The Rise and Fall of Nations: Forces of Change in the Post-Crisis World

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Sharma predicts that despite the financial crisis of 2008, the world remains hopeful for the future. In this book, Sharma presents ten clear rules that can help us identify and understand how political, economic, and social events affect a country's fortunes. By narrowing the thousands of factors that can shape a country's fortunes to ten clear rules, Sharma explains how to spot political, economic, and social trends that will affect the world in the future. The book examines how past events have shaped the world and how we can use this knowledge to predict future trends. The Rise and Fall of Nations is a practical guide to understanding change in the world.
Osama will reveal for the first time who he really was and why he continues to inspire a new generation of jihadists.

... with a series of promised reforms were cast aside, as a president disdainful of public service instead abused the power of his office for the benefit of his friends and the rich and powerful. In the wake of the January 6th insurrection, the public has witnessed a series of shocking revelations about the deep corruption at the heart of the Trump administration, including widespread misuse of government resources and coordinated efforts to undermine the democratic process. These revelations have shocked many, but they should come as no surprise to those who have followed Donald Trump’s career. Throughout his time in office, the former president has demonstrated a profound disregard for the rule of law and a deep commitment to his own interests at the expense of the nation he is sworn to serve.

... is broken and needs fixing. By telling their story, they hope to revive the Service they love.
New York Times bestselling author and journalist Anderson Cooper teams with New York Times bestselling historian and novelist Katherine Howe to chronicle the rise and fall of a legendary American dynasty—his mother's family, the Vanderbilts. When eleven-year-old Cornelius Vanderbilt began to work on his father's small boat ferrying supplies in New York Harbor at the beginning of the nineteenth century, he never could have imagined that one day he would, through ruthlessness, cunning, and a pathological desire for money, build two empires—one in shipping and another in railroads—that would make him the richest man in America. His staggering fortune was fought over by his heirs after his death in 1877, sowing familial discord that would never fully heal. Though his son Billy doubled the money left by "the Commodore," subsequent generations competed to find new and ever more extraordinary ways of spending it. By 2018, when the last Vanderbilt was forced out of The Breakers—the seventy-room mansion estate in Newport, Rhode Island, that Cornelius's grandson and namesake had built—the family would have been unrecognizable to the tycoon who started it all. Now, the Commodore's great-great-great-grandson Anderson Cooper, along with Jonathan Karp and Katherine Howe, come together to capture the story of an American family and their outsized influence. Cooper and Howe breathe life into the ancestors who built the family's empire, basked in the Commodore's wealth, hosted lavish galas, and became synonymous with unfettered American capitalism and high society. Moving from the hardscrabble wharves of old Manhattan to the lavish drawing rooms of Gilded Age Fifth Avenue, from the ornate summer palaces of Newport to the courts of Europe, and all the way to modern-day New York, Cooper and Howe wryly recount the triumphs and tragedies of an American dynasty unlike any other. Written with a unique insider's viewpoint, this is a rollicking, quintessentially American history as remarkable as the family it so vividly captures.