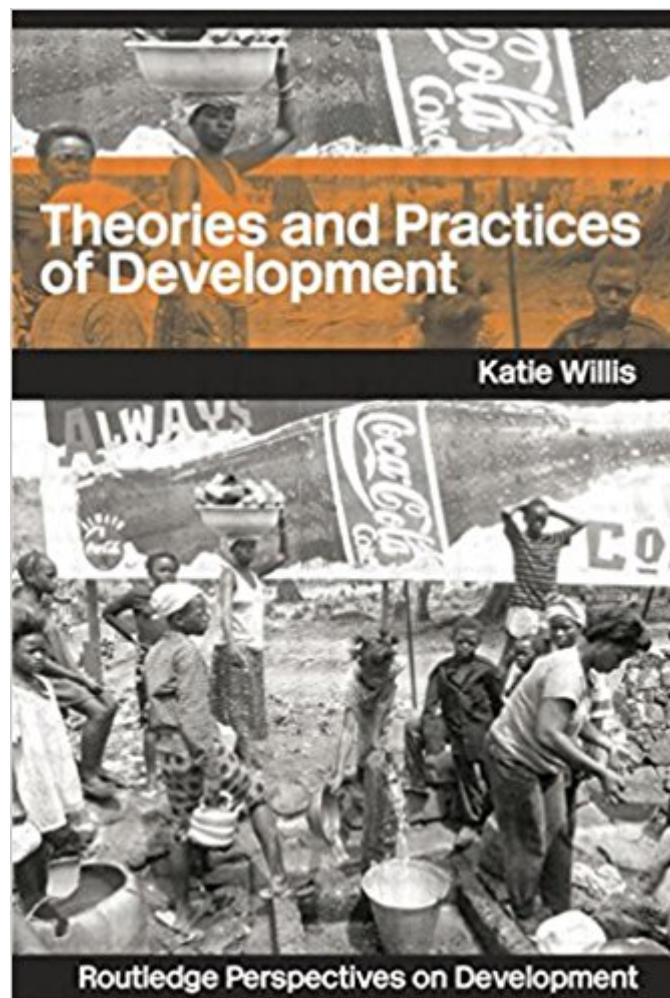




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This is a beginner-level intro to development theories. It's brief, but adequately covers the material. Unfortunately, the ebook version has lost a lot of formatting when it comes to tables and boxes. This makes it a little difficult to read, but the information is there. I read it using Kindle for PC.

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