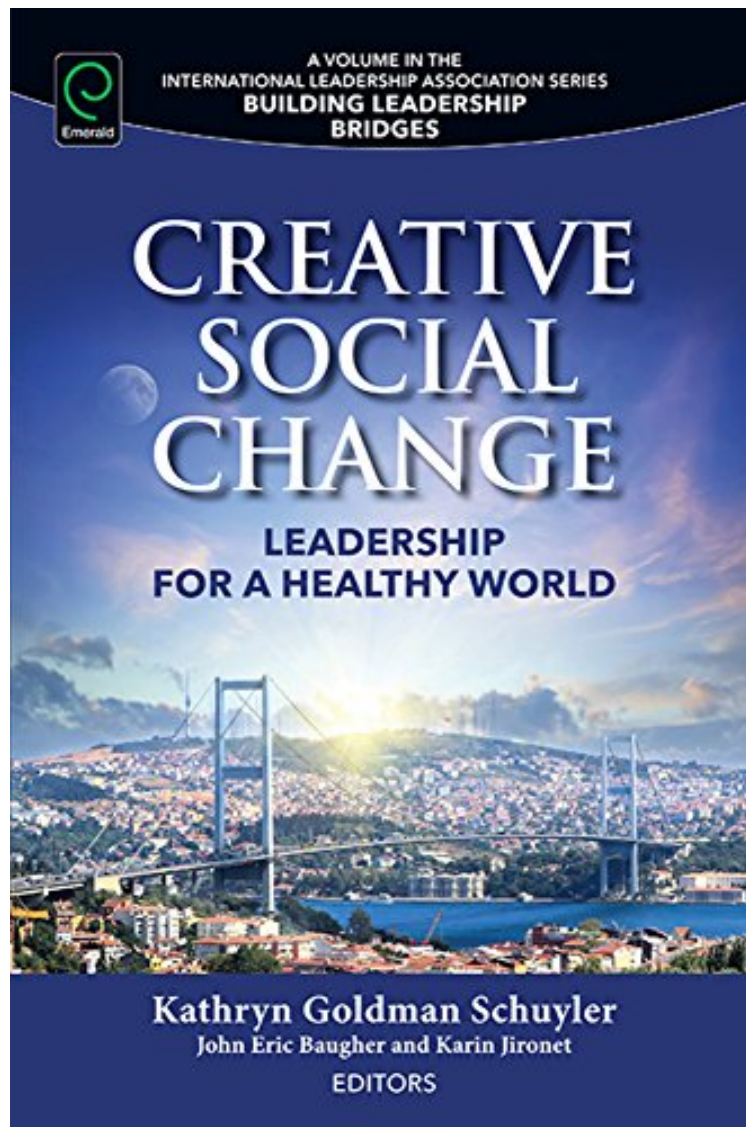


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Creative and deeply grounded stories about authentic social change in mostly non-western societiesBy Anil MaheshwariIt is a nice book, well grounded in deep feelings and real projects. I enjoyed learning about grass-root social change projects in Ethiopia and Equador and Bangladesh, and even in the

US/California. Cultural change is required to cause real change, and that is very hard for western societies to accept. In fact, it has so far been the other way around in the last 100 years, as the spread of western idea of 'democratic individualism' has spread far into all corners of the world. The non-western ideas of good life from African and the Maori native communities, demonstrated in this book, are difficult to grasp and translate and transfer to the western worlds. Western societies have become so highly cognitive, atomized, and exploitative that any serious collective action can perhaps come only from witnessing a large-scale catastrophe. Transcending personal interests in favor of collectively beneficial action is a huge challenge, even though 95% of the people want to leave the world better than they find it. One more thought ... Even as the book highlights the beautiful naturally-grounded non-western cultures through ethnographic studies, it also inadvertently throws light on an unfairly brutal process of colonization of the native cultures by the Western powers, most notably the British, and that is heartbreaking!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An uplifting book for leaders and creative thinkers By M. J. Fambrough I received this book as a gift, and started reading it right away. I'm very busy and thought I would just read one or two chapters and save the rest for later when my schedule slowed down. Instead, I found myself picking the book up in every free moment. This is an extremely compelling book, packed with wisdom and intriguing stories, many of which have left me contemplating important life issues. Kathryn Goldman Schuyler begins the volume with five wonderful interviews with a series of important thinkers/practitioner/leaders in the field of management and leader development. Their visions about how we can move toward a healthier, more inclusive world, with the kind of leaders who can guide us is eye-opening. I was particularly uplifted by Goldman Schuyler's interview with Margaret Wheatley, who really challenges North Americans to look closely at our tendency to focus on the outer world and get bogged down in minutiae while overlooking the importance of nurturing the human spirit. This seems so incredibly important to remember as we navigate amidst this bizarre election year. One of the overarching themes of this book is to attend to what is important in life, individually, organizationally, nationally, and globally. It made me reflect on the question of what is my place, the place of my organization, a university, my country, the US, and the role of all of us in the world. This book is a wonderfully provocative read, coming from contributors around the world, reminding us that we all interconnected, and encouraging us to seriously think about our responsibility to creating a better future for ourselves and generations to follow. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. ... each morning and consider how we can bring our best selves to the day and to the people we ... By darlene markovich It is our job to show up each morning and consider how we can bring our best selves to the day and to the people we will meet along the way. This marvelous book gives us insights, inspiration and tools to help us lead a life of purpose in the world we inhabit. Creative social change can be our mutual goal and a shared responsibility. The wisdom to be found in this book is there to guide us. All together now....

What is our role in creating healthy organizations and a healthy world? Creative Social Change fosters a unique dialogue on the interconnections between leadership, sustainability, the long-term viability of the planet, and organizational development. Brought together, these arenas of research and action can influence events globally and contribute to creating a healthy society. The book builds on interviews with five eminent social scientists, thought leaders for many decades on the nature of organizational and societal development: Robert Quinn, Otto Scharmer, Edgar Schein, Peter Senge, and Margaret Wheatley. It includes contributions on what is needed for change from longstanding creative scholar-practitioners such as Riane Eisler and Karl-Henrik Robert, as well as new voices, and concludes with a variety of concrete case studies from around the world about efforts in this direction. Embracing all levels of thinking, from the conceptual to the concrete, the book generates a foundation for scholarly research and proposes practical questions that can be used for dialogue and action among leaders, policy makers, and organizational consultants.

"What is our vision of a healthy person, organization, or world? How do we dream together a world both economically sound and spiritually profound? Leadership for a Healthy World is a valuable and timely resource for leaders, educators, activists, and visionaries dreaming together the new story for an interdependent world. No longer solving isolated problems, this book ushers in a deeper conversation about where we are going as a species and how we can be in a new relationship with the land, with nature, community and our own highest self." (Alan Briskin, PhD, author of *The Stirring of Soul in the Workplace*, *Daily Miracles*, and *The Power of Collective Wisdom*) "Kathryn Goldman Schuyler has curated a fierce, brave book that offers immense hope whilst looking our future square in the eye. The voices presented in this book embody a powerful, inspiring collaborative effort that harnesses a diversity of wisdom traditions to urge a return to wholeness, relatedness, inclusivity and interdependence. It calls for us to detox and heal ourselves and our world as we, as ancestors of the future, imprint our stewardship on this planet." (Dr Chellie Spiller, Associate Dean Maori and Pacific, University of Auckland Business School) "This book throbs with the aliveness of wise thinking, deep questions, exciting narratives and innovative global change projects for generating a more healthy and sustainable world. Reading it gave me hope, enthusiasm and new ideas for practical actions I can implement within my own leadership and organisations. Kathryn Goldman Schuyler has skillfully edited a collection of the most

profound and powerful thinking, dialogue and guidance; especially for those in leadership positions. I cannot recommend this book highly enough for anyone wanting to assure their own wholeness alongside a genuine legacy of making the world a better and healthier place to live, work and lead in." --(Dr Lynne Sedgmore CBE, Former Chief Executive of 157 Group, Centre for Excellence in Leadership UK, Debrett's 500 list, UK, 2015)" "We have the technology to create a healthy world. Now we stand at the precipice of the last, great frontier in making this happen our relationships with one another. This wonderfully insightful and actionable book helps all of us to make the leap." (Chris Ernst, Changemaker, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Author, Boundary Spanning Leadership.) "21st century enterprises are awakening to a simple fact of modern life: achieving commercial success without preserving the health and well being of our world is a fool's errand. Leaders who want to confidently embrace this challenge of building a truly healthy world should carefully read Dr. Schuyler's book." (Michael Carroll, Author of Awake at Work and The Mindful Leader) "This book combines and offers elegant theory, hard-earned wisdom and real-life solutions in the service of transforming complex systems from pathology to health. As I have worked in leadership development in South Africa for more than 25 years (a country with its own share of shame, pain and hope, and a host of wicked problems), I am skeptical when I open a new leadership book. My skepticism faded as I read, as I encountered ideas and shared experiences that deepened my thinking and stirred new creative impulses. If enough leaders embrace the thinking and practical possibilities described here, then the vital attitude of simultaneously caring for our psyches, our communities and our one precious planet may become a mainstream way of being." --(Heacute;legrave;ne Smit, Author of Beneath Exploring the Unconscious in Individuals and Depth Leadership)"At a time when people know what must be done, but the deeper issue is how to make it happen, this guide to deep change does not offer the definitive answer, but rather experiences, models and actions that can help us look at our own communities and make a difference. I find this a rich and wonderful toolbox that I can continually dip into to help open myself up to the work that I need to do. Thank you." (Dennis T. Jaffe, Ph.D., Wise Counsel Research) "Creative Social Change is an inspiring book that brings together an amazing group of thought leaders to re-imagine leadership in building a healthy, sustainable, and equitable world for all humans and other living creatures. The journey towards a healthy world is both an inner journey for leaders and a necessity for us all, as the book makes clear. That journey starts with self-awareness, purpose, and insight, because leaders need to become much more aware of their power and their impacts than they currently are. Leadership then becomes an outer journey that re-shapes our major institutions so that they support what gives life and vitality, not merely what is 'efficient' and profitable. Using the ideas and insights of big systems thinkers, the book focuses on what gives life, inspiration, and imagination to organizations, societies, and, indeed, the world as a whole. It helps us all to imagine a better world, a balanced, vital, and healthy world that supports human beings without the destruction inherent in far too many of today's business and societal practices. The authors recognize the inherent interconnectedness of life and of us all, and of our deep connection to the natural world around us. Thus, the book argues that leaders need to approach our organizations and our world mindfully, aware of the impacts of their decisions and actions and aware of the need to shape our world for the better. With insights on mindfulness practices, the role of women, indigenous perspectives, the arts, communities, and sustainability thinking, this book is a valuable and much needed resource for all of us." --(Sandra Waddock, Boston College)About the AuthorKathryn Goldman Schuyler, Alliant International University; Coherent Change, San Francisco, CA, USA John Eric Baugher, Goucher College, Baltimore, MD, USA Karin Jironet, InClaritas Foundation, Amsterdam, the Netherlands