

The book I most want to read, right now

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Martin Wolf's list of economics books for 2020 includes not a single title I have read, and rather bizarrely omits the best seller - Stephanie Kelton's 'The Deficit Myth'. [But it's worth a look, nonetheless.](#)

Why is that? Because what it shows is that there is now a prevailing narrative that challenges the economic orthodoxy of neoliberalism with a green / MMT tinge to a lot of it.

So my question becomes which book on the list do I most want to read? It is this one:



Less is More: How Degrowth will Save the World, by Jason Hickel, Heinemann, RRP£14.99, 336 pages

Hickel, an economic anthropologist, argues that we can save humanity and the planet only by abandoning capitalism, the idea of economic growth and notions about the domination of humanity over nature that date back thousands of years. To me, this programme is neither a plausible nor an effective way to respond to the imminent climate crisis. But it has been an education to read such a lucid exposition of this increasingly widely shared point of view.

And a note to my family: I am planning to buy my own copy, before Christmas.