IS 330 Dr. R. Sarner Spring 2025

BOOK REVIEW ASSIGNMENT

Due Date: April 25, 2025

Assignment:

You are to select a book to review. Books on the list that is being distributed (and is archived on Brightspace) are pre-approved. To go off the list, you need to secure my approval. If there is an off-list book you would like to review, send me an e-mail so we have a paper trail of the request and the response.

A book review is **not** a book report. It is a piece of reflective writing that does not merely restate the author's main points, but critically analyzes the book, its appropriateness to the audience for which it is intended, and the evidence used to support the major points that are raised.

A good guide to writing a book review can be found on the Indiana University website, and I highly recommend it:

https://wts.indiana.edu/writing-guides/writing-book-reviews.html

A typical review is in the two to three page range, single-spaced, word processed.

Reviews are to be in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format (.pdf preferred) and are to be submitted through Blackboard.

All sources must be acknowledged. Don't even think about copying another review, in whole, or in part. The work you turn in must reflect your own analysis and your own thoughts. Analysis that restates the work of others is not acceptable.

Getting the Book (in order of cost/convenience - easiest/cheapest first)

- 1. Check the Cayan Library to see if it is available locally.
- 2. Work with the Library staff to get the book via Interlibrary loan
- 3. Check www.bookfinder4u.com to see if there is a cheap copy for sale.
- 4. Check for a used copy on amazon.com or bn.com.
- 5. Check to see if an electronic edition of the book is available.
- 6. Buy a copy at full price.