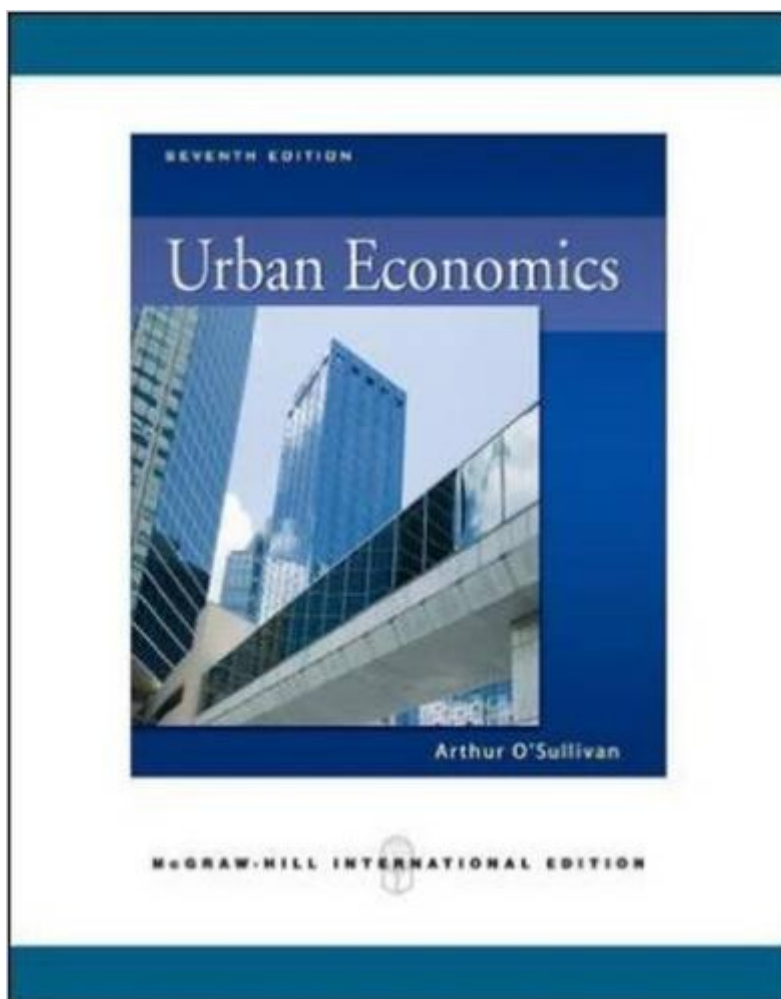


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The class was very interesting, but more importantly, the book offered an updated view on local government, education, crime and other topics. Everything was pretty well put into perspective. It doesn't have a lot of drawings! It does have a lot of graphs, but is what you expect from an economics book.

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This book was overpriced but it is still very valuable. The examples and problem sets in this book are great for any introductory Urban Economics class.

Required book for class. Nothing special.

I enrolled in an Urban Economics course as part of my minor. I really don't find the basics of economics too terribly thrilling, but I've really enjoyed the content. My professor follows the book closely and the text is surprisingly easy to read. :)

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