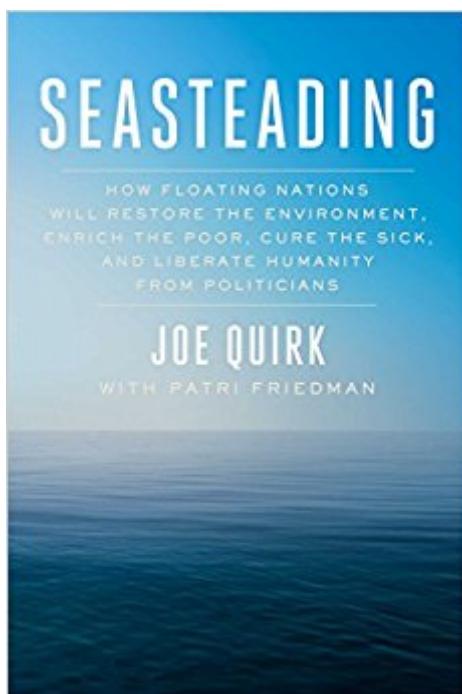


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# Seasteading: How Floating Nations Will Restore The Environment, Enrich The Poor, Cure The Sick, And Liberate Humanity From Politicians



## Synopsis

Two-thirds of our globe is Planet Ocean, not Planet Earth. Imagine a vast new source of sustainable and renewable energy that would also bring more equitable economies. A previously untapped source of farming that could produce significant new sources of nutrition. Future societies where people could choose the communities they want to live in, free from the restrictions of conventional citizenship. This bold vision of our near future as imagined in Seasteading attracted the powerful support of Silicon Valley's Peter Thiel—and it may be drawing close to reality. Our planet is suffering from serious environmental problems: coastal flooding due to severe storms caused in part by atmospheric pollution and diminishing natural resources among them. But the seas can be home to a new breed of pioneers, seasteaders, who are willing to homestead the Blue Frontier. Oil platforms and cruise ships already inhabit the waters; now it's time to take the next step to full-fledged ocean civilizations. Joe Quirk and Patri Friedman show us how cities built on floating platforms in the ocean will work, and they profile some of the visionaries who are implementing basic concepts of seasteading today. An entrepreneur's dream, these floating cities will become laboratories for innovation and creativity. Seasteading may be visionary, but it already has begun proving the adage that yesterday's science fiction is tomorrow's science fact. Welcome to seavilization.

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"This energetic and enthusiastic book gives a fascinating glimpse of the blue revolution to come, as human beings experiment with more sustainable ways of managing the biology of the sea

Ã¢â€• and experiment with more sustainable ways of living and governing ourselves as well, free from the constraints of land-based governments.Ã¢â€• (Matt Ridley, author of *The Evolution of Everything*)Ã¢â€“Really disruptive, definitely visionary, and even more proof thatÃ Â tomorrowÃ Â will look nothing like today. Seasteading is a grand adventure in sustainability and possibility and itÃ¢â€“Ã¢â€“definitely a trip worth taking!Ã¢â€• (Steven Kotler, author of *The Rise of Superman*, and coauthor of *Bold and Abundance*)"Seasteading provides some thought-provoking visions of the future.Ã Â Messrs. Quirk and Friedman introduce us to some very interesting people experimenting with some very interesting technologies, all having to do with living and working on the sea.Ã¢â€• (Shlomo Angel *The Wall Street Journal*)Ã¢â€“Seasteading is an enormous opportunity for humanity. Not only will these sea-based communities be able to try new sciences and technology . . . they will allow new forms of community with a fresh start, and an ability to experiment as to form. . . . Anyone willing to work for a living can come and go from a seastead.Ã Â People can finally be citizens of the world.Ã¢â€• (Timothy Draper, founder of Draper Fisher Jurvetson)Ã¢â€“Passionate and convincing. The idea of individual sovereignty could finally come true with floating ocean cities.Ã¢â€• (Titus Gebel, Founder & CEO of Free Private Cities Ltd.)

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I love all the concepts laid out, but it could do without all the excessive alarmism nonsense. Some of the estimates for the alarmism seem absurd and out of touch. Update: I've read further into book. It still only paints a mostly all positive picture of seasteading but makes very convincing economic arguments. Added another star to my rating.

i am loving this awesome book. Joe Quirk makes seasteading so understandable and gives such interesting historic background. Can't believe how sensible and doable this idea is. I'll admit it's not a thriller, obviously, but Joe keeps you turning the pages to see what's next.

A well-written introduction to the idea of seasteading and why we need to start seasteading immediately for the benefit of all humanity, not just those who colonize the seas. Probably a bit optimistic about short term prospects and some specific technologies, but if anything undervalues long term prospects, including the role seasteading can play in preparing humanity for other frontiers such as space.

This book takes the latest thought, theory, and application of Seasteading, from the environmental, governance, and logistical perspectives and succinctly combines previously scattered thoughts from disparate experts into a coherent collection. This is a glimpse into your children's future.

Seasteading by Quirk and Friedman have made me very, very aware of a huge Disruptive Technology is right now making life better. A Seasteading Special Economic Zone in French Polynesia will create new Food, Health, Water, Energy and Service markets that will lead many to prosperity. The alternative for health, wealth and safety for peoples children means many other alternatives to what current governments offer is going to explode. Thank you very much Joe and Patri. God bless you.

Joe Quirks and Patri Friedman do a brilliant job of taking on the skeptics in this book. If you are worried about the current state of politics, the environment, healthcare, or the the poor, then read this book! Seasteading offers some brilliant solutions to all of these problems. I look forward to following the progress and success of the Seasteading Institute.

This book has me going crazy with ideas on how to make billions of dollars and help more than a billion people.

Absolutely fascinating, well-researched book.

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