

10 Sharing-Focused Books to Read this Spring by Shareable

In January, we shared a list of 20 social change books to read in 2019. As was bound to happen, we've found more interesting books (and one report) that we want to check out, and that you might be interested in too. Some of these are from our partners like Enspiral Foundation, The P2P Foundation, and Sharing Cities Sweden. Others were recommended to us. Take a look at what we'll be reading and let us know what you think. If you have ideas for other books we should check out, let us know at info@shareable.net. We'll consider your submission in the next edition.

Below are summaries, excerpted from each book's website:

Better Work Together by Anthony Cabraal and Susan Basterfield

"Ready to embrace the future of working together? Here is your creative field guide. Enspiral is a community of impact driven entrepreneurs experimenting at the edges of ownership, governance, decision making, resource sharing and organisational design. After nearly a decade of testing and growing ideas, this is their first collectively written book. Sharing vision, reflections and insights, this practical resource will help you create radically collaborative, innovative and caring workplaces where people thrive."

Peer to Peer: The Commons Manifesto by Michel Bauwens , Vasilis Kostakis , Alex Pazaitis

"What is peer to peer? Why is it essential for building a commons-centric future? How could this happen? These are the questions this book tries to answer. Peer to peer is a type of social relations in human networks, as well as a technological infrastructure that makes the generalization and scaling up of such relations possible. Thus, peer to peer enables a new mode of production and creates the potential for a transition to a commons-oriented economy."

The B Corp Handbook, Second Edition by Ryan Honeyman, Tiffany Jana

"B Corps are a global movement of more than 2,700 companies in 60 countries — like Patagonia, Ben & Jerry's, Kickstarter, Danone North America, and Eileen Fisher — that are using the power of business as a force for good. B Corps have been certified to have met rigorous standards of social and environmental performance, accountability, and transparency. This book is the authoritative guide to the what, why, and how of B Corp certification."

Grocery Story: The Promise of Food Co-ops in the Age of Grocery Giants by Jon Steinman

"Food has become ground-zero in our efforts to increase awareness of how our choices impact the world. Yet while we have begun to transform our communities and dinner

plates, the most authoritative strand of the food web has received surprisingly little attention: the grocery store — the epicenter of our food-gathering ritual. Through penetrating analysis and inspiring stories and examples of American and Canadian food co-ops, Grocery Story makes a compelling case for the transformation of the grocery store aisles as the emerging frontier in the local and good food movements. Grocery Story is for everyone who eats. Whether you strive to eat more local and sustainable food, or are in support of community economic development, Grocery Story will leave you hungry to join the food co-op movement in your own community.” (Now available for pre-order.)

Accelerate This by Ryan Kushner

“Soooo, what is an accelerator?! And should you do one to grow your business? What’s an accelerator versus an incubator? How do you find a good one, get in, and make the most of it? If you’re running a program, how can you do that more effectively? Accelerate This! will cut through all the confusion so you can decide if you want to join a program; learn how to grow your idea into a business; create a program (or run yours better!).”

Bicycle/ Race by Adonia Lugo PhD

“Bicycle/Race paints an unforgettable picture of Los Angeles — and the United States — from the perspective of two wheels. This is a book of borderlands and intersections, a cautionary tale about the dangers of putting infrastructure before culture, and a coming-of-age story about power and identity... In the tradition of ‘City of Quartz’, this book will forever change the way you see Los Angeles, race and class in the United States, and the streets and people around you wherever you live.

The Collection All Around: Sharing Our Cities, Towns, and Natural Places by Jeffrey T. Davis

“Public libraries’ mission, skills, and position in their communities make them ideal facilitators of public access to local resources. In other words, the collection is all around, and libraries can help citizens discover historical, cultural, and natural riches that they might otherwise overlook. Providing smart planning and implementation advice, this guide shows public libraries how to make the most of these outreach opportunities... This book offers up dozens of great ways that public libraries can leverage their strengths and enrich their communities.”

Urban Living Labs Edited by Simon Marvin, Harriet Bulkeley, Lindsay Mai, Kes McCormick, Yuliya Voytenko Palgan

“This book brings together leading international researchers within a systematic comparative framework for evaluating the design, practices and processes of urban living labs to enable the comparative analysis of their potential and limits. It provides new insights into the governance of urban sustainability and how to improve the design and implementation of urban living labs in order to realise their potential.”

Governing Sharing Cities Report by Sharing Cities Sweden

“A new report on governing the sharing economy in cities has been published by Sharing

Cities Sweden in January 2019. The report investigates both Malmö and Gothenburg, and presents a framework for understanding the role of municipalities in governing sharing cities. The report has been based on extensive case study research and interviews.”

Grassroots Innovation Movements by Adrian Smith, Mariano Fressoli, Dinesh Abrol, Elisa Arond, Adrian Ely

“With mounting pressure for social justice in an increasingly unequal world, policy makers are exploring how to foster more inclusive innovation. In this context grassroots experiences take on added significance. This book provides timely and relevant ideas, analysis and recommendations for activists, policy-makers, students and scholars interested in encounters between innovation, development and social movements.”