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Review

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-Owen Hatherley, Guardian

"Antony Loewenstein offers us a superb description of the diminishing power of national governments and international organisations to exercise power in the modern world."

-Robert J. Burrowes, Lahore Times

About the Author

Antony Loewenstein is an independent Australian journalist, documentary maker and blogger who has written for the BBC, the *Nation* and the *Washington Post*. He's a weekly *Guardian* columnist and the author of three best-selling books, *My Israel Question*, *The Blogging Revolution* and *Profits of Doom: How Vulture Capitalism is Swallowing the World*. He is co-editor of *After Zionism* and *Left Turn* and co-writer of *For God's Sake*. His books have been translated, and his journalism has been a finalist in many global awards. He's currently working on a documentary about disaster capitalism.

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