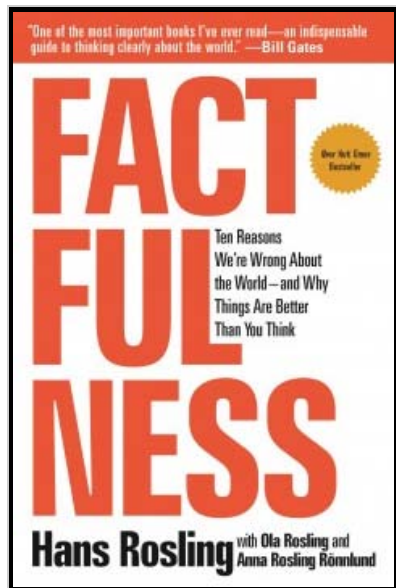


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## Factfulness

Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World—and Why Things Are Better Than You Think

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**From the Publisher:** Factfulness: The stress-reducing habit of only carrying opinions for which you have strong supporting facts. When asked simple questions about global trends—what percentage of the world's population live in poverty; why the world's population is increasing; how many girls finish school—we systematically get the answers wrong. So wrong that a chimpanzee choosing answers at random will consistently outguess teachers, journalists, Nobel laureates, and investment bankers. In Factfulness, Professor of International Health and global TED phenomenon Hans Rosling, together with his two long-time collaborators, Anna and Ola, offers a radical new explanation of why this happens. They reveal the ten instincts that distort our perspective—from our tendency to divide the world into two camps (usually some version of us and them) to the way we consume media (where fear rules) to how we perceive progress (believing that most things are getting worse). Our problem is that we don't know what we don't know, and even our guesses are informed by unconscious and predictable biases. It turns out that the world, for all its imperfections, is in a much better state than we might think. That doesn't mean there aren't real concerns. But when we worry about everything all the time instead of embracing a worldview based on facts, we can lose our ability to focus on the things that threaten us most. Inspiring and revelatory, filled with lively anecdotes and moving stories, Factfulness is an urgent and essential book that will change the way you see the world and empower you to respond to the crises and opportunities of the future. --- "This book is my last battle in my life-long mission to fight devastating ignorance...Previously I armed myself with huge data sets, eye-opening software, an energetic learning style and a Swedish bayonet for sword-swallowing. It wasn't enough. But I hope this book will be." Hans Rosling, February 2017.

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Hans Rosling, Anna Rosling Rönnlund, Ola Rosling

Hans Rosling was an international phenomenon thanks to the work he did alongside his son and daughter-in-law, Ola and Anna Rosling. His TED Talks have been cumulatively viewed over 20 million times, Bill Gates cites him as a true inspiration, and he was named one of *TIME*'s 100 most influential people. Hans Rosling died of pancreatic cancer in January 2017, but Ola and Anna continue his work through their widely successful organization The Gapminder Foundation.


Hans was the coauthor of *Factfulness* with Ola and Anna.

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TED talk superstar Hans Rosling devoted decades to the global fight against diseases like Ebola. But he became famous for fighting the scourge of ignorance -- specifically ignorance about the remarkable strides in health, population growth, and combatting extreme poverty seen in the last few decades and the last 100 years. His TED talk videos have racked up remarkable numbers, opening people's eyes -- if only for a moment -- to the good news around the world. That good news should have us committing ever more resources to tools that work, such as the World Health Organization, vaccinations and more. Rosling spent the final year of his life fighting pancreatic cancer long enough to finish this book. It has two parallel goals. One is to emphasize the remarkable progress we have made. The number of people in extreme poverty has been cut in HALF in the past 20 years. Some eighty percent of the world has some access to electricity. Life expectancy for the entire world is 70 years. Some eighty percent of one year old children have received at least one vaccination. (This book is a good companion piece to "The Great Surge" by Steve Radelet, which goes into fascinating detail about all of this.) The other track is to explain WHY people are so ignorant of this progress and what they can do to combat that ignorance. Essentially, Rosling offers handy ways to increase your critical thinking -- how to put the news of the day in perspective (the latest news is almost always the latest negative news), how to question the numbers (good or bad) on any issue, how to judge a source of information and so on. None of the great strides emphasized in "Factfulness" should encourage complacency. Rosling knew the planet faces grave issues. But those can only be tackled when we all understand the basic facts of our world and know how to think critically about what to focus on and how to fix it. Bill Gates dubs "Factfulness" the most important book he's ever read. Well, no, but it's a highly accessible summary of great news and offers useful tools for anyone willing to apply them. -- Michael Giltz

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“One of the most important books I’ve ever read—an indispensable guide to thinking clearly about the world.” - Bill Gates “Hans Rosling tells the story of ‘the secret silent miracle of human progress’ as only he can. But Factfulness does much more than that. It also explains why progress is so often secret and silent and teaches readershow to see it clearly.” —Melinda Gates "In Hans Rosling’s hands, data sings. Global trends in health and economics come to vivid life. And the big picture of global development—with some surprisingly good news—snaps into sharp focus." —TED "Three minutes with Hans Rosling will change your mind about the world." —Nature

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