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In the spring of 2007, her book *The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression* will be published by HarperCollins and Jonathan Cape. Novelist Mark Helprin has said of *The Forgotten Man*, "Were John Kenneth Galbraith and Milton Friedman to spend a century or two reconciling their positions so as to arrive at a clear view of the Great Depression, this would be it." Her last book, *The Greedy Hand: Why Taxes Drive Americans Crazy* (Random House/Harvest paperback), was a national bestseller. Miss Shlaes also recently coauthored, with the late Robert Bartley of the *Wall Street Journal*, the contribution on tax philosophy in *Intellect into Influence*, a Manhattan Institute retrospective volume. She was a contributor to the special 30th Anniversary edition of the scholarly journal *Tax Notes*, "The Future of American Taxation." In the early 1990s, Miss Shlaes published a book on German national identity, *Germany: The Empire Within* (Farrar, Straus/Jonathan Cape).

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