



How does being American shape us?

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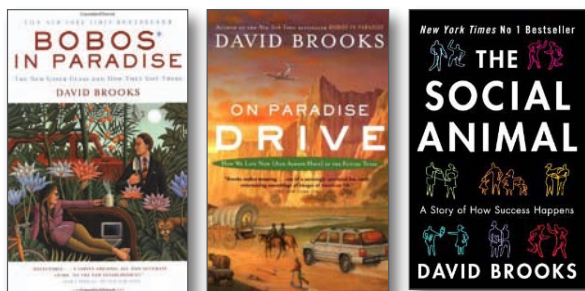
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Highlights

David Brooks has a gift for bringing audiences face to face with **the spirit of our times** with **humor, insight and quiet passion**. He is a **keen observer** of the American way of life and a **savvy analyst** of present-day politics and foreign affairs.

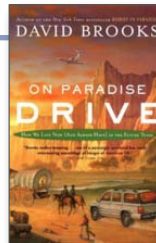
Author of two books of what he calls **"comic sociology"**—descriptions of how we live and "the water we swim in" that are as witty and entertaining as they are revealing and insightful: *Bobos in Paradise* and *On Paradise Drive*. *Bobos in Paradise* was a *New York Times* bestseller.

David's current book is titled *The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character and Achievement*, on why neuroscience and sociology are so important to thinking about politics, culture and the future of America in world society.

David Brooks has worked at *The Weekly Standard*, joining the magazine at its inception and serving as senior editor. He has been a contributing editor at *Newsweek* and the *Atlantic Monthly*. He worked at *The Wall Street Journal* for nine years in a range of positions, including op-ed editor. He has written for *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Forbes*, *The Washington Post* and many other periodicals.

On Paradise Drive: How We Live Now (And Always Have) in the Future Tense

What is life really like in today's middle- and upper-middle-class suburbs? What is it about being American that drives us so hard to relentlessly move and labor and change? And are we as shallow as we look? In *On Paradise Drive*, David probes to see if down beneath the surface activities of everyday life there is a grand, complicated and deeply American idealism that inspires not only the shallow strivings but noble ones, as well. Few commentators have David's flair for painting the American social landscape with such color and comic insight.



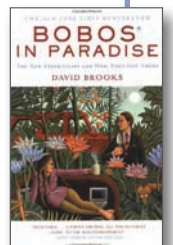
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Bobos in Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There

In his bestselling work of "comic sociology", David Brooks coins a new word, Bobo, to describe today's upper class—those who have wed the bourgeois world of capitalist enterprise to the hippie values of the bohemian counterculture. Their hybrid lifestyle is the context for the success of stores like Restoration Hardware and Starbucks. In this witty and serious look at the cultural consequences of the information age, David Brooks has defined a new generation.



• Credentials

- Op-Ed Columnist, *The New York Times*
- Weekly political commentator, *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*
- Regular commentator on NPR
- Former writer, editor or columnist for *Wall Street Journal*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Newsweek* and *The Weekly Standard* and other major print media