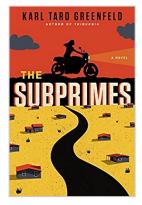
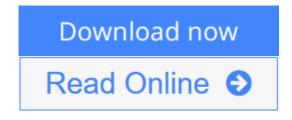
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"Greenfeld has produced a fascinating novel about life in the age of economic uncertainty. It's a colorful tale of characters living on the edge combined with sharp social insights." (Walter Isaacson)

*"The Subprimes* holds up a funhouse-mirror version of ourselves and our era. Karl Taro Greenfeld has written a masterful, viciously funny satire of our times, one that we ignore at our peril." (**Ben Fountain**)

"A little Occupy, a little Ed Abbey, and a good deal of hope for solidarity in a screwed-up world -- *The Subprimes* is a superhero story for the rest of us." (**Bill McKibben**)

"Sharply observed and engrossing, *The Subprimes* depicts a future that is simultaneously absurd...and plausible. It would be too scary to read if it weren't so entertaining." (**Edan Lepucki**)

"With sharp and indicting fury and humor, profound compassion, deep respect, and literary prowess, Greenfeld has written a scorching, twenty-first-century *Grapes of Wrath* that perfectly captures our time's suffering and potentially apocalyptic greed and folly." (*Booklist* (starred review))

"Set in a meticulously, terrifyingly imagined all-too-near future, *The Subprimes* is a potent cocktail of North American myth, equal parts John Steinbeck and Margaret Atwood, with a dash of benzene." (William Gibson)

"*The Subprimes* admirably -- amazingly -- superimposes all the populist instincts of *The Grapes of Wrath* onto a dystopian future that is all too visible from our current moment. Greenfeld's compassion and understanding -- this novel's beating heart -- are what grabbed me most." (**Charles Bock**)

"Greenfeld has a tendency to lean toward parody in his satiric style, but here he employs enough authenticity to terrify, enough black humor to disarm the story's inherent pessimism, and a surprising admiration for faith in its myriad forms." (*Kirkus*)

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#### About the Author

Karl Taro Greenfeld is the author of seven previous books, including the novel *Triburbia* and the acclaimed memoir *Boy Alone*. His award-winning writing has appeared in *Harper's Magazine*, *The Atlantic*, *The Paris Review*, *Best American Short Stories 2009* and *2013*, and *The PEN/O. Henry Prize Stories 2012*. Born in Kobe, Japan, he has lived in Paris, Hong Kong, and Tokyo, and currently lives in Pacific Palisades, California, with his wife, Silka, and their daughters, Esmee and Lola.

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