

Goldstein, Amy. *Janesville: An American Story*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2017. 351 p. HD5708.55.U62 J36 2017. Cloth, \$27.00. ISBN: 978-1-5011-0223-3

In *Janesville: An American Story*, Pulitzer-prize winning author Amy Goldstein reports on the community's response following General Motors' 2008 announcement that it was closing production at the titular town's main factory. The book begins in mid-2008, when former Speaker of the House Paul Ryan learns of GM's decision to shut down production at the largest plant in his hometown, and follows the stories of individuals in the community, including workers, union leaders, the manager of job retraining and employment programs, and their families, through 2013. The book is organized into 55 brief chapters, each serving as a vignette into the experience of different community members across the six years. The Appendices include the results of detailed surveys administered by social scientists to the Janesville community in 2013. The survey results demonstrate the financial and emotional pain of those who lost work, and show that diminished wages, economic pessimism, and the declining influence of unions persisted even after the recession officially ended.