



## Maker Library

Monbiot, George. *How Did We Get Into This Mess?* Verso, 2016.

“This book is amazing; it’s also amazingly depressing. Monbiot lucidly explains much of what makes our world so hard to understand: “Had our ancestors been asked to predict what would happen in an age of widespread prosperity in which most religious and cultural proscriptions had lost their power, how many would have guessed that our favorite activities would not be fiery political meetings, masked orgies, philosophical debates, hunting wild boar and surfing monstrous waves but shopping and watching other people pretend to enjoy themselves? ... Could it be this - the immediate satisfaction of desire, the readiness with which we can find comfort - that deprives of us greater freedoms?”

To the point of this exhibition, fixing things can be uncomfortable. It’s hard to predict how the undertaking will go, and it requires challenging cause-and-effect thinking in concert with no small amount of manual dexterity. All of this is hard; but I believe the effort and the results are worth it. ”

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