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My Totally Awesome Social Science Book Review

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Once upon a time, there was this dude named Joel. His last name was Mokyr. He wrote this book about Levers and Riches, and it was pretty good, I guess. I mean, I didn't really understand it all, but the epilogue was cool. It probably would have made more sense if I had read more of it, but come on, it's a really long book. And talk about boring! Well, the parts I read were boring to me. Other people that like this stuff might be okay with it. More power to 'em. ⇒ The *Imagine Improbable* has an open mike

Anyways, Joel talked about lots of cool stuff that people made. The Chinese made this thing called a spinning jeremy that automatically assembled shoes using water power. That's important, cuz it means that the shoes were waterproof, which was a big important step in itself (haha, step, get it?). I know / for one am grateful that today we have waterproof shoes. Oh, and the Greeks I think it was that made a windmill to power their oxen. Something about the wind power making them stronger. I don't have a clue how it worked, though. All I know is that those Greeks were crazy. And I'd know, cuz I've got a Greek family. On my mom's side, at least. My dad's side is just plain ol' white. They're crazy too, but in a different way. Anywho, there was this other cool invention that made sailing ships better. The French apparently figured out that if you make your sails in the shape of crepes (which I found out are really just skinny pancakes), you can haul more cargo cuz the wind pulls the ship better. And some other folks, i forget which ones, made cannons out of steel, because it was cheaper and cooler. But that's enough about that.

If I were gonna write a book about technology, I'd write about computers, cuz they're pretty darn important to technology, I'd say. If it weren't for computers, I'd have to be writing this with a pencil or something, and then I'd run the risk of stabbing myself and getting lead poisoning. Unless I got vaccinated for that. I hope I did. I'll have to ask my mom, cuz she's the one that knows all that stuff. So yeah, computers are pretty crazy. They can do all sorts of neat stuff, like play music or movies, and calculate math stuff. I

might. You should give it a try!

usually play games on mine, and let the nerds calculate the math stuff, though. But computers, I'd definitely talk about 'em. I don't know why Joel didn't, especially since it looks like the book was made with one, and not handwritten. Whatever. I guess he just overlooked it somehow. I should write him a letter and tell him that he screwed up. Maybe then he'll fix it, and I'll get a free copy of the new book. I could sell it on eBay or something. Yeah, that'd be radical. But talkin' 'bout technology, man, computers are where it's at.

Well, I'm getting a little bored with this paper, so I have an idea. Hang on. Okay, I gave my roommate a cookie, and he agreed to write the rest of my paper. I'll let him finish it up. Adios, suckas!

Hahaha, my roommate's an idiot. I told him I'd write his essay for him if he gave me a cookie, but I didn't say I'd write it *well*. I'm not even in this class. But I'm smart, so I should be able to do this without reading the book. So judging by this book's cover, this Mokyr guy was obviously some sort of Renaissance painter. I mean, why else would there be a *painting* if he wasn't a *painter*. Since his book is about "technological creativity" he was probably like Leonardo, who lived during the Renaissance too. He was a super cool painter/inventor/ninja. I think Leonardo was my favorite Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle because he got to use swords. But back to the book.

The title's pronounced "Leever of Riches" not "Lever," which suggests to me that this Mokyr guy is from Great Britain and probably grew up speaking Great British. Mokyr obviously ain't no native born English talker because he didn't write no good for his title. I mean, only an immigrant would title their book "The Lever of Riches." A native speaker would call it "Rich's Lever." Mokyr should have named it after himself though, instead after ~~of~~ his friend Rich. "Mokyr's Lever" would have sounded better. Maybe he once lost a bet with his friend Rich and promised that if he ever wrote a book, he would name it after him. I lost a bet once. I didn't get to wear pants for a week...

One thing I do like about this book though is that it has lots of pictures. My favorite one is the picture of the ninja cow driving the motorcycle. That one really spoke to me. It was kinda creepy, especially since no one else heard the voice. It was like, "MooOOOooooo!" They say a picture's worth a thousand words, so I usually add a bunch of pictures to my essays so that I have enough words. Mokyr was really good at

that. We could all learn a thing or two from his example. I didn't like the last couple of chapters cuz they didn't have pictures though. But the last one was cool because it talked about evolution, like the X-Men. The X-Men are awesome. Gambit's my favorite because he's way cool and blows stuff up. If I finally graduate, I wanna blow stuff up just like him. Hmmm, It's kinda cold in here. Maybe I should put on some pants. Brb. Ok, that's better. Anyways, back to the book. Hmm, maybe I should start a new paragraph.

The Middle Ages were really scary because everyone was always freaking out because they were old and felt like they had wasted their lives. They kept having crises. It probably had something to do with the fact that the sun burned out for 600 years. That's why they were called "The Dark Ages." But then Gambit showed up and blew up the sun so that it started burning and everything was good again. That's what began the period known as "The Enlightenment" because there was light again. Uh... yeah, that's all I know about this book. In fact:



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The End

- I admire the creativity!
- Get some fucking better ³ maternal though. The beginning started off well, but the middle lagged. I do appreciate the final picture