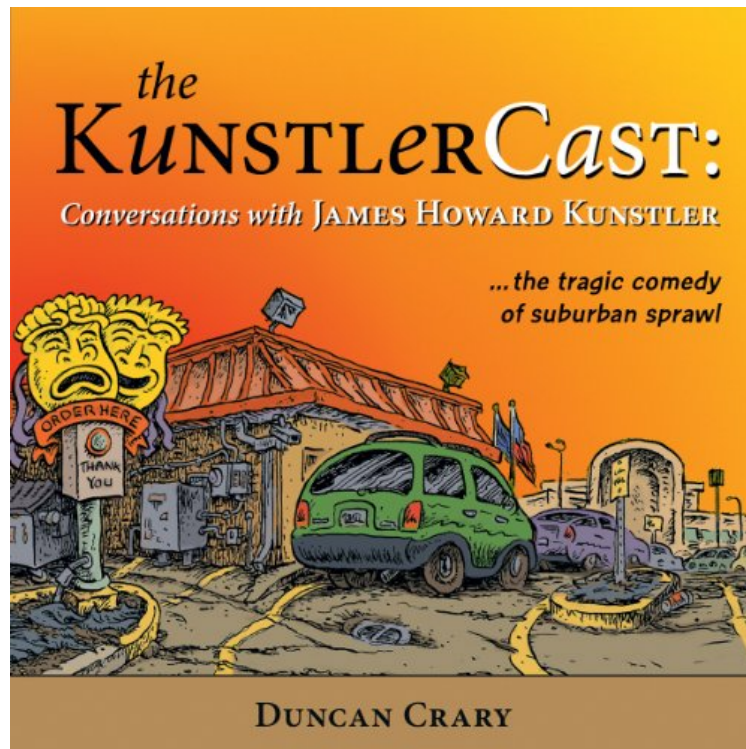


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A book from a podcast?? Yep....it works brilliantly!!By Scott D. MittelsteadtI have been following James Howard Kunstler since a friend of mine suggested The Geography of Nowhere back in the mid-90's. By the time the podcast appeared, I was already a veteran of Kunstler books and his way of seeing things....a way that I could easily identify with and appreciate. When the podcast first appeared, I tuned in at the premier and have listened to each and every episode. That's a lot of podcasts.I thought a book about the podcast was a great idea, but as a long-time fan, I wasn't sure I'd find it useful. However, I feel strongly about supporting the efforts of people like Duncan Crary and JHK, so I decided to read it anyways. And I'm glad I did. Its amazing how much you forget over time, and how much more you retain and appreciate when you read it again.If you listen to the podcast, you will most definitely benefit from reading the book. I found myself better able to understand the topics when I could digest them a bit and let the words float around my brain for a little while.If you are new to the podcast or unfamiliar with it, you will definitely be educated and entertained by JHK's unique take on the built environment, the state of the state, and a future few seem to see or understand, but one that is likely to become reality regardless.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Enlightening EntertainingBy SkullyThis book really captured the spirit of the KunstlerCast and JHK's acerbic wit while providing plenty of insights into the destructive suburbanization of America. Those who say JHK has "no solutions" are either not thinking about what he says or not listening to him. I have lived in a city that fulfills pretty much all Jim's solutions, Hamburg Germany, and it is a

wonderful place without a fat person in sight. You can walk and bike everywhere, take a bus, underground, train or even a ship for peanuts. Cars are not only unnecessary, but annoying in Hamburg, and parks are everywhere with kids running and playing safe as can be. Thank you Jim for opening up my mind so that I could appreciate my experiences in Hamburg so much more. And JHK's insights inspired me to seek a reasonable place to live in Southern California where I can walk to most everything (miracle eh?). Well done Duncan! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great distillation of some of the best moments from Kunstler Cast By Stephan This book is a definite must-have for anyone who is even remotely interested in Urban renewal, post-peak Urban planning and possible scenarios regarding the future of our cheap-oil driven world. Even stripped of the entertaining vocal intonations of Duncan and Jim, their dialogue in-camera sustains an enlightening and engaging discourse even for the most casual of readers. In a nation surrounded by mundane, aggressive "violent clowns" barreling their massive SUVs down the road while simultaneously itching their newly embossed neck tattoos, you really can't afford to be without this humorous and quite unique take on the real-life dynamics that Jim refers to as the Tragic Comedy of Suburban Sprawl. -Stephan (RVideo)

James Howard Kunstler is best known for his unflinching commentary on the collapse of the American dream in the face of the reality of Peak Oil. Written as a long-form conversational interview, The KunstlerCast explores urban planning, architecture, transportation, energy, society and culture from the perspective of an "embedded" reporter on the Kunstler beat.