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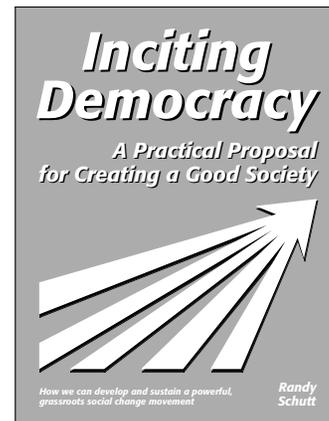
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Inciting Democracy

A Practical Proposal for Creating a Good Society

How we can develop and sustain a powerful, grassroots social change movement

by Randy Schutt



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