



The Shock Doctrine, Naomi Klein (Penguin 2008)

Free markets, we're told, mean free people. Yet around the world this 'freedom' is being paid for in blood. When a catastrophe occurs – whether war, terrorist attack or natural disaster – there are people cleaning up and cashing in, using chaos to force through brutal economic punishment. They are the shock doctors.

Winner of the Warwick Prize for Writing 2009, Klein's 'The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism', reveals who these global racketeers are, how their ideology has come to dominate our world – from raking in billions out of the tsunami, to plundering Russia and exploiting Iraq – and how they are making a killing.