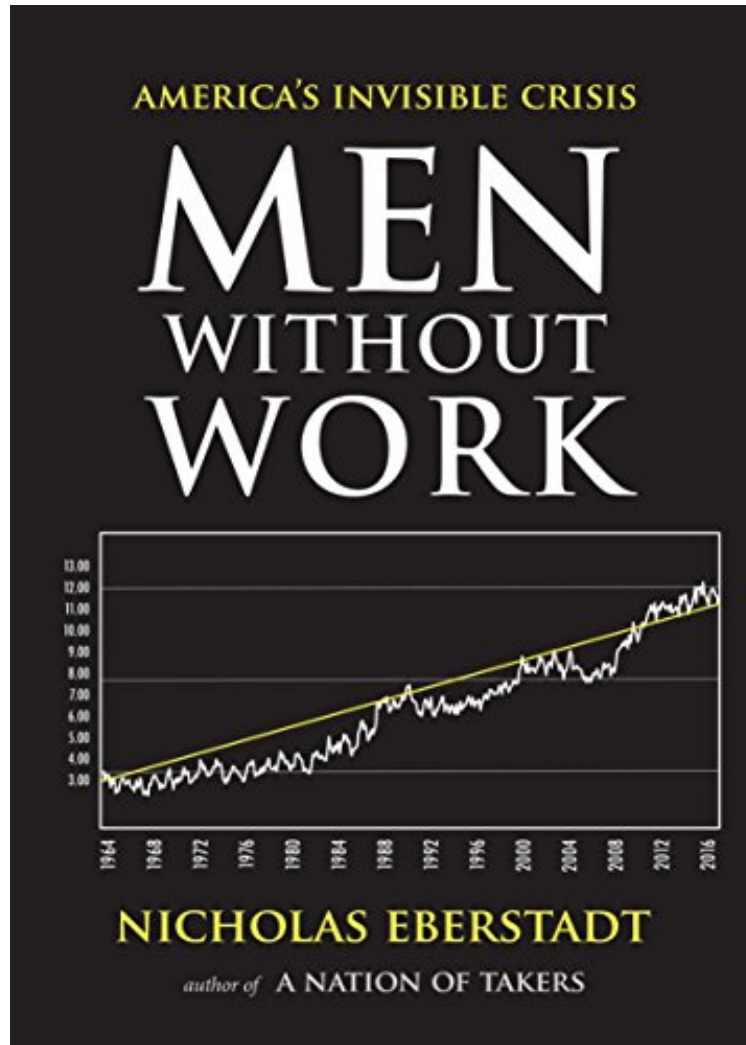


## Men Without Work: America's Invisible Crisis (New Threats to Freedom Series)

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"An unsettling portrait not just of male unemployment, but also of lives deeply alienated from civil society." ---New York Times  
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