Connectography: Mapping the Future of Global Civilization

Parag Khanna (Goodreads Author)

From the visionary bestselling author of The Second World and How to Run the World comes a bracing and authoritative guide to a future shaped less by national borders than by global supply chains, a world in which the most connected powers—and people—will win.

Connectivity is the most revolutionary force of the twenty-first century. Mankind is reengineering the planet, investing up to ten trillion dollars per year in transportation, energy, and communications infrastructure linking the world’s burgeoning megacities together. This has profound consequences for geopolitics, economics, demographics, the environment, and social identity. Connectivity, not geography, is our destiny.

In Connectography, visionary strategist Parag Khanna travels from Ukraine to Iran, Mongolia to North Korea, Pakistan to Nigeria, and across the Arctic Circle and the South China Sea to explain the rapid and unprecedented changes affecting every part of the planet. He shows how militaries are deployed to protect supply chains as much as borders, and how nations are less at war over territory than engaged in tugs-of-war over pipelines, railways, shipping lanes, and Internet cables. The new arms race is to connect to the most markets—a race China is now winning, having launched a wave of infrastructure investments to unite Eurasia around its new Silk Roads. The United States can only regain ground by fusing with its neighbors into a super-continental North American Union of shared resources and prosperity.

Connectography offers a unique and hopeful vision for the future. Khanna argues that new energy discoveries and technologies have eliminated the need for resource wars; ambitious transport corridors and power grids are unscrambling Africa’s fraught colonial borders; even the Arab world is evolving a more peaceful map as it builds resource and trade routes across its war-torn landscape. At the same time, thriving hubs such as Singapore and Dubai are injecting dynamism into young and heavily populated regions, cyber-communities empower commerce across vast distances, and the world’s ballooning financial assets are being wisely invested into building an inclusive global society. Beneath the chaos of a world that appears to be falling apart is a new foundation
of connectivity pulling it together.

Praise for Connectography

“Incredible . . . With the world rapidly changing and urbanizing, [Khanna’s] proposals might be the best way to confront a radically different future.”—The Washington Post

“Clear and coherent . . . a well-researched account of how companies are weaving ever more complicated supply chains that pull the world together even as they squeeze out inefficiencies. . . . [He] has succeeded in demonstrating that the forces of globalization are winning.”—Adrian Woolridge, The Wall Street Journal

“Bold . . . With an eye for vivid details, Khanna has . . . produced an engaging geopolitical travelogue.”—Foreign Affairs

“For those who fear that the world is becoming too inward-looking, Connectography is a refreshing, optimistic vision.”—The Economist

“Connectivity has become a basic human right, and gives everyone on the planet the opportunity to provide for their family and contribute to our shared future. Connectography charts the future of this connected world.

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**Review**

Elyse

Rating: really liked it

Wow...

Ever notice a common theme in 'back-to-back' books you've read? Then wonder if there is a reason these books are in your space at the moment?

I had recently read "Stolen Innocence", by Elissa Wall, a memoir, about her growing years as a member of the Utah's FLDS polygamist sect...becoming a teenage bride against her desires---the story about how she broke free. Elissa became known for her captivating testimony in the courtroom which helped send a man practicing abusive behavior to prison.

"Vinegar Girl", ...a modern retelling of "Taming of The Shrew", asks Kate, a bright, educated, independent, female..., will she immolate herself for a man? This is a light-hearted enjoyable tale--

but I thought about both of these women: Elissa and Kate ... (things they had in common and things they didn't). Ann Tyler's fast easy reading novel 'allows' for modern complex thought ...if you take the time to do so....

This novel, was the perfect vehicle for an 'honest' inquiry into an old question....as well as a lovely love story--(it's sweet... and a FEEL GOOD tale).....

Adding more thought:

Since this novel was an inspiration for further thinking to me ...(connecting themes I've been visiting lately) :

I'm watching "The People vs. O. J Simpson TV series right now,and seeing how a modern woman - Marcia Clark cut her hair ....(to please the world of men & women...willing to 'obey' the mainstream popular unspoken rules), only to discover she was still being criticize for how she looked - dressed - and fixed her hair, after changing her style anyway.

A close friend on Goodreads is part of the Chabad community. She, her husband and children observe the Chabad movement. There are specific daily prayers.....outreach humanitarian aid, ( mitzvos), as well as religious, cultural and educational activities at Chabad-run community centers, synagogues, schools, camps, and soup kitchens.

Very bright, College educated modern women choose to marry a Chabadnik...

Does that mean she has sacrificed herself to her man? Is she considered a second-class citizen? Or...is it possible the choice she made was a rich inner spiritual fit to the service she wants to contribute in the world ... and feels proud to be part of a family tribe which supports advancing Jewish values towards worldly ethical problems?

Ann Tyler's storytelling is 'shrewd' ... light, sweet, lovable...(engaging characters and plot)...but maybe we can't be so sure that our Descriptions of The Modern Woman Today ...is the same for everyone.
Eva Millien

Rating: it was amazing

Haunted Destiny (Krewe of Hunters #18) by Heather Graham Jude McCoy has been assigned to work with Jackson Crow on the Archangel serial Killer case when they are led to board a cruise ship but the case becomes a bit complicated when a victim’s ghost appears to Jude and a ship entertainer, Alexi Cromwell in this spine tingling paranormal suspense.

With so many suspects, Jude and Alexi will have to rely on each other to catch the killer and escape his evil plans for Alexi and the reader can’t help but get chills and become caught up in the suspense as Jude discovers that Alexi can see ghosts and what’s more…so can he. The romance in the story is sizzling and sweet as both Jude and Alexi have haunting pasts that has them remaining aloof and protecting their hearts which has emotional turmoil adding depth to these strong, captivating characters in this fast paced and smooth flowing plot that thrills readers with suspense and romance.

The story starts off with quite a bit of excitement as Jude and Jackson chase a suspect on board a cruise ship and from there the story only gets more thrilling with ghosts popping in and out, doing their best to help and the killer managing to stay one step ahead of them all. The case is also hampered by being aboard a cruise ship and trying to avoid panic among the passengers while a deadly hurricane bearing down on the ship adds to the chaos. Once again, Heather Graham provided lots of stunning and vivid details that bring the story to life and makes it so easy for the reader to become ensnared by her spine tingling suspense.

Another exhilarating experience with the Krewe of Hunters, especially as Jude and Alexi’s story is full of unexpected twists, interesting characters and a fantastic setting that adds to the case with some different complications and as usual, I can’t wait to join the Krewe for their next case.

Stephen Yoder

Rating: really liked it

This is such a timely book. Khanna illustrates the incredible value realized when cities (quite often moreso than nations!) integrate with each other in multiple complementary pathways creating webs of economic interdependence. I do not know that I’ve read such a glorification of supply chains and their positive effects upon peace & prosperity before, but now that I have done so it is easy to see how all of these interdependencies that bind the world together are forces for good (largely, mostly). Those politicians who may advocate for isolationism, or somehow making their nations "great again" by bullying other polities would do well to hush and sit down, it seems.

The consistent downer in this book is the section upon the seemingly inevitable human-caused changes to our planet's climate & sea levels. The idea that vast areas of Canada & Siberia would suddenly become desirable areas for human habitation while entire swaths of nations on & near the equator become uninhabitable is incredibly frightening. I do not have faith in political leaders doing anything about climate change, sadly.

A solid book. I highly recommend it. I received an advance reading copy from the publisher in exchange for writing this review. All hail interdependencies!
Dru
Rating: it was ok

Mostly about battles and conquests. Not as interesting as some other I have read.

Kaleb Harding
Rating: it was amazing

I read Who Was Alexander The Great. When his father died he became king and he had started his march. He fought the Persians near Troy and they won. Later he was trying to take over an island so he had his Mel dump stones in the water to make a road. He had the biggest empire ever and he was a good leader. He died on June 10 323 bc he was barely 33 years old.

Alexander the great was born in 356 bc in macedon. He was born a prince and his dad was King Philip. When he was twelve he was finally able to go to the horse market with his father and other men. That is the day his father said he should rule more than macedon.

I would recommend this book to people who love history. Or to teachers.

Mrs. Melaugh Melaugh
Rating: really liked it

A man with a giant impact on history, Alexander conquered Greece, the entire Persian Empire, Egypt, and part of India during his short thirty-two year lifetime. The major events of his life are told here in kid-friendly terms, for instance, mentioning his horse, Bucephalus and describing warfare in the blandest of terms, “Sometimes a city resisted him, and he had to fight to take it.” An impressive amount of information is contained in this slim volume suitable for elementary aged children. Line drawings by Andrew Thomson add drama and help explain some of the events in the text. Concepts that readers might not know (AD and BC, Homer, the Gordian Knot) are explained in one to two page inserts.

Christine Verstraete
Rating: really liked it

I love the Krewe of Hunters series. Always great history, suspense, paranormal highlights and characters. This one was good though it didn't quite hit me like others, but I know each one is different. Still a good read.

Katie
Rating: it was amazing

This was a fun book. I received an ARC in exchange for my review, and I have to say that I would strongly recommend this to anyone who loves to ask "What if?" This is one of those books you just can't take seriously at all, but if you're willing to follow the author down the hypothetical scenario rabbit hole, it's quite
amusing. You will ponder who the next Kafka will be, whether the Beatles will still be historically important in the far future, whether there is another version of you (or multiple versions of you) out in the vast universe, among many other silly things.

Klosterman is funny, but he's also intelligent despite his self-deprecating nature. If you like philosophy, or just want to read something that is unusual, pick this up. It's a fast read and is thought provoking in its own right.

Lauren

Rating: really liked it

Have finished reading through and am gonna start doing one exercise a day. I hope.

Edith

Rating: liked it

Tiene ejercicios bastante llevaderos y entretenidos, un buen libro para aprender de el y pasar un buen rato a meno, llevado de la mano con tus vivencias y experiencias que se van a ir reflejando en cada uno de los ejercicios sin perder tu esencia.

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