

## **Booklist**

Forward-thinking social scientist Eisler, author of *The Chalice and the Blade* (1987) and *Tomorrow's Children* (2000), is renowned for her innovative perspectives on relationships, education, sex, and spirituality. Now in a similar vein as Bill McKibben in *Deep Economy* (2007), she addresses the need for a "more equitable and sustainable economic system" based on the "essential work of caring for people and nature." Current economics fails to value the most fundamental aspects of people's daily lives, Eisler observes, and she identifies the "lack of caring" as the "common denominator" underlying grave social and environmental problems. Eisler precisely maps her detailed vision of a caring economy and diligently supports her concept with a fascinating spectrum of information and analysis of everything from how little we value child care to the true cost of war and pollution. On a deeper level, Eisler writes about how the cultural stories we absorb--women are inferior to men, nature is indestructible--perpetuate an economics that is proving disastrous. Eisler argues cogently that now is the time to invest in life.

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