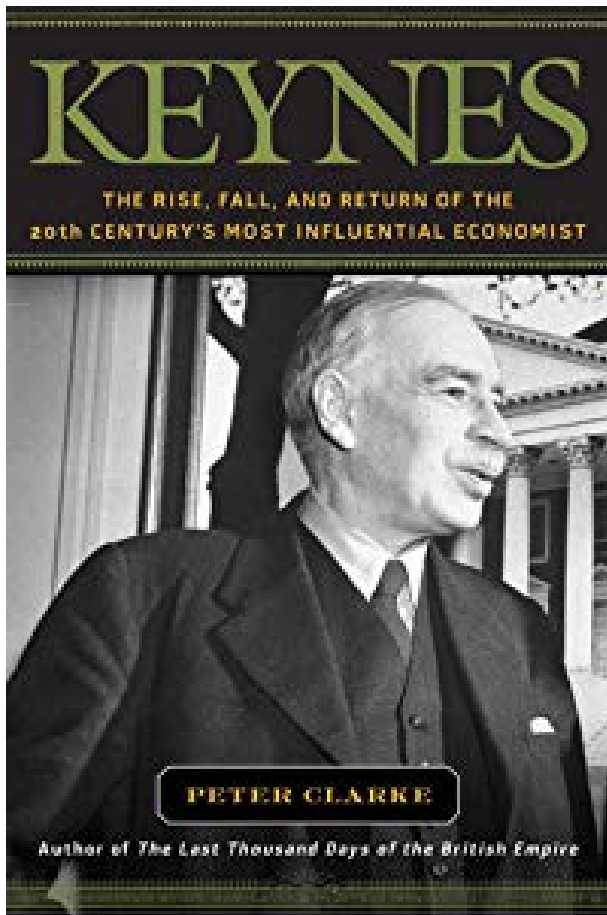


# Keynes: The Rise, Fall, and Return of the 20th Century's Most Influential Economist



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Market forces that the world relied on suddenly failed to self-correct—and Keynes's doctrine of corrective action in an imperfect world became more relevant than ever. Keynes was not a traditional economist: He was a polemicist, iconoclastic public intellectual, peer of the realm, and political operative, as well as an openly homosexual Bohemian who befriended Virginia Woolf and E. M. Forster. In *Keynes*, noted historian Peter Clarke provides a timely and masterful accounting of Keynes's life and work, bringing his genius and skepticism alive for an era fraught with economic difficulties that he surely would have relished solving.