Building Communities From The Inside Out: A Path Toward Finding And Mobilizing A Community's Assets
Synopsis
This guide summarizes lessons learned by studying successful community-building initiatives in hundreds of neighborhoods across the U.S. It outlines what local communities can do to start their own journeys down the path of asset-based development.

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Customer Reviews
This book may seem mundane. It isn't. It is Systems Theory in community healing, in creating healthy communities, even with few resources. I have seen people who put the ideas to work. 5 stars for ideas, I wish it had been organized a little differently, but it's still very, very good. I have used his ideas on a small scale, myself, in my own city, and gotten results better than I thought possible. My favorite kind of review, however, is one where similar books are cited, that maybe fill in holes, or supplement the main ideas. The first book I might suggest is Ending Violent Crime Cheaply and Permanently: A Vision Of A Society Free Of Violence. For many inner city communities, significant sectors of the minority male population are cycled through a school of violent crime, where the gangs do their corporate training, at Ivy League tuition costs. This is not useful. We need a better way. This book doesn't just talk about incrementally handling a small portion of the population, no, it is ending violent crime, cheaply and permanently. RETURN TO CREATION and The Original Instructions: Reflections of an Elder on the Teachings of the Elders, Adapting Ancient Wisdom to the Twenty-First Century are also useful, they describe an important level of creating healthy community that BCFTIO couldn't cover.