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# Worlds Apart: Poverty And Politics In Rural America, Second Edition



## Synopsis

First published in 1999, *Worlds Apart* examined the nature of poverty through the stories of real people in three remote rural areas of the United States: New England, Appalachia, and the Mississippi Delta. In this new edition, Duncan returns to her original research, interviewing some of the same people as well as some new key informants. Duncan provides powerful new insights into the dynamics of poverty, politics, and community change. "What stories Mil Duncan has to tell!" In this new edition of her classic *Worlds Apart*, she offers sage advice about how to begin to reverse the dangerously growing divide between rich and poor in our country." —Robert Putnam, author of *Bowling Alone* and *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis* "A mosaic of intimate portraits revealing the social, economic, and political isolation of rural poverty, *Worlds Apart* is a must-read for anyone seeking to understand the root causes of inequality in America." —Darren Walker, president, Ford Foundation

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This book provided deep thought and detail into the lives of poor, middle class and upper class in rural areas. It gave personal stories from real people who experience poverty or who are advantaged. It shows how views about the poor are shaped through historical context that has persisted in rural communities. The author even offers an example of a middle class rural community and how that experience drastically changes the landscape for mobility and change for the poor. I have read this for my Graduate program but really enjoyed it for more than school.

This top-notch, truly outstanding social science. It is well written, probing and essential reading for anyone interested in rural America, poverty and the roll of social capital and networks in responding to rural problems.

Poorly executed sociology that assumes people's statements about a place are in fact the objective truth about a larger community and region. Isn't this considered the ecological fallacy? If you want to make macro-level arguments, you should use macro-level data. In-depth interviews aren't the appropriate method for this study, 20 years ago or now.

Absolves a lot of misconceptions about the poor in our country. Very compelling, real world view of poverty in America. Painful reality of our modern culture.

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