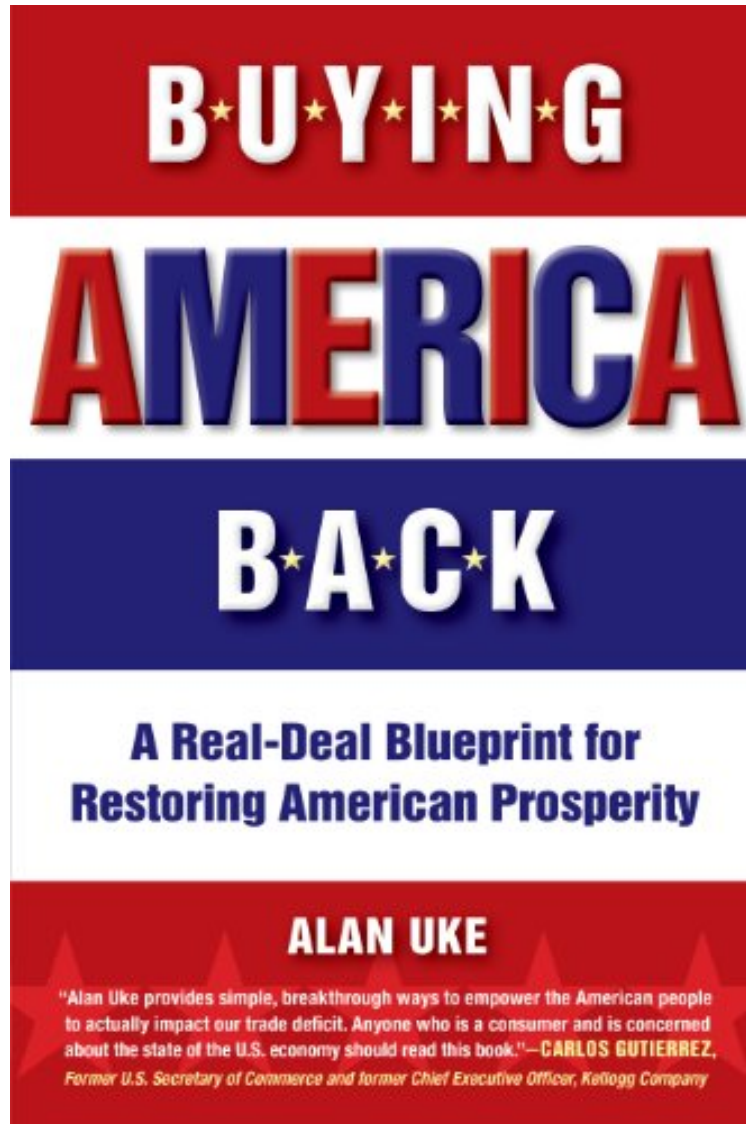


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Those who read this book will find that Alan Uke is pointing out one of the few directions that has a chance of changing the downward course that our country is currently on. -- Ralph Gomory, Professor, Stern School of Business, New York University; Former Head of Research for IBM; Former President of the Sloan Foundation; co-author of *Global Trade and Conflicting National Interests*

Americans, more than any other people, love to fly their flag and parade their patriotism. In the face of a declining manufacturing base and the resulting loss of jobs in the middle class, Alan Uke makes a persuasive case for all Americans to walk their talk in *Buying America Back*. -- M. Brian O'Shaughnessy, Chief Co-Chair of the Coalition for a Prosperous America and Chairman, Revere Copper Products, Inc.

San Diego entrepreneur Uke presents a straightforward thesis in this engaging policy proposal: consumer thirst for cheap imports has strangled U.S. manufacturing employment and stifled our economy. The manufacturing sector, which lost 5.2 million jobs from 2000 to 2010, accounts for only 10% of the economy compared with its dominant role in 1965. Uke explodes the myth of a shift to high-tech output and notes that Germany and other countries with higher labor costs than ours compete successfully with Asia. He argues convincingly that the offshore exodus of production facilities entails the loss of high-paying spinoff jobs, the departure of RD facilities and other centers of innovation, and the erosion of service-sector jobs. The proper response, Uke plausibly argues, is not across-the-board protectionism or isolationism, but empowering the consumer by toughening disclosure of country-of-origin product data. Accurate disclosure would enable consumers to reward local producers or those with high local-product content. Uke perceptively points out that this approach is increasingly popular with food, and prevalent in many other countries. Determined consumer leadership on this issue, he maintains, could goad Congress into action and prompt corporations to revive domestic production. Uke's refreshingly invective-free writing and hands-on manufacturing experience compel our consideration; his proposal is simple and his goals are lofty. Attention should be paid. -- Agent: Bill Gladstone. (Apr.)

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