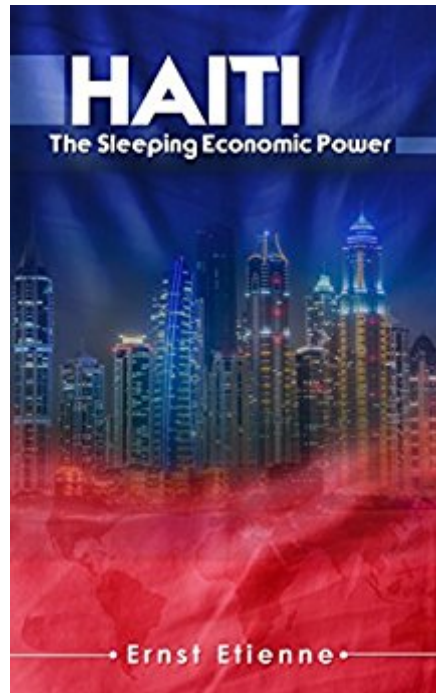




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Synopsis

With a vibrant, intelligent and enterprising population, Haiti is a unique country with a rich history. Indeed, it was called the Pearl of the Antilles and it is the first independent republic of coloured people in modern times. However, Haiti has experienced significant decline since its early days. It is presently the poorest country in the Americas and has an economy that depends mainly on foreign aid. Is Haiti condemned to perpetual poverty? Ernst Etienne demonstrates that mathematical principles can be used to develop a formula for the sustainable development of Haiti. The diligent application of this formula has the potential to make Haiti the most prosperous country on Earth!

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Customer Reviews

This book has a completely different approach to it when explaining the low position of Haiti. Who knew that you could simply evaluate the poverty of a country by using math. I was honestly intrigued by the history of Haiti, once being so educated and high in status, to being charity of the world. I was recommended by a professor of mine to read this book. He said it would be a good economics lesson, but it was more than that to me. I felt that I learned about a country that has a disastrous

reputation, a country that is crumbling down in the eyes of the rest of the world. But its encouraging to know that fellow Haitians, such as Ernst Etienne, still have hope for the future of Haiti."We can be competitive with Mexico at the level of quality, but it is almost impossible at the level of price."He writes in such a way to make the reader understand that yes, Haiti is a poor country, but despite being short of funds, they still offer all they can. That is what the author portrays in his novel; being proud of ones country, no matter the economic circumstances. Not only does he want people to know that his country was once substantial, but he also wants people to never give up on a country that can move forward. This book is a must read, especially for people who don't have much knowledge of Haiti. It's very empowering, to Haitians and other people like me who come from small countries the rest of the world looks down upon. (FYI, the author uses a lot of math for explanation purposes, but it doesn't hurt to learn a few equations.)

This book takes a particularly unique look at the position that Haiti has been placed in, and attempts to solve such issues through the, $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$ formula for the development of Haiti. It is really refreshing to read a book that provides a logical suggestion for possible outcomes, and methods towards improvement of the financial situation that Haiti has been facing. It was discouraging to look at this book from a background and cultural standpoint though. If one were not familiar with the standing of Haiti in the world financially or did not already have very solid background knowledge on the subject matter it would be a bit confusing for the audience. Though, for an educated individual, a read for a course, or even someone looking to learn more about options for Haiti financially this book is well versed. The particularly interesting topics that seemed to really stand out as key and to be greatly influential propositions for improvement include managing import and export rates, bettered and sturdier housing options, and the exploration of clean energy options. It is fabulous that there are actual tangible recommendations provided by the author rather than assessments and criticisms without suggestions, like other types of similar works. As the poorest of the countries in the Americas, it is great to see someone focusing on options and ways to provide betterment than continuing towards the downward spiral that the country has been facing. This book would receive a recommendation from me for the overall message that is being spread, the knowledge that is provided within the text, and the potential that could be recognized with the successful completion of the provided recommendations. Though it seemed like I was reading a math book at first, this author's good intent is clear through his writing and this educational text is overall very good!

As a Haitian-American, I found this book quite refreshing. Most media outlets only portray Haiti's bleak economic situation while ignoring the natural resources that are abundant on the island and contribute to its natural beauty. *Haiti: The Sleeping Economic Power* talks about the future growth and welfare of Haiti from an isolationist perspective. The author, Ernst Etienne, details how a self-sustained Haiti can improve its own economy without the need for foreign aid. Albeit a little simplistic, the author proposes the country should (1) export more than it imports while encouraging the citizenry to buy Haitian, (2) create housing with mutable foundations that react favorable to natural disasters, and (3) use clean energy- transform waste to natural energy and use hydroelectricity instead of oil from foreign countries. As someone who hates math, the book's formulaic layout can be intimidating but Etienne simply uses this as another way to illustrate how Haiti can use its existing assets to transform from a developing country to an economic super-power. Even though the book does not go in depth about Haiti's history, culture and government, the book is a political commentary. Therefore, I highly recommend this book to anyone with an interest in politics, economics, and/or humanitarianism.

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