HANDBOOK ON WEALTH AND THE SUPER-RICH

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‘All you ever wanted to know about the super-rich but were too embarrassed to ask – because we are not really supposed to talk that much about money, especially not about people with huge amounts of money, people who are so very far above us. Thankfully nearly three dozen scholars have decided to break the usual taboos and reveal all about our wealthiest of fellow human-beings. Just what have they done for us, how did they get so rich, what is their individual carbon footprint and so much more. The new gilded age is coming to an end. It begins to end as we study those who live in the most gilded of cages, no longer in admiration but with great inquisitiveness, and accuracy.’

– Danny Dorling, University of Oxford, UK

Fewer than 100 people own and control more wealth than 50% of the world’s population.

The Handbook on Wealth and the Super-Rich is a landmark multi-disciplinary evaluation of both the lives and lifestyles of the super-rich, as well as the processes that underpin super-wealth generation and its unequal distribution.

Drawing on international case studies, leading experts from across the social sciences offer 22 accessible and coherently organized chapters, which critically analyze a range of topics including;

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• how the very wealthy fly
• the environmental consequences of super-rich lives
• crafting immigration policies to attract the rich.

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