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Paul Anthony Samuelson is Institute Professor of Economics, Emeritus at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Born in the American midwest in the first half of the twentieth century, he was a provocative student of Jacob Viner and was later wooed from Harvard to MIT. He developed original methodology and instigated controversies in his profession. Samuelson is the author of the best-selling economics textbook of all time, for which he never received an author's advance payment. He is legendary for his expansive, penetrating, undogmatic thinking and generosity of spirit—to students and colleagues alike. He has contributed to national economic policies and business trends, and was the winner of the 1970 Nobel Prize in Economics. **Paul Samuelson: On Being an Economist** is a concise profile of this original thinker whose forceful, profound, skeptical, and expansive intellect drove one of the fundamental transformations of twentieth-century economic theory.

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