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# VA SOLIDARITY ECONOMY NETWORK

WHAT IS THE  
SOLIDARITY  
ECONOMY?

## SE in one sentence

THE SOLIDARITY ECONOMY IS AN ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK DEDICATED TO **MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS** THROUGH MUTUALISM, SOLIDARITY, AND COOPERATION.

# Key Values

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- **Democracy** – Making decisions fairly & collectively.
- **Sustainability** – Stewardship of Earth and resources.
- **Equity** – Centering those who have been exploited, marginalized, and abandoned.
- **Pluralism** – *There many alternatives!*
- **Solidarity** – Committing to each other's well-being.

# Present

- **Private ownership**
- **Wage labor**
- **Wealth maximization**
- **Free market exchange**
- **Commodity production**
- **Individualism**
- **Scarcity**
- **Endless growth**

# Alternative

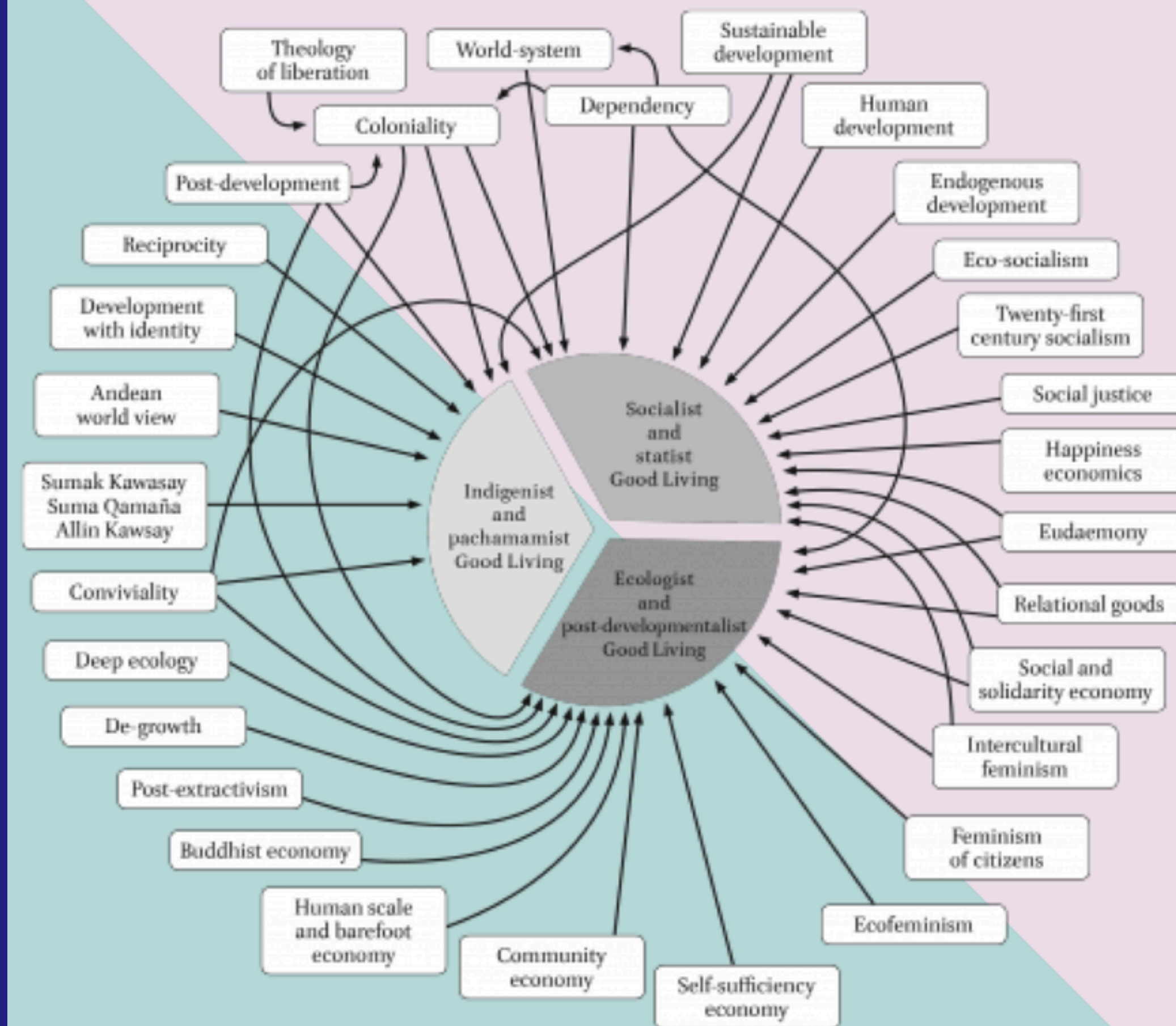
- **Community ownership**
- **Meaningful work/tasks**
- **Wellbeing**
- **Limited markets**
- **Needs-based production**
- **Solidarity**
- **Abundance**
- **Earth stewardship**

# SE Examples



# Aligned Visions & Pathways

- Social Ecology
- Municipalism
- Community Economy
- Just Transition
- Wellbeing Economy
- Economic Democracy



# SOLIDARITY & ECONOMY

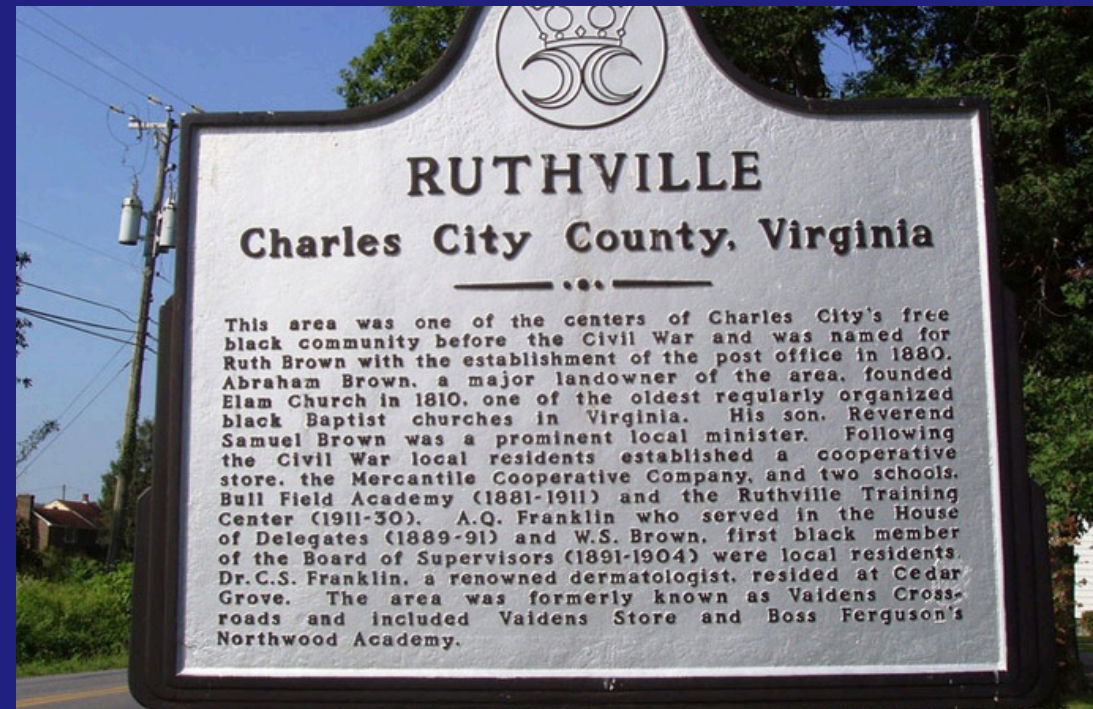
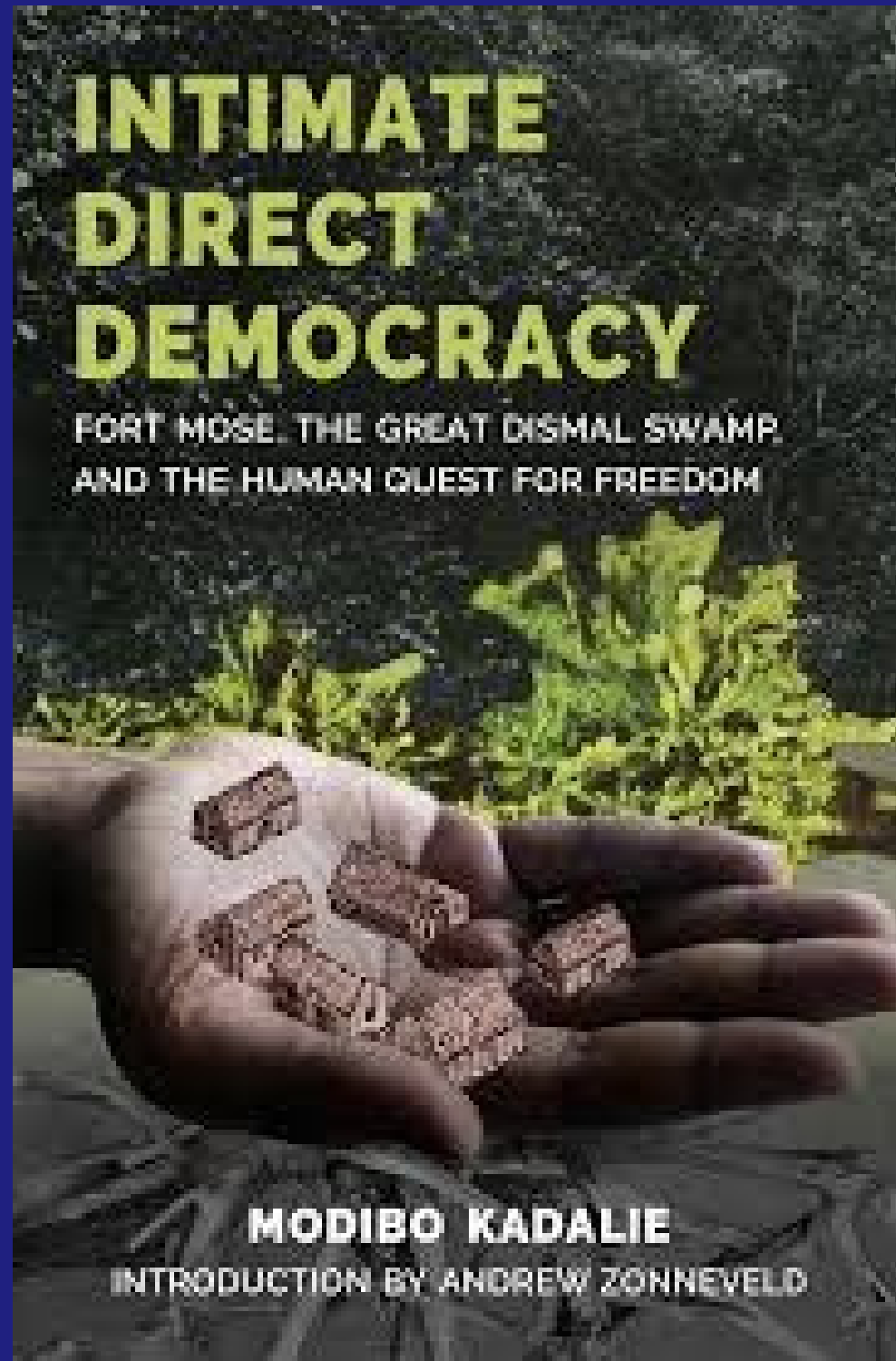
*If you have come to help me, you are  
wasting your time. But if you have  
come because your liberation is bound  
up with mine, then let us work together.*

*~ Lilla Watson*



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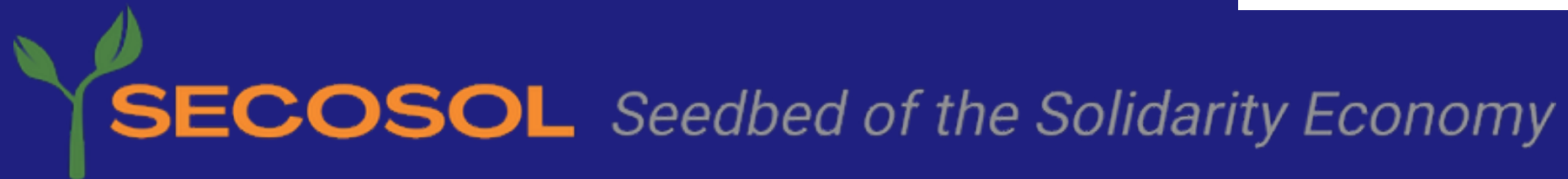
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# SE in Virginia

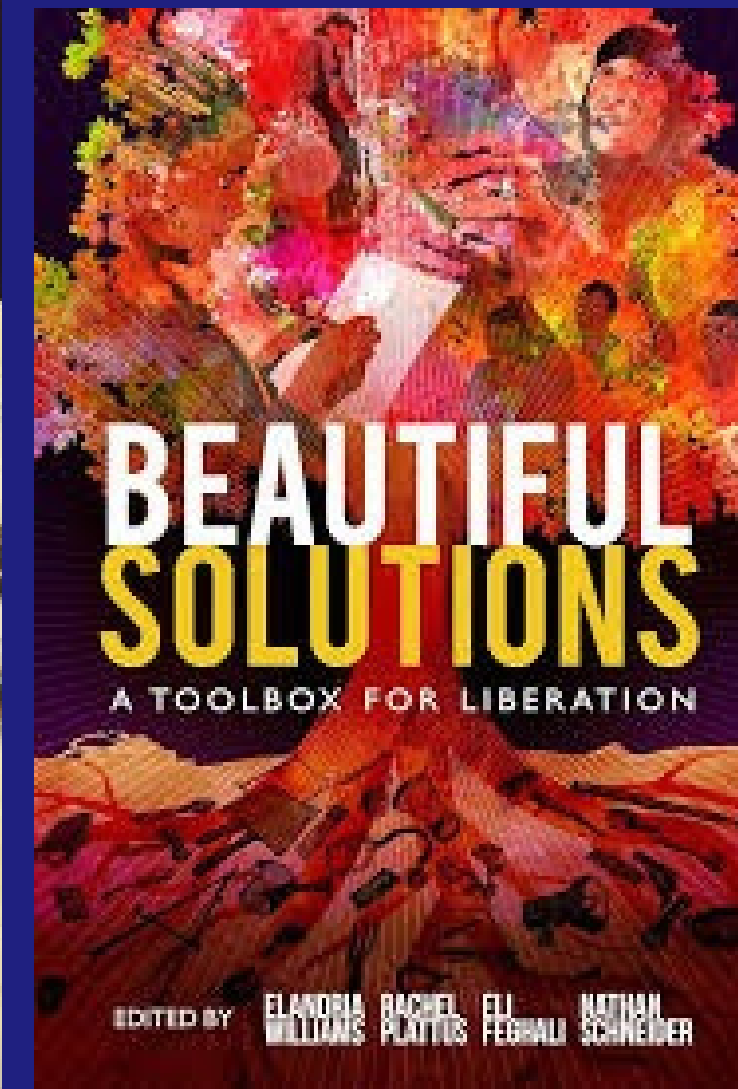
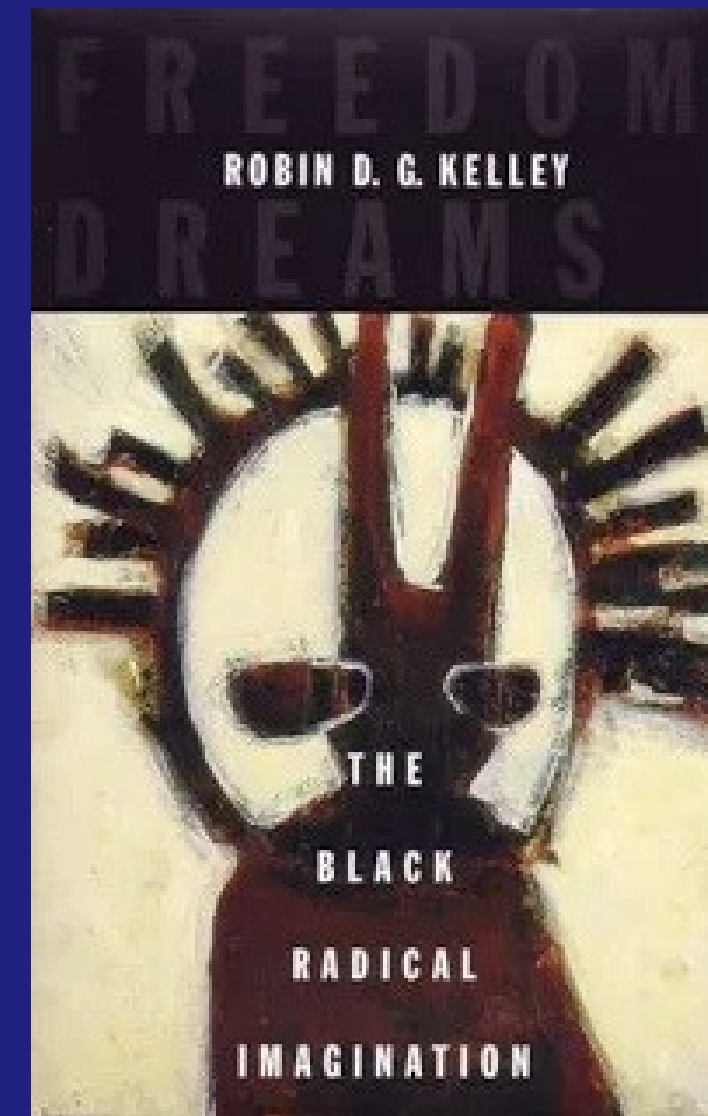
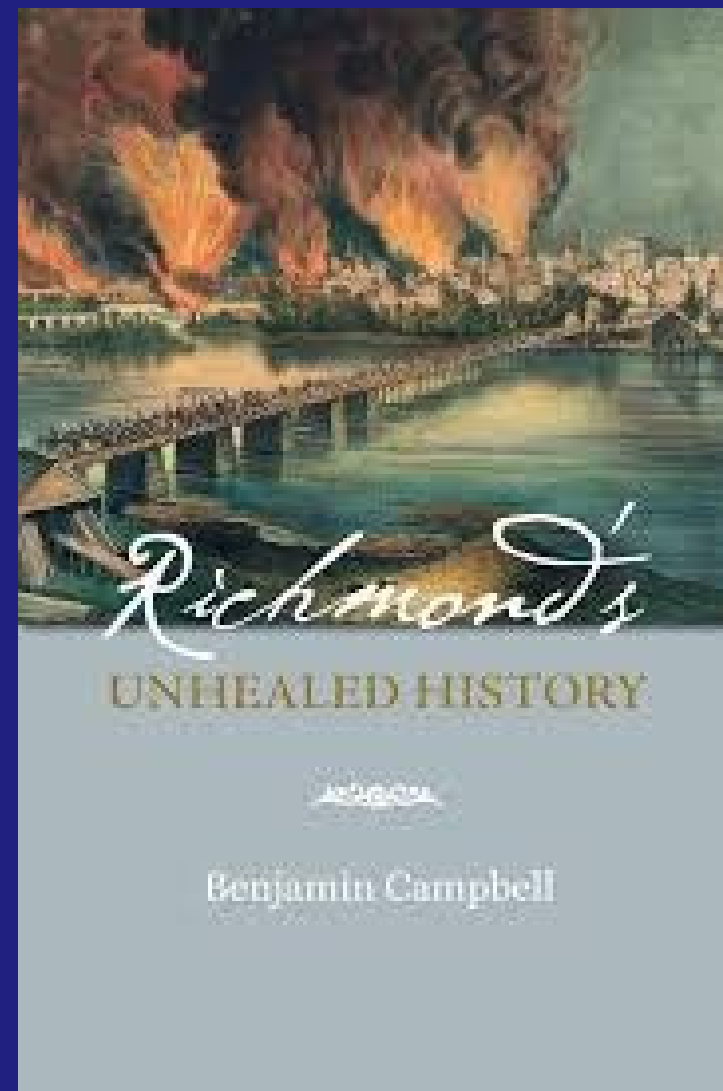
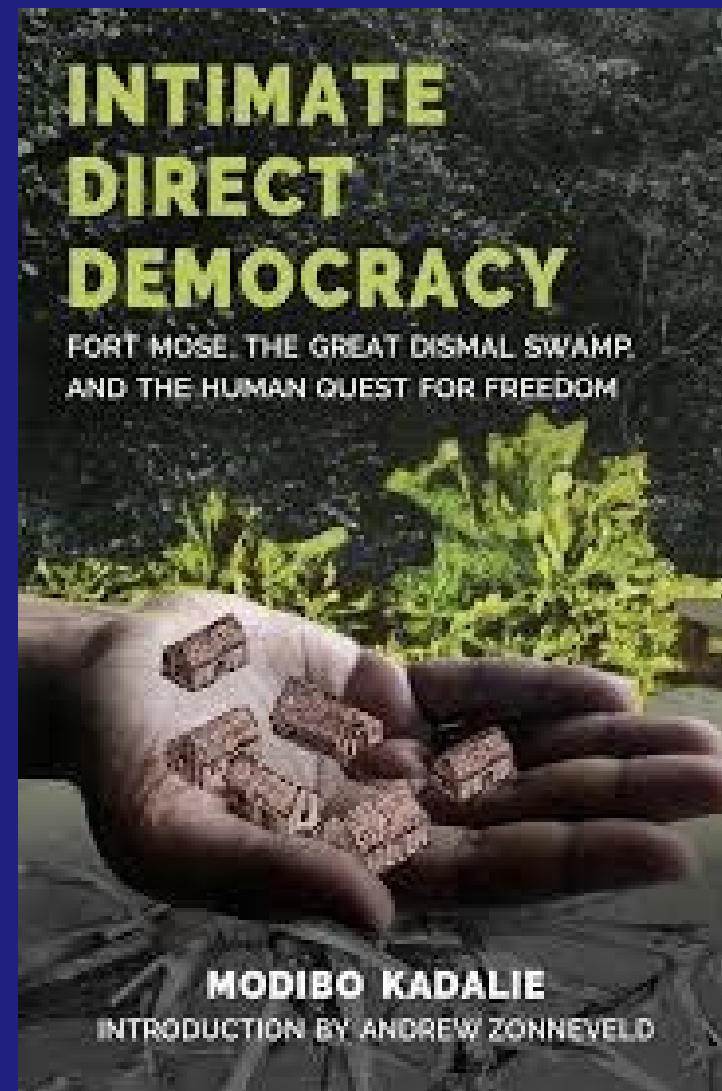
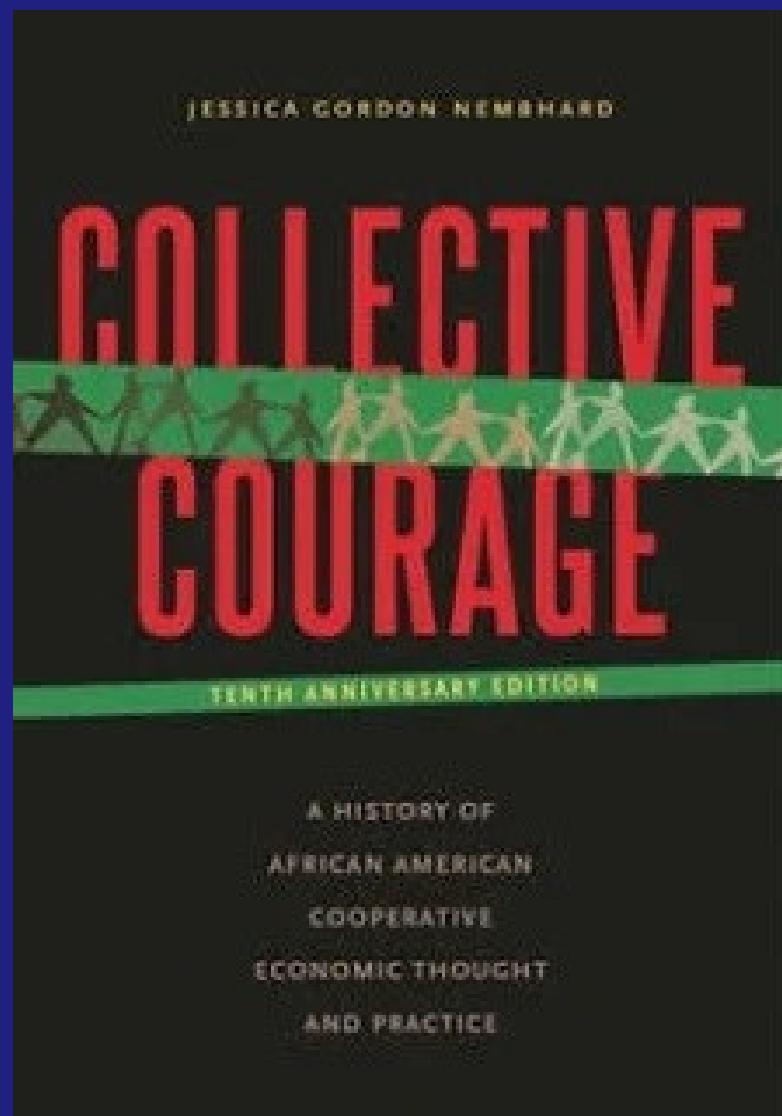


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# Recommendations

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# Resources & Incubators

- **US Solidarity Economy Network**
- **New Economy Coalition**
- **Center for Economic Democracy**
- **Shumacker Center**
- **People's Hub**

# Action Steps

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- **Where do you see the solidarity economy in your city/town/neighborhood?**
- **How can people power meet shared needs?**
- **What does production and reproduction in a moral economy look like, locally and globally?**

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YOU.**

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