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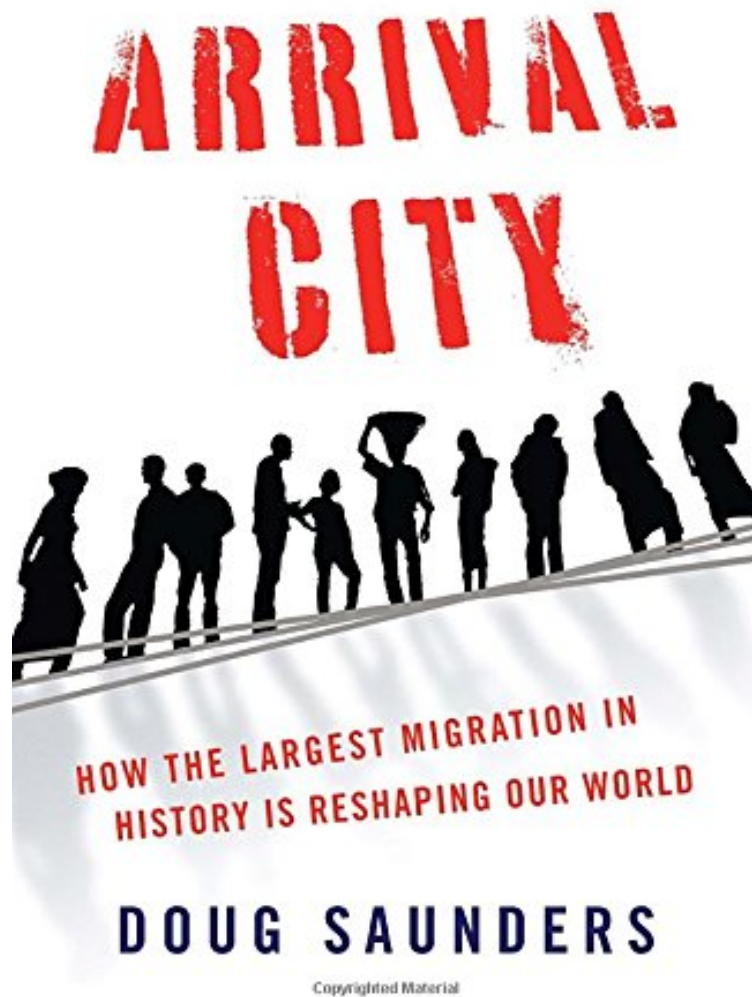
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contemporary events, and almost prophetic with regards to the attacks in Paris; the perpetrators not being 'rural, medieval' immigrants and refugees as one would assume, but instead long time suburban residents or 2nd generation immigrant youth, raised without access to the economy or social fabric of their own city and thus prone to animosity and extremism. Recommended for anyone interested in public policy, development aid, urban planning, or social work. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating review of urbanization and rural-to-urban mobility. Deep implications ...By Martin Miliev Fascinating review of urbanization and rural-to-urban mobility. Deep implications on emigration and immigration. A must read for anybody interested in economics, urban development, and social mobility. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Relevant reading. By CERTAINTY Clear explanation of immigration's effects on cities, and cities' role in the changing lives of rural-to-urban migrants worldwide. I learned a lot.

A powerfully argued work that combines reporting, sociology, economics, and urban studies to show how the migration of workers from villages to urban centers has become one of the most significant forces in the world today. For the first time in history, there are now more people in the world living in cities than in rural areas, and many of them are clustering on the urban outskirts. *Arrival City* argues that this incredible movement of peoples, unfolding before our eyes, will be one of the most important trends in the twenty-first century. From Istanbul to Los Angeles, from Warsaw to Shenzhen, China, Doug Saunders shows how the success or failure of the immense communities forming on the fringes of traditional cities is having a profound effect on local, national, and international development.

From Publishers Weekly In a globe-trotting narrative alive with on-the-ground reportage, journalist Saunders offers a cautionary but essentially optimistic perspective on global urbanization. He concentrates on the slums and satellite communities that act as portals from villages to cities and, in turn, revitalize village economies. Policy makers misunderstand at their peril these "arrival cities" London's heavily Bangladeshi Tower Hamlets, Brazil's favelas, China's Shenzhen. Citing the statistical relationship between urbanization and falling poverty rates, as well as historical precedents like Paris ("the first great arrival city of the modern world"), Saunders insists urban migration means improvement overall, and that the arrival city serves as a springboard for the integration of new populations. While the picture of urbanization veers from gloomier forecasts by analysts like Mike Davis (*Planet of Slums*), it does so by eschewing direct questioning of the global economic system driving much of this migration. Barely addressed are food, energy, and water shortages, or the fact that healthy city growth requires preservation of surrounding ecosystems on which cities habitually wreak havoc. Saunders's narrative, however, does plead for rational and humane planning within global capitalism to ensure that arrival cities fulfill their purpose and achieve their potential. (Mar.) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved. A game changer. . . . Mightily researched, lofty and humane, *Arrival City* is packed with salient detail and could hardly be more timely. The New York Times *Arrival City* presents an optimistic and humane view of global urbanization. Lets hope urban planners and politicians pay attention. The Wall Street Journal With the voice of a seasoned reporter, Saunders writes compelling, firsthand narratives describing the challenges and triumphs of migrant families from across the globe. The San Francisco Chronicle *Arrival City* asks that we take a closer look at urbanization before its mismanagement is further mistaken for the thing itself, and to recognize that a citified future is not necessarily a doomed one. NPR One of the years most engaging and important works of nonfiction. The Independent (London) A timely contribution to the discourse on global cities. . . . Saunders offers a readable, immediate social history. The Globe and Mail A brisk world tour of enormous urban-fringe neighborhoods populated by people who have left the countryside. . . . Perhaps because Saunders is a journalist who isn't selling his advice, his version of the city is . . . more persuasive. The New Yorker One does not need to be a cynic, alas, to suspect that cities and nations may not apply their best policies to their worst neighborhoods. But for those who are wise enough to try, Saunders has written the manual. Bookforum Skilled in both colourful reportage and sustaining a good argument, [Saunders] provides a badly needed progressive and optimistic narrative about our future. . . . This may be the best popular book on cities since Jane Jacobs's *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*. . . . Few books can make rationalists feel optimistic and empowered for the future. [*Arrival City*] does. The Guardian (London) Saunders's approach is through anecdotes and vignettes, but . . . they cumulate into a persuasive whole. . . . Saunders's practical suggestions for helping immigrants . . . are sure to attract attention. . . . [A] highly readable book. Financial Times A masterpiece of reporting, one of the most valuable and lucid works on public policy published anywhere in years. Edmonton Journal Important. . . . Saunders's greatest strength lies in the global breadth of his reportage. . . . His evocative descriptions . . . transform a complex, serious subject into a page-turning read. Literary A broadly researched, passionate and portentous call for a new way to look at the experience of migrants. It is essential reading . . . for all who look at the future of cities with a mix of hope and fear. Winnipeg Free Press [An] incisive study of worldwide rural-to-urban migration, its complex social mechanisms and the consequences of institutional neglect. . . . An essential work for those who pay attention to the effects of globalization which is, or at least should be, nearly everyone. Kirkus s Doug Saunders is neither a glum pessimist nor a glib optimist and *Arrival City* will not please closed minds. But this provocative, disturbing, and exhilarating book is a delight for thoughtful readers. Indeed, it is

essential. Migration is reshaping the world and, as Saunders demonstrates, the choices we make today will determine whether it brings prosperity or catastrophe tomorrow. Dan Gardner, author of *The Science of Fear* *Arrival City* is scarier than a dark urban fantasy and more gritty than the bottom of a demographers coffee cup. Its also highly topical, as population growth and immigration are subjects of heated debate worldwide. Daily Mercury About the Author Doug Saunders is an award-winning journalist and the European bureau chief of *The Globe and Mail*. He lives in London.