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Brunori provides an insightful and readable treatment of local taxation, focused on the critical role of the often-maligned property tax. In a time of budgetary travails, Brunori's book offers a clear-eyed perspective on the roles and forms of local taxation in our federal fiscal system. --Wallace E. Oates, Professor of Economics, University of Maryland, on the first edition

David Brunori's book should be read by every public official who must deal with the fiscal challenges of running local governments. He identifies the structural challenges that face local governments in America. Of course, there are no quick fixes to these problems but Brunori's thoughtful suggestions will help everyone interested in local issues understand the challenges and consider the potential paths to reform. --Gary C. Cornia, Marriott School of Management, Brigham Young University, and President, National Tax Association, on the first edition

An amazingly accessible commentary on local tax policy that is a 'must read' for legislators and their staff. Brunori once again challenges the conventional wisdom and shakes up our thinking with his brilliant and perceptive insights. --Richard D. Pomp, Professor of Law, University of Connecticut, on the first edition

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