When Donald Trump won the 2016 presidential elections, a bewildered nation struggled to understand what had happened and what Trump voters were thinking when they cast their ballots. Renowned sociologist Arlie Hochschild had spent the preceding five years immersed in the strongly Tea-Party-facing community around Lake Charles, Louisiana, to produce the book *Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right*—now essential reading to understand what drives Trump supporters and what forces have led to the nation’s political divide.

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