

Philanthropy's role in society is problematic and precarious. We need a way forward that reckons with its downside, while celebrating what is still good about giving...

## ***The Price of Humanity***

***How Philanthropy Went Wrong And How to Fix it***

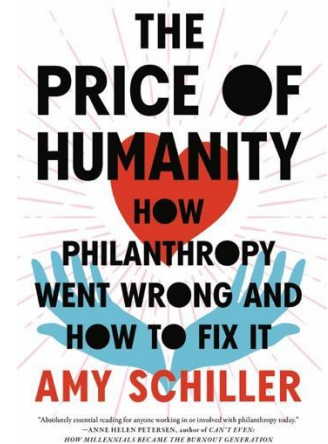
By Amy Schiller

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Philanthropy brought us the Statue of Liberty, via the first crowdfunding campaign. Philanthropy funds gardens, hospitals, museums. Lately, though, philanthropy is tied to scandal after scandal, from Sam Bankman-Fried's fraud to Jeffrey Epstein's reputation laundering. Can the good of philanthropy outweigh its connections to inequality and injustice?

Journalist, academic, and philanthropist Amy Schiller's ***The Price of Humanity*** (Melville House | Hardcover | ISBN: 9781685890223 | On sale: 12/5), offers courageous critiques and concrete solutions to this complex issue. Informed by decades of experience and robust research, Schiller punctures both the smugness of the haves and the pessimism of the have-nots.

From the restoration of Notre Dame Cathedral to the bikes LeBron James gives the children of Akron, Schiller proposes a new vision for philanthropy that lives up to its meaning "love of humanity," and celebrates the qualities that make us human.

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**In an interview, Amy Schiller can discuss...**

- The formula of fundraising, from 5th century bishops to Bat Mitzvahs
- The crowdfunding campaign that built the Statue of Liberty
- The controversy over the billions raised for Notre Dame cathedral's restoration
- Why LeBron James is a better philanthropist than Bill Gates
- The three changes that would save philanthropy



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