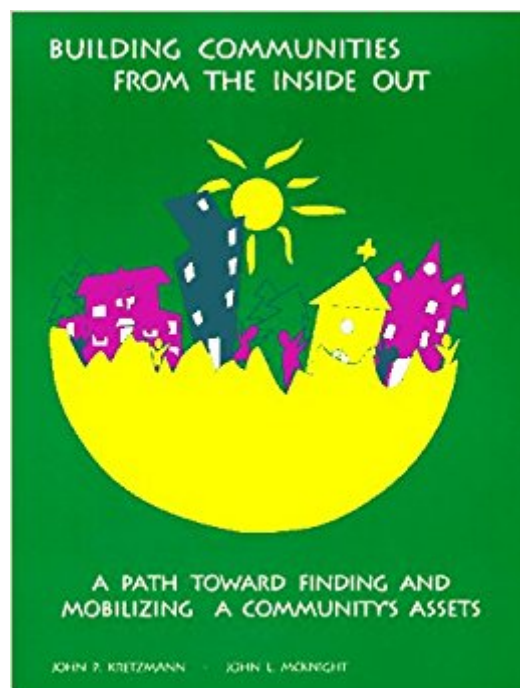




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# Building Communities From The Inside Out: A Path Toward Finding And Mobilizing A Community's Assets



## Synopsis

This guide summarizes lessons learned by studying successful community-building initiatives in hundreds of neighborhoods across the U.S. It outlines what local communities can do to start their own journeys down the path of asset-based development.

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Kretzmann and McKnight provide a rich resource for those who wish to move from a deficit based siloed problem solving to a more holistic strengths based community development approach. The approach presented reminds me of appreciative inquiry and the field of positive organizational scholarship in the unique way the authors focus on strengths as a spring board for seeing, assessing, and then strategizing effectively. The authors provide background followed by six set of considerations for: Releasing individual Capacity, Releasing the power of local associations and organizations, Capturing local institutions for community building, Rebuilding the community economy, Mobilizing an entire community, Providing support for asset-based development: policies and guidelines. The authors pack a great deal of practical, implement-able steps into this book!

An excellent resource for one building community on various levels and for various venues. Great workbook.

This book is a very practical guide to doing asset mapping. It is however rather redundant and when

the authors tell you that you truly do not need to read it cover to cover, it's true. Despite the redundancy, I do think it's a good book to have in your reference library should you decide to undertake work like this

It was useful when working with assets based community development principles.

This is basically systems theory applied to community building. It's a bit thick in places, but it is worth slogging through. The authors looked at a lot of successful efforts, and put together what was common to them.

This book is an in-depth analysis of building communities from the inside out. A wealth of information interested in starting a successful business, support group, church, etc... I Highly recommend it

Good reading for college students

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