Why Nations Fail: The Origins Of Power, Prosperity And Poverty

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Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty. Washington, DC, World Bank. 2001. 606 pp. $29.95 cloth. $14.95 paper. Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty is a non-fiction book by Turkish-American economist Daron Acemoglu from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The book develops a theory of economic growth and political institutions, which Acemoglu and economist James A. Robinson have been working on for two decades. The book is a comprehensive examination of the factors that determine the level of human development and economic prosperity in different countries. The authors argue that the success of a country depends on its political institutions, and that these institutions are determined by the evolution of history. The book is highly influential and has been widely praised for its originality and depth. It is a must-read for anyone interested in understanding the drivers of economic growth and development. The book is written in clear and engaging language, making it accessible to a wide audience. It is a classic work in the field of economic history and political economy.