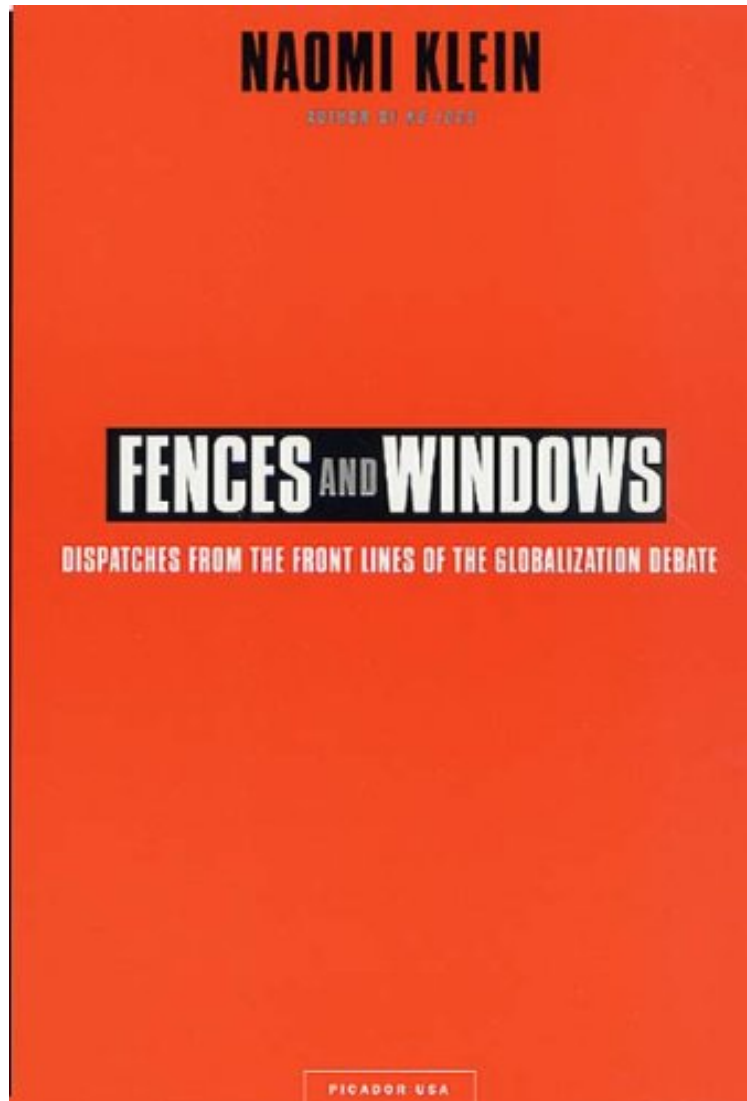


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Naomi Klein : Fences and Windows: Dispatches from the Front Lines of the Globalization Debate (Recent Picador Highlights) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fences and Windows: Dispatches from the Front Lines of the Globalization Debate (Recent Picador Highlights):

28 of 29 people found the following review helpful. Spokesperson for the post-democracy struggles By Malvin Naomi Klein's "Fences and Windows" is an inspired and brilliant collection of dispatches written from the front lines of the anti-globalization movement. Whether it was due to the deadline pressures of submitting her newspaper columns, her

proximity to numerous protest sites, or her keen understanding of contemporary politics, Ms. Klein's writing in this book is as powerful, concise and insightful as it has ever been. While Ms. Klein herself might modestly suggest that this book represents a "stopgap" effort sandwiched between "No Logo" and her forthcoming research project, you will be impressed by the author's dedication and conviction to the subject matter. The book has been given structure by grouping its articles into discreet categories that in turn relate to the "fences and windows" theme. For example, the section "Fencing in Democracy" contains stories that describe the ways in which the benefits of free trade have largely been realized by the rich but not the poor, while "Windows to Democracy" describes how formerly exploited communities and peoples have managed to positively transform and better their lives in creative ways. Throughout the book, Ms. Klein's intellect and analysis is in top form. She skillfully and routinely turns the tables on neoliberal propaganda, exposing the greed and hypocrisy at the heart of the corporate agenda. For example, "Genetically Altered Rice: You Can't Eat Public Relations" deconstructs the claim that genetically engineered (GE) "golden rice" could save millions of lives in Asia. The author correctly points out that malnutrition has more to do with policy decisions than with technology, and that pushing the GE solution is to merely sustain and perpetuate the profits of the agribusiness industry at the expense of the people. In its totality, the book suggests a world that has become post-democratic in the sense that unelected organizations and unaccountable corporations are exerting greater control over people's lives than perhaps at any time in recent human history. But Ms. Klein has given voice to the scores of people who are speaking truth to power. In my view, this outstanding book is evidence that we couldn't ask for a more articulate and passionate spokesperson for the post-democracy struggles than Ms. Klein. I encourage everyone to read this timely, relevant and important book.

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Don't hate her because she has a magnificent mind! By MedusaMs. Klein's work has been criticized because she does not provide a solution for the crisis, for her efforts she receives comments like: "depressing work", and the funniest accusation: "no understanding of economics!". No good solution can be expected when the decision makers are fixated on profits and hidden agendas. Depression is the only reasonable human emotion when you come to understand the crisis, and for the last claim of "no understanding of economics", I have nothing but a loud raucous laughter. Economics is working fine for the decision makers, but not for the dead and for sure not for the hard working American person! Knowing that this work is a collection of Klein's articles concerning the anti-globalization movement and corporate power, please approach it as an independent work. It's not fair to compare it to previous Klein's work considering the different dates and associated events of these articles. Read the facts; what is so brilliant about Ms. Klein is that she bases all her ideas on facts. Try to understand why "when a few people decide to live larger than life, we all get trampled!". One of my favorite articles is: "The Brutal Calculus of Suffering; when some lives seem to count more than others". I tried to explain to many of my friends why "others" were celebrating when 9-11 happened, not because I am a traitor but because I keep on watching what's happening on the other side of the world and I know how our media is separating us from the suffering of others. Naomi Klein finally puts it into words and facts for anybody who wants to understand that the lives of others are as valuable as American lives! If you live in your own private Disney Land and you don't want to explore the facts, then don't read this book. If you want to stay where ever you are intellectually, then avoid reasoning, exploring and thinking, but if not, then you will love this book.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Frightfully enlightening By Robert M. Kincey Early last year I added myself to the Naomi Klein fan club - unfortunately I did not discover her sooner. Since then I've read many of her books, checked out some web sites and seen her interviewed by Charlie Rose. What a welcome phenomenon to the world of intellectual stimulus. Intelligent, focussed, clear, consistent, beautiful... As I dwell in marketing, branding and creative consulting and coaching, Naomi Klein challenges my focus when I look into the mirror - a welcome discomfort to check my integrity.

Naomi Klein's *No Logo* is an international bestselling phenomenon. Winner of Le Prix Mediations (France), and of the National Business Book Award (Canada) it has been translated into 21 languages and published in 25 countries. Named one of *Ms Magazine's* Women of Year in 2001, and declared by the *Times* (London) to be "probably the most influential person under the age of 35 in the world," in *Fences and Windows*, Naomi Klein offers a bird's-eye view of the life of an activist and the development of the "anti-globalization" movement from the Seattle World Trade Organization protests in 1999 through September 11, 2001. Bringing together columns, speeches, essays, and reportage, Klein once again provides provocative arguments on a broad range of issues. Whether she is discussing the privatization of water; genetically modified food; "free trade;" or the development of the movement itself and its future post 9/11, Naomi Klein is one of the most thoughtful and brilliant activists and thinkers for a new generation.