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Good Globalization Literature

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On the Oppenheimer Society listserve, someone asked for recommendations of good books and articles on globalization. David Boaz offered this superb list:

- *Free Trade Under Fire* (2nd ed.) by Douglas Irwin (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2005)

An empirical verification of the positive benefits of free trade.

- *Why Globalization Works* by Martin Wolf (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2004)

Uses conventional economic analysis to prove the benefits of free trade and globalization.

- *In Defense of Globalization* by Jagdish Bhagwati (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004)

An approachable defense of globalization by one of today's leading free-trade economists.

- *In Defense of Global Capitalism* by Johan Norberg (Washington, D.C.: Cato Institute, 2003)

A former left-anarchist debunks the claims of the anti-globalization movement.

- *Globalization, Growth, and Poverty: Building an Inclusive World Economy* (Washington, D.C.: World Bank, 2002)

An extensive report on globalization's impact on growth and poverty.

- "Spreading the Wealth" by David Dollar and Aart Kraay. *Foreign Affairs*, January/February 2002.

Two World Bank economists show that globalization has narrowed the income gap between the world's rich and poor.

- *Against the Dead Hand: The Uncertain Struggle for Global Capitalism* by Brink Lindsey (New York: Wiley and Sons, 2002)

A comprehensive and historical analysis of globalization by the Cato Institute's Vice-President for Research.

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