

Roberts, Russ. How Adam Smith can change your life: an unexpected guide to human nature and happiness. Portfolio/Penguin, 2014. 261p bibl index ISBN 9781591846840, \$27.95.

Author of three novels about economics (*The Choice*, *The Invisible Heart*, and *The Price of Everything*) and creator of a rap-like video on Keynes vs. Hayek, economist and writer Roberts (Stanford Univ.) has now entered the nonfiction world with this new contribution. His subject in this book is not Adam Smith the consensus founder of the discipline of economics as revealed in his famous 1776 volume *The Wealth of Nations*, but Smith's earlier, "softer side" in *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* (1759) and what that author and volume have to tell people about how to be happy, how to be loved as well as lovely, how to be good, and how to live and prosper (in one's heart rather than wallet) in the world. In this short, engaging book, readers learn from—and about—the 18th-century Scottish philosopher and, implicitly, about this 21st-century creative—and evolving—free-market economist as a person (now "Russ" Roberts instead of the "Russell" on his earlier publications). The references and index are mediocre, but those features are not so important. For lower-level students with multidisciplinary interests beyond economics and intelligent general readers. Roberts has done himself—and Adam Smith—proud. Summing Up: Highly recommended. Lower-division undergraduates and above; general readers.