Pre-publication comments on Kaushik Basu’s book ‘An Economist’s Miscellany’  
(Oxford University Press)

‘Kaushik is among those academicians who can communicate lucidly with a lay audience. In this varied mix of musings and comments, he shows how the principles of economics can, and should, be leveraged to improve our daily lives in myriad ways.’

--Ratan Tata

‘Kaushik Basu presents an entertaining miscellany of his work, one which showcases his humour and wide range of interests as much as his skills as an economist. The essays here are varied…but they share some things in common: insightful ideas and the easy warmth of his prose. The collection that results is an absorbing, thoughtful work, whose pieces come together to form a coherent and fulfilling whole.’

--Nandan Nilekani

‘This collection is a sheer delight. Kaushik Basu is a special social scientist. He is a master of technical rigour. But in this collection he shows how human beings and the institutions they create can also be best explored through that art form, the wry, detached, humorous, insightful essay. These essays and translations contribute to an understanding of the strange and undulating ways in which human beings work.’

--Pratap Bhanu Mehta

‘What makes economics a dismal science is not only its dehumanized, asocial, antiseptic worldview but also often its humourless, self-sure, pompous practitioners. An Economist’s Miscellany is a charming, playful, self-questioning book that refuses to vend certitudes. Instead it invites the reader to enter the convivial world of Kaushik Basu where the discipline is not an all-consuming, clenched-teeth profession but a more modest, uncertain, human enterprise, contaminated by life.’

-Aphis Nandy