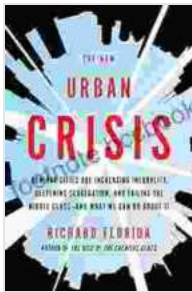


# How Our Cities Are Increasing Inequality, Deepening Segregation, and Failing the Poor

In her new book, *The City and the Poor: How Our Cities Are Increasing Inequality, Deepening Segregation, and Failing the Poor*, sociologist Mindy Thompson Fullilove argues that our cities are becoming increasingly unequal, segregated, and dangerous for the poor.



## The New Urban Crisis: How Our Cities Are Increasing Inequality, Deepening Segregation, and Failing the Middle Class-and What We Can Do About It by Richard Florida

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Fullilove draws on years of research to show how these trends are driven by a combination of factors, including rising housing costs, gentrification, and the decline of the social safety net. She argues that these trends are not only morally wrong, but also economically unsustainable. They are creating a vicious cycle of poverty and inequality that is tearing our cities apart.

Fullilove's book is a powerful indictment of the current state of our cities. It is also a call to action. She argues that we need to make fundamental changes to our policies and priorities if we want to create more just and equitable communities.

Here are some of the key findings from Fullilove's book:

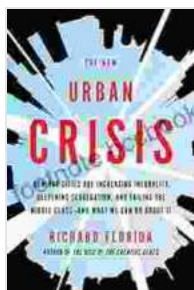
- ***Rising housing costs*** are making it increasingly difficult for the poor to afford to live in cities. In many cities, the cost of housing has risen faster than incomes, making it impossible for many people to afford a decent place to live.
- ***Gentrification*** is the process by which low-income neighborhoods are transformed into more affluent areas. This process often leads to the displacement of the original residents, who are often forced to move to less desirable neighborhoods.
- ***The decline of the social safety net*** has made it more difficult for the poor to meet their basic needs. Programs such as food stamps, Medicaid, and public housing have all been cut in recent years, making it harder for the poor to afford food, healthcare, and shelter.

Fullilove argues that these trends are not inevitable. She points to a number of cities that have been able to successfully reduce inequality and segregation. These cities have implemented policies such as affordable housing programs, rent control, and community development initiatives.

Fullilove's book is a must-read for anyone who is concerned about the future of our cities. It is a powerful indictment of the current state of our cities, and it is a call to action for all of us to work together to create more just and equitable communities.

## About the Author

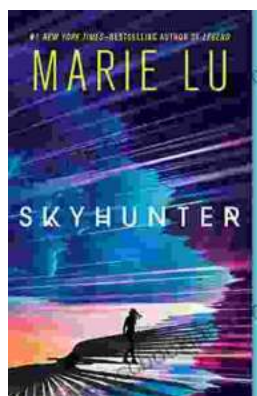
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