

# Bad Samaritans

The October 8, 2009, issue of *New York Review of Books* has a review by William Easterly, [“The Anarchy of Success,”](#) of Ha-Joon Chang’s latest book, *Bad Samaritans*. No, he doesn’t like it very much. I’m surprised Easterly comes across as such a free-market enthusiast. That’s unusual for something writing in the *NYRB*. This is not to say, however, that he is wrong. Since Chang’s book, and mine, have a number of points in common, let me say a quick word about Easterly’s argument.