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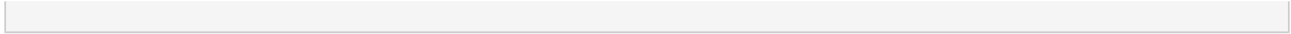
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Review

"An essential book for thought-provoking summer reading. In *The Internet of Elsewhere*, technology journalist Cyrus Farivar explores the role of the internet as a social, political and economic catalyst through compelling case studies from four unexpected countries: Iran, Estonia, South Korea, and Senegal." (The Atlantic 2011-05-01)

"Cyrus Farivar's skill as a perceptive analyst and captivating storyteller let us see the future of a connected world through his seasoned eyes." (Ethan Zuckerman *Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University* 2010-01-01)

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"There's nothing like a good shot of clear-eyed, upbeat globalism to shatter the dreary national myopia and restore our sense of wonder about what really is an amazing contemporary world. Cyrus Farivar's new book provides just such an injection of multicultural journalistic insight." (Paul Di Filippo *Barnes & Noble Review* 2011-07-11)

"Cyrus Farivar has written a brilliant first book. He has the thoughtful pen of a novelist, the observational zeal of an investigative journalist, and the insight of an experienced technologist." (Karim Sadjadpour *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace* 2010-01-01)

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