Small Is Beautiful. A Study of Economics As If People Mattered

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*Small Is Beautiful* is a collection of essays by British economist E. F. Schumacher. Hailed as an “eco-bible” by the Time Magazine, Schumacher’s richly researched statement on sustainability has become more relevant and popular with each year since its initial publication during the 1973 energy crisis.

A landmark statement against “bigger is better” industrialism, Schumacher’s *Small Is Beautiful* paved the way for twenty-first century books on environmentalism and economics, like Jeffrey Sachs’s *The End of Poverty*, Paul Hawken’s *Natural Capitalism*, Mohammad Yunis’s *Banker to the Poor*, and Bill McKibben’s *Deep Economy*.

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