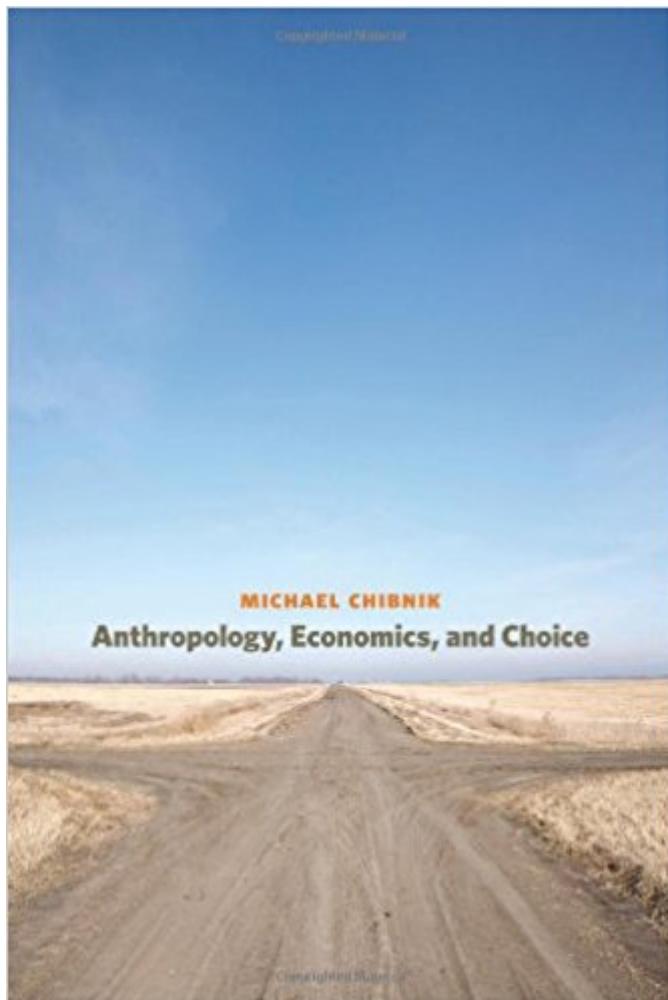


The book was found

# Anthropology, Economics, And Choice



## Synopsis

In the midst of global recession, angry citizens and media pundits often offer simplistic theories about how bad decisions lead to crises. Many economists, however, base their analyses on rational choice theory, which assumes that decisions are made by well-informed, intelligent people who weigh risks, costs, and benefits. Taking a more realistic approach, the field of anthropology carefully looks at the underlying causes of choices at different times and places. Using case studies of choices by farmers, artisans, and bureaucrats drawn from Michael Chibnik's research in Mexico, Peru, Belize, and the United States, *Anthropology, Economics, and Choice* presents a clear-eyed perspective on human actions and their economic consequences. Five key issues are explored in-depth: choices between paid and unpaid work; ways people deal with risk and uncertainty; how individuals decide whether to cooperate; the extent to which households can be regarded as decision-making units; and the "tragedy of the commons," the theory that social chaos may result from unrestricted access to commonly owned property. Both an accessible primer and an innovative exploration of economic anthropology, this interdisciplinary work brings fresh insight to a timely topic.

## Book Information

Paperback: 216 pages

Publisher: University of Texas Press (November 1, 2011)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0292729022

ISBN-13: 978-0292729025

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.8 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 12 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 1 customer review

Best Sellers Rank: #286,890 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #54 in Books > Business & Money > Economics > Comparative #511 in Books > Business & Money > Economics > Theory #2394 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Anthropology > Cultural

## Customer Reviews

"Beyond its wealth of information, this book is well organized, comprehensible, and engaging." - Carrie Sampson, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, International Social Science Review "The book is essential to any economic anthropologist reflecting on the role of the discipline and its relationship to other social sciences. Chibnik ably answers these questions and provides a complex introduction

to how economic anthropologists go about their studies. The author's research experience and his thorough understanding of economic anthropology become evident in the book, which accurately portrays the sins scholars from both sides are tempted to commit." - Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale

Michael Chibnik is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Iowa.

How do people really make choices? In this brilliant book, Chibnik shows that there is more than one way to answer this question. He compares approaches from economics and anthropology, showing the strengths and limitations of each. We need more of these kinds of books that put aside disciplinary narcissism to show what different kinds of research contribute to knowledge production.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Anthropology, Economics, and Choice More Heat than Light: Economics as Social Physics, Physics as Nature's Economics (Historical Perspectives on Modern Economics) Small Places, Large Issues: An Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology, Third Edition (Anthropology, Culture and Society) The Anthropology of Protestantism: Faith and Crisis among Scottish Fishermen (Contemporary Anthropology of Religion) Biological Anthropology: Concepts and Connections (B&B Anthropology) The Anthropology of Language: An Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology How Anthropology Informs the Orthodontic Diagnosis of Malocclusion's Causes (Mellen Studies in Anthropology) Living Language: An Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (Primers in Anthropology) Culture Sketches: Case Studies in Anthropology (B&B Anthropology) Mirror for Humanity: A Concise Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (B&b Anthropology) Augustine: On the Free Choice of the Will, On Grace and Free Choice, and Other Writings (Cambridge Texts in the History of Philosophy) "Choice Visits in Yorkshire and York", a 2017 UK guide (Choice Guides to Yorkshire) "Choice Guide to York, UK", a 2017 Great Britain travel guidebook (Choice Guides to Yorkshire) "Choice Visits: East Yorkshire Coast to Bronte Country", a 2016 Great Britain travel guide (Choice Guides to Yorkshire Book 5) "Choice Visits: Yorkshire Dales", a 2016 UK travel guidebook (Choice Guides to Yorkshire 3) Rulers, Religion, and Riches: Why the West Got Rich and the Middle East Did Not (Cambridge Studies in Economics, Choice, and Society) Macroeconomics: Private and Public Choice (MindTap for Economics) Policy and Choice: Public Finance through the Lens of Behavioral Economics Who Shall Live?: Health, Economics and Social Choice Who Shall Live? Health, Economics And Social Choice (2Nd Expanded Edition)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)