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This book composes of 6 chapter, namely:

- Chapter 1, Network Society
- Chapter 2, Network Technology
- Chapter 3, Network Economy
- Chapter 4, Network Politics
- Chapter 5, Network Identity
- Conclusion

**The network society** in this book applies to the society that exhibit two fundamental characteristics. The first is the presence in those societies of sophisticated-almost exclusively digital-technologies of networked communication and information management/distribution, technologies which form the basic infrastructure mediating an increasing array of social, political and economic practices. A detailed discussion of these technologies will be the subject of the chapter 2.

The second, the reproduction and institutionalization throughout (and between) those societies of networks as the basic form of human organization and relationship across a wide range of social, political and associations and economic configurations.

The most important part of this book is the Castells's theory of network society identified

five attributes which can be applied to contemporary situation as follows:

1. A shift in capitalist economies from an industrial to an informational base;
2. The organization of capitalist economic activity globally on the network model;

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3. Reorganization of temporal and spatial organization of human activity in response to technologies that enable real time communication across vast distance;
4. Distribution of power based on access to networks and control over flows;
5. Tension between localized human identity and placeless networks

In my opinion, this book is up-to-date. It can be applied to any countries or any communities. In a society whose norms are defined by the fact of networks, this does not pose radical problems for legitimacy of authority, but rather simple establishes standards for what we might expect from the state in the network context on social, political and economic matters.

This book is best for students and scholars on all fields and will be the best practice in doing research.