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*The Making of an Elder Culture* reminds the boomers of the creative role they once played in our society and of the moral and intellectual resources they have to draw upon for radical transformation in their later years. Seeing the experience of aging as a revolution in consciousness, it predicts an "elder insurgency" where boomers return to take up what they left undone in their youth. Freed from competitive individualism, military-industrial bravado, and the careerist rat race, who better to forge a compassionate economy? Who better positioned not only to demand Social Security and Medicare for themselves, but to champion "Entitlements for Everyone"? Fusing the green, the gray, and the just, Eldertown can be an achievable, truly sustainable future.

Part demographic study, part history, part critique, and part appeal, Theodore Roszak's take on the imminent transformation of our world is as wise as it is inspired—and utterly appealing.

**Theodore Roszak** is the author of fifteen books, including the 1969 classic *The Making of a Counter Culture*. He is professor emeritus of history at California State University, and lives in Berkeley, California.

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