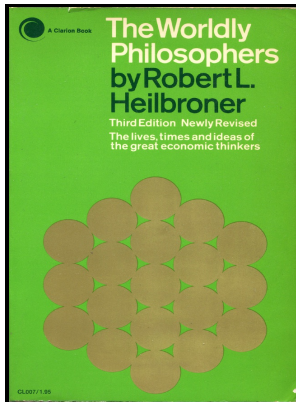


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A Jew by birth, he had broken with his family and adopted Quakerism to marry a handsome Quaker girl with whom he had fallen in love; but in a day when tolerance was hardly the rule—his father had traded in a part of the Exchange known as the Jews Walk—Ricardo achieved both social status and widespread private respect. The concept of widespread gain was blasphemous enough, as we have seen. Heilbroner sets himself a difficult task; to discuss the economists whose vision has largely shaped our society and whose contributions are still relevant to the contemporary world.

## About The Worldly Philosophers

Update: A little breezy, but so far it is interesting to read that Adam Smith was a lot brighter than his latter day followers. If profits in one line of business are unduly large, there will be a rush of other businessmen into that field until competition has lowered surpluses. Spine may show signs of wear.

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It strikes me that what most of these thinkers have in common is not economics, but sociology. Man is not an ant, conveniently equipped with an inborn pattern of social instincts.

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It would be convenient if we could begin straight off with the Introduction 15 first of the great economists-Adam Smith himself. Those ten persons, therefore, could make among them upwards of forty-eight thousand pins in a day.

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Hence they can be called worldly philosophers, for they sought to embrace in a scheme of philosophy the most worldly of all of man's activities -- his drive for wealth. The workers get their dry crust, as Alexander Baring put it, for without it they could not perpetuate themselves. Moreover, there were countless observations and criticisms that I found fascinating and extremely pertinent to modern life.

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Despite the fact that it is made up of numerous opposing forces, the Caterpillar finds an equilibrium on its own. If the Worker is not to bear some or all of the burden of their incomes, the burden would fall back on pensions funded by the State. Shortly after the matter of cloth weaving has been disposed of, the button-makers guild raises a cry of outrage; the tailors are beginning to make buttons out of cloth, an unheard-of thing.

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No wonder that Ricardo fought against the Corn Laws and showed the advantages of free trade which would bring cheap grain into Britain. I particularly enjoyed the section on Ricardo and Malthus.

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