

# Booklist

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## **We All Fall Down: The American Mortgage Crisis.**

Apr 2009. Icarus, DVD, \$150.00.

Timely as front-page news, this enlightening program, narrated by Paul Sorvino, examines the mortgage crisis, placing blame all around. Financial experts and economic scholars discuss the evolution of mortgage lending, explaining why risky subprime loans were offered and telling how borrowers agreed to make payments that were impossible to maintain. Interviewed home owners share stories of losing their homes after terms were renegotiated and monthly payments rose. Intercutting these personal stories are slick visuals of the home-building boom and bust. Onscreen graphics explain complicated economic terms. News footage and newspaper clips chronicle the greed and risks that led to the crisis, with government bailouts of banks and insurance companies seen as a necessary yet debt-raising and foreign-currency-dependent measure. This eye-opening documentary helps clarify the current crisis. The college and university price is \$398.

— *Candace Smith*