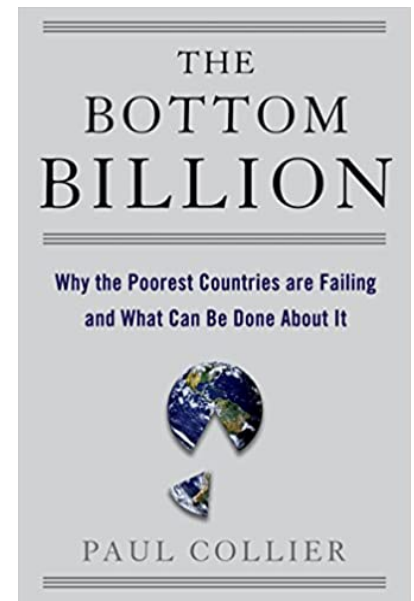


# The Bottom Billion Book Summary (PDF) by Paul Collier

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## Why This Book Matters:

The Bottom Billion discusses the issues within the 50 poorest countries of the world and why they can't breakthrough.

## The Big Takeaways:

1. **Countries cannot overcome poverty without sustainable economic growth.**
  1. If Over time, it becomes more challenging to integrate emerging countries into the global economy.
2. **Poorer countries are prone to war and therefore have a more difficult time overcoming poverty.**
  1. Wars destroy a country's economy more than anything else.
3. **New natural resources can cause harm in the poorest countries.**
  1. Corrupt politicians don't funnel the money from

exports to the hands of the people but instead use the fund for their own self-interests.

**4. Poor, landlocked countries must rely on neighboring nations for growth and development.**

1. They lack the same transportation resources that other countries have, therefore making trade difficult.

**5. International peacekeepers help the country create the means for growth without too much war.**

1. Peacekeepers are meant to bring peace to the country by stopping internal conflict from once again consuming the nation.

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