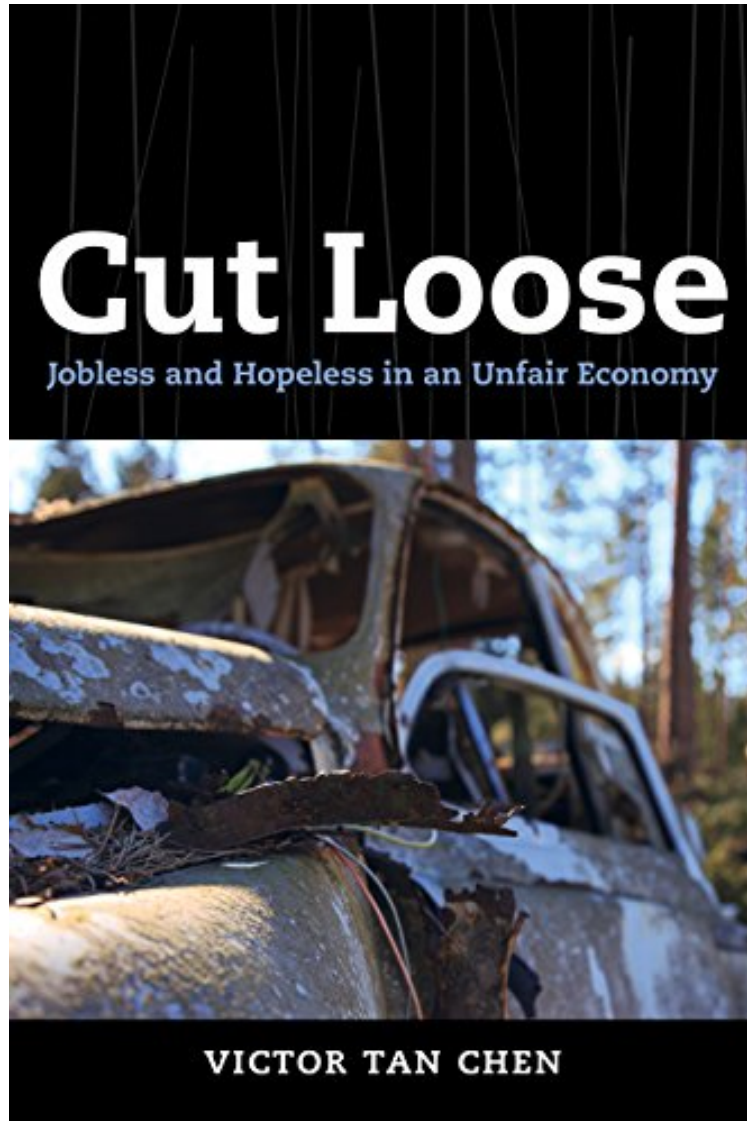


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Perspective Worth Reading and UnderstandingBy The Eclectic ReaderThe author takes us into the lives of laid-off autoworkers and how they have coped with the new information technological economy of the 21st century. I believe that the author himself believes that what he has learned in his interviews presents a landscape of a depressed economic future for the remaining 10 to 12 million manufacturing employees in North America. After reading this book, I have become more convinced that income inequality is here to stay and that unless a true change in the American perspective of value and morality takes place, millions of workers

will face the same challenges and destitution of the workers in this book. I am taking one star off because of the author's proposed solution of an alternative morality system. I sympathize with the author in his efforts at a new way of perspective on those who are unemployed and possibly unemployable, one that is more compassionate and without judgment. However, I wish the author had more details as to how exactly that would work in practice. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Sally Cheri Fabulously well-written book that is so pertinent to the times we live in. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Dennis Wilson thank you

Years after the Great Recession, the economy is still weak, and an unprecedented number of workers have sunk into long spells of unemployment. *Cut Loose* provides a vivid and moving account of the experiences of some of these men and women, through the example of a historically important group: autoworkers. Their well-paid jobs on the assembly lines built a strong middle class in the decades after World War II. But today, they find themselves beleaguered in a changed economy of greater inequality and risk, one that favors the well-educated or well-connected. Their declining fortunes in recent decades tell us something about what the white-collar workforce should expect to see in the years ahead, as job-killing technologies and the shipping of work overseas take away even more good jobs. *Cut Loose* offers a poignant look at how the long-term unemployed struggle in today's unfair economy to support their families, rebuild their lives, and overcome the shame and self-blame they deal with on a daily basis. It is also a call to action—a blueprint for a new kind of politics, one that offers a measure of grace in a society of ruthless advancement.

"Rich... Chen constructs a skilled analysis of overlapping issues rising from differences of race, gender and family status."