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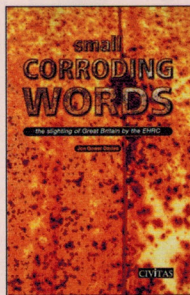
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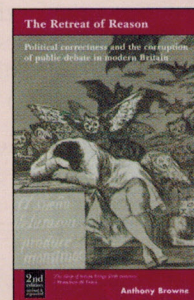
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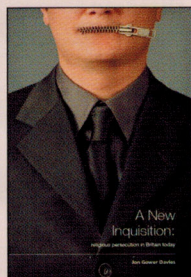
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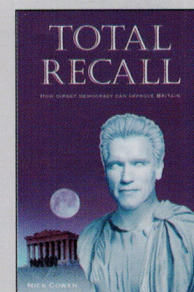
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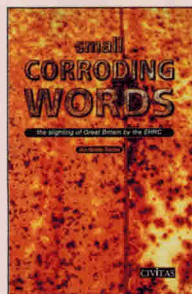
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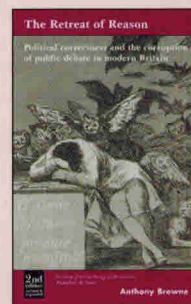
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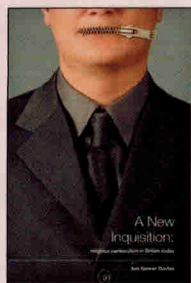
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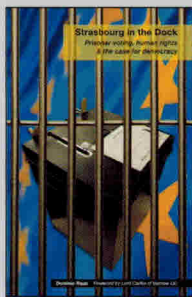
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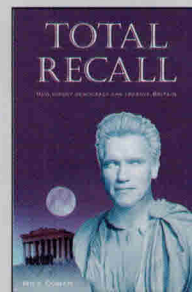
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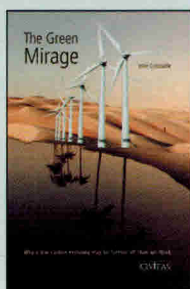


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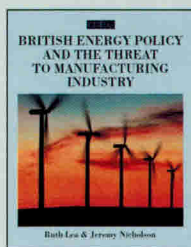
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methods the Government is using to reduce the UK's carbon footprint. In Chain Reactions, David Merlin-Jones argues that the current set of 'green' policies, whereby levies and taxes are used to punish the greatest energy users like the chemical sector, will prove to be economic suicide. Chemical firms must be seen in a new light, which recognises that they are not the heavy polluters of past decades and are part of the solution, rather than the problem. The UK must realise that within the chemical industry lie the foundations of the low-carbon economy. This requires nurturing, not annihilation.



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How the chemical industry can shrink our carbon footprint

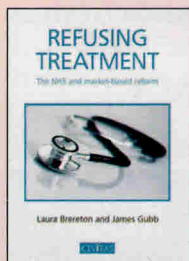
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Are we better off going Dutch on healthcare costs? We have become avid consumers of healthcare. We want the freedom to choose the best treatments; we demand the highest quality of service and outcomes; and we will not tolerate a health service that does not deliver. To add to these raised expectations, medical and technological developments are increasing the scope of what can be treated; but new and expensive ways of keeping people alive for longer have profound implications for the NHS. Nick Seddon argues compellingly that it is out of respect for the founding principles of the NHS - to provide universal and comprehensive health care - not to mention better care, that it must embrace fundamental, market-based, reform. He uses the success of health-care policies in the Netherlands as a template for NHS reform.

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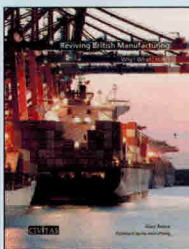
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Some Policies for Economic Growth

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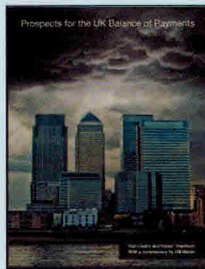
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PROSPECTS FOR THE UK BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

Ken Coutts and Robert Rowthorn

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University of Cambridge economists Ken Coutts and Robert Rowthorn present a previously unseen projection of what will happen to the UK current account balance over the next decade.



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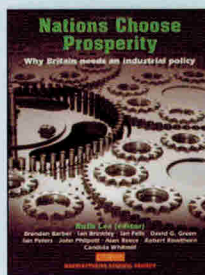
The picture revealed is bleak; they fear that the UK’s current account deficit could steadily deteriorate from under 2 per cent of GDP to almost 5 per cent by 2020. Coutts and Rowthorn argue that the UK economy has become dangerously unbalanced as we have put too much faith in finance at the expense of manufacturing and other activities. If unchecked, it will lead to a painful economic adjustment involving lost output and higher unemployment.

A relentless deterioration in the balance of payments is unsustainable and, Coutts

and Rowthorn assert, the costs of being over-concerned about the UK’s balance of payments may well be less than the costs of being under-concerned. They recommend tackling the deficit with policies designed to boost UK trade performance: in particular assigning a central role to manufacturing.

“[T]he foreign balance – and so net exports – need to shift by at least 5 per cent of GDP. Unfortunately, a disturbing new paper by Ken Coutts and Robert Rowthorn, for the think-tank, Civitas, argues that trends in the UK’s external position are in the opposite direction.”

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NATIONS CHOOSE PROSPERITY

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There is a widespread concern, fuelled by the crisis in the financial sector, that we have been too complacent about the decline in UK manufacturing, assuming that service industries would guarantee continuing prosperity with or without a vibrant manufacturing base. The contributors to this

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“[The pamphlet] gripped my attention... Dr Alan Reece of Pearson Engineering warns that ‘de-industrialisation’ is causing national decay and the loss of skills in physical science... Reece speaks to my soul.”

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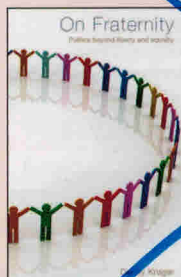
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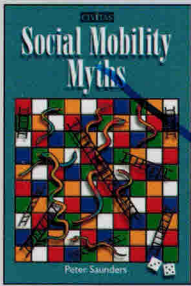
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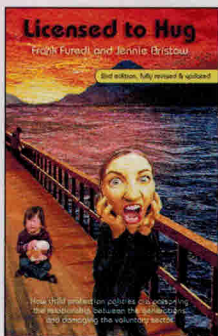
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Frank Furedi and Jennie Bristow

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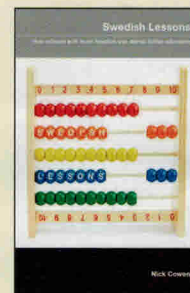
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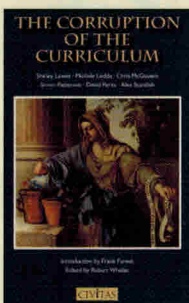
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