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Review "What perfect timing! *How Much is Enough?* is what every graying Baby Boomer I know is asking right now. The Skidelskys argue that time is not ONLY money, as many driven New Yorkers seem to think, and urge workaholic Americans to devote more of it to pursuing the good life. Sounds like wise advice to me. As my desk mate at the *New York Times* in the 1990s used to remind me at

least once a day: All you really HAVE is your TIME ." —Sylvia Nasar, author of *Grand Pursuit: The Story of Economic Genius*

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"[An] intelligent, impassioned, provocative treatise to those who wonder if materialism is necessary to the good life." —*Get Abstract*

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