Building a Healthy Economy from the Bottom Up: Harnessing Real World Experience for Transformative Change

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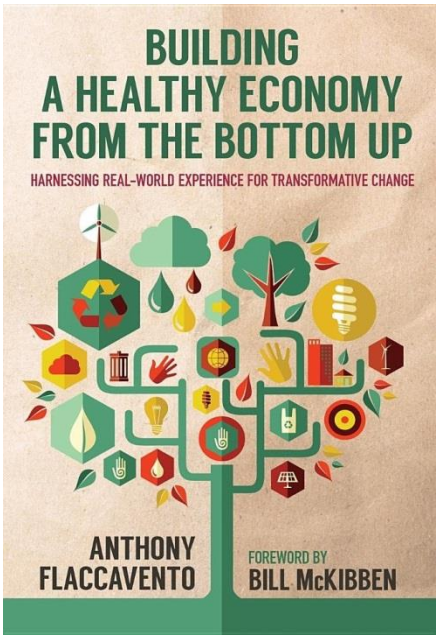

"Anthony Flaccavento brings a completely unique perspective to economics, which is to say that he is both entertaining and factual. Economists generally aren't concerned with either."
- **Kimber Lanning, founder and director of Local First Arizona**

We live in a time of widespread frustration and alienation, driven largely by a failed economic system that has concentrated wealth and political power at the top. In this context, *Building a Healthy Economy from the Bottom Up* offers stories, insights and analysis that are at once hopeful and urgent. The book connects a broad foundation of experience with a clear economic analysis and an array of public policy ideas that, taken together, help point the way towards more widely shared prosperity and a more resilient, vibrant economy. It is a call-to-action for innovators, entrepreneurs, policymakers, community activists, environmentalists and all citizens who want to create thriving, locally-based economies, and a more just, sustainable world.

"Flaccavento deftly weaves a big-picture vision for building a better economy – one that truly serves our needs and long-term well-being – with down-to-earth stories and practical tips for how to set these changes in motion within your own household and community." **- Stacy Mitchell, Co-director, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, and author, *Big Box Swindle***

Following a plain-language critique of our current economic paradigm, Flaccavento puts forward *six emerging transitions* – such as the transition *from trickle down problems to bottom up solutions*. Each of these is grounded in and brought to life by the experiences of real communities. The analysis of economic and public policy issues that accompanies each transition helps place these practical examples into the spectrum of broader social change.

"There's so much inspiring material packed into these pages, I challenge anyone to read it and NOT want to buy from, invest in, or even start a local business in food, energy, or finance. This book will change readers' lives." **- Michael H. Shuman, author of The Local Economy Solution**

Available for pre-order now, *Building a Healthy Economy from the Bottom Up* will be on shelves by mid-June, 2016. The author is available beginning in June for presentations at public libraries and independent bookstores, community organizations and economic development alliances, advocacy and social change organizations, and colleges and universities. To schedule a presentation or for more information, contact the author at flaccavento@ruralscale.com, or visit www.bottomupeconomy.org.

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