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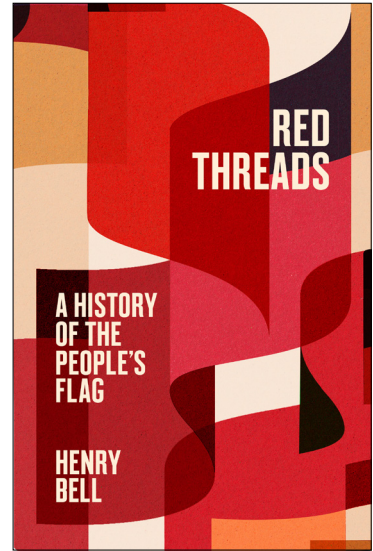
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Red Threads: A History of the People's Flag

Henry Bell

A fascinating history of the defining symbol of working-class power: the red flag



The red flag: There is no symbol, perhaps other than the crucifix and the crescent moon, for which so many people have lived and died. A standard of hope and resistance to millions and of terror and tyranny to many. But why is the red flag red? How did it come to represent the workers against the propertied class? And how did it travel the world?

In Henry Bell's lively account, we journey around the globe and back through history, tracing the lineage of the red flag as both a material object and a symbol. The book explores the triumphs and disasters of the flag's history, its designers and makers, heroes and villains, and the utopias and wastelands that have kept the red flag flying.

From its beginnings as a sign of battle and piracy to the raising of a blood-stained flag at the Merthyr Rising and the arrival of the red flag at the Paris Commune, from the jungles of north-eastern India to the factories of Cuba, *Red Threads* explores how this symbol of working-class power first came to be held aloft in the hands of revolutionaries; who raises it today; and its meaning for the future.

HENRY BELL is a writer, editor, and poet based in Glasgow. He is the author of *John Maclean: Hero of Red Clydeside*, alongside three chapbooks of poetry: *The Last Lochan*, *The Inner Circle*, and *Still Life*. He is the editor of *A Bird is Not a Stone: An Anthology of Palestinian Poetry*, and *Now's The Day, Now's The Hour: Poems for John Maclean*. He runs people's history tours of Glasgow with Radical Glasgow Tours and is a committee member of the Red Sunday School.

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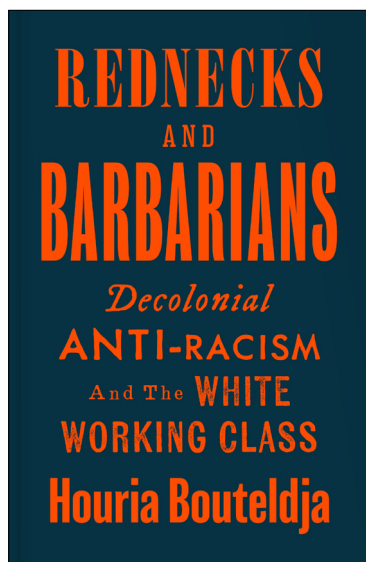
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Houria Bouteldja

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In Europe and North America, we see a trend of the white working class being tempted by right-wing political parties. Fascistic candidates and ideas seem to reap the fruits of social unrest everywhere. With her usual thought-provoking and unyielding analyses, Houria Bouteldja argues that we must look to histories of the right and left to explain the roots of the problem and how to overcome it.

Drawing from Black radical and decolonial Marxism, she shows that privileging white constituencies, unions, and left parties laid the foundations for a racial contract that binds workers and people experiencing poverty to the state.

However, there may still be a way out of this trap. Uniting 'rednecks' (the white working class) and 'savages' (the racially oppressed), will require a project of popular sovereignty, where national identity is reworked through revolutionary love. Looking to the future, Bouteldja pictures anti-racism as a redemptive struggle against the oldest cause of global disunity: the racial divide.

HOURIA BOUTELDJA is a French-Algerian political activist and writer. She served as spokesperson for the Party of the Indigenous of the Republic until 2020. She is the author of *Whites, Jews and Us: Towards a Politics of Revolutionary Love*.

The Forgotten Era: Nigeria Before British Rule

Max Siollun

The beautifully complex history of how Nigerians lived before colonization

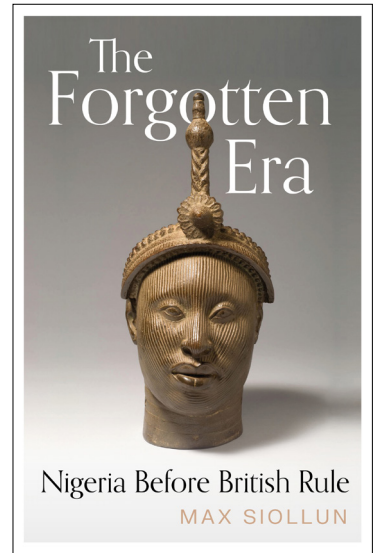
Much is known about colonial Africa (or what Europeans did in Africa). Yet very little is known about Africa before its colonization. In this surprising history, Max Siollun uncovers a Nigeria not part of a backward 'dark continent' as European historians often attest.

Instead, many of its people were highly educated, living in democratic, sophisticated states, had international business and diplomatic relations, and produced world-class art, such as the Benin Bronzes.

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This is a vital read for those who want to discover a forgotten era of West African history.

MAX SIOLLUN is a Nigerian historian. He has written four acclaimed books on Nigeria's history, with a focus on the military. His most recent book *What Britain Did to Nigeria: a Short History of Conquest and Rule* was shortlisted in *BBC History Magazine's* 2021 Books of the Year. He has written for many media outlets, including the *Independent*, *Foreign Policy*, *Guardian*, and the *New York Times*.



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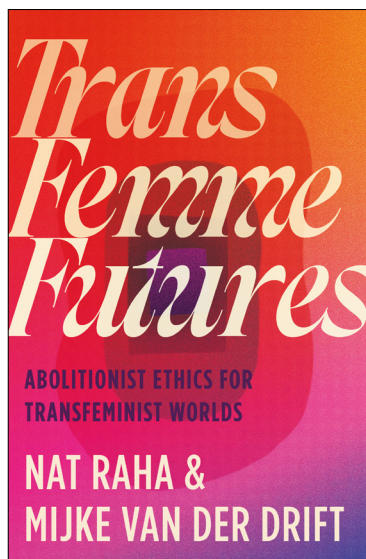
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'Femme' describes a constellation of queer, gendered expressions that uproot expectations of what it means to be feminine. Transfeminists take their experiences of desire, belonging, and harm to create collective power through femininity, fighting for marginalized and non-conforming people.

Trans Femme Futures enriches this power. As trans people find themselves increasingly oppressed, envisioning a future is an act of revolution. The authors discuss struggles around trans healthcare and the need for collective autonomy, the importance of practicing self-care, transfeminism as abolition, and the role of Social Reproduction Theory.

The authors show how social transformation can be achieved through harnessing the knowledge that trans femmes are, have been, and can be agents of transformative practices that allow queer life to thrive, especially in this current moment of climate, health, political, and economic crises.

NAT RAHA is a poet and activist-scholar. She contributed to the collection *Transgender Marxism* and has written numerous pamphlets of poetry, most recently *four dreams*. Her writing has appeared in numerous magazines and journals, and has been translated into eight languages.

MIJKE VAN DER DRIFT is tutor at the Royal Academy of Art, the Hague, and Visiting Lecturer at the Royal College of Art, London. Mijke was a Research Associate at the University of Cambridge in 2020-21, as part of the Revolutionary Papers project.

Practicing Social Ecology: From Bookchin to Rojava and Beyond

Eleanor Finley

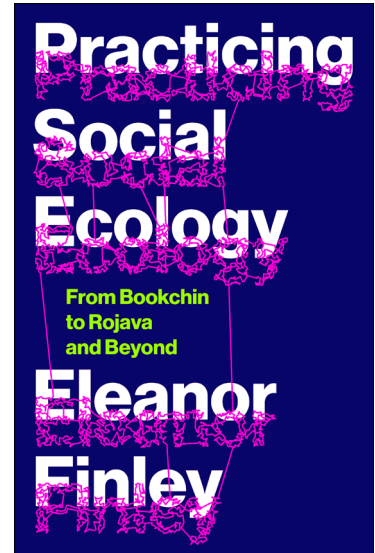
An eco-socialist's handbook on how to change the world

How can we harness society's potential to change the trajectory of the climate crisis? So many of us feel helpless in the face of corporate environmental destruction; however, in *Practicing Social Ecology*, Eleanor Finley shows an amazing reserve of untapped power in our communities; we need to know how to use it.

Drawing from her experience working in democratic ecology movements, from the revolution in Rojava to Barcelona's municipalist campaign and beyond, she shows how to develop assemblies, confederations, study groups, and permaculture projects.

Looking to history, she maps out how social ecologists, such as Murray Bookchin, have led inspirational struggles around climate and energy, agriculture and biotechnology, globalization, and economic inequality. This guide is perfect for anyone curious about how to challenge unending capitalist growth through the democratic power of social ecology.

ELEANOR FINLEY is a researcher at the University of Massachusetts and an associate editor at *ROAR* magazine. She has published numerous articles on social ecology and related themes, such as Kurdish democratic confederalism, energy and environmental justice, and degrowth, and conducted dozens of workshops, talks, and lectures to diverse audiences in North America and Europe.



Political Activism	General / Adult
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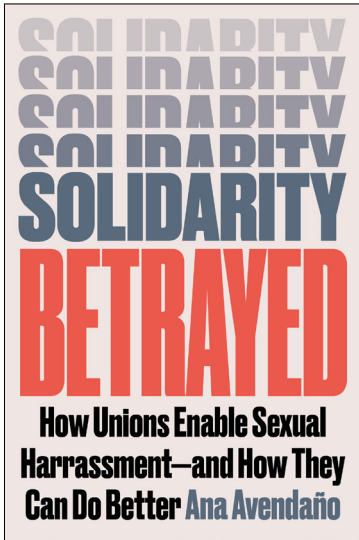
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In the years since #MeToo, a fundamental shift in public consciousness about sexual harassment in the workplace has taken root. So what are trade unions, whose mission is to improve workers' lives, doing to address sexual harassment?

Solidarity Betrayed critiques the US labor movement's failures on the taboo subject of sexual harassment. Ana Avendaño draws on decades of organizing experience to provide a compelling insider's account of trade unions' complicity, collusion, victim blaming, and lack of perpetrator accountability.

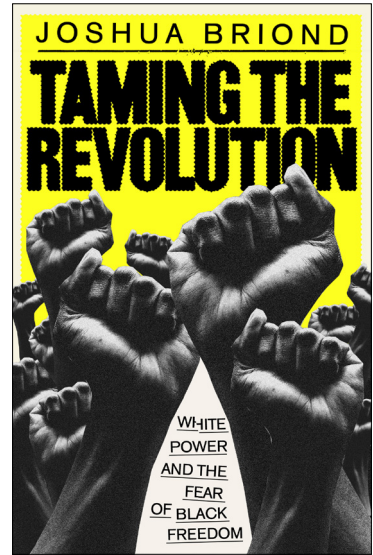
Sharing survivors' stories and examples of how labor leaders and bureaucrats have perpetrated abuse, Avendaño explores how labor laws and practices sometimes perpetuate harassment and how women labor leaders are too often enablers. She concludes with examples of what some unions do to address the problem and offers aspirational recommendations that unions and their allies can adopt to create harassment-free workplaces.

ANA AVENDAÑO runs **Minga Strategies**, a consulting firm where she helps unions and other organizations to create healthy, safe activist cultures. She is also a Lecturer in Law at the City University of New York (CUNY) Law School, where she teaches labor and employment law. She has held senior positions in the US labor movement, playing major roles in changing its position on immigration, and broadening the AFL-CIO's vision to include worker centers and other non-traditional worker organizations. She served as an Assistant General Counsel to the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, as well as Associate General Counsel to the AFL-CIO, and Assistant to the AFL-CIO President for Immigration and Community Action.

Taming the Revolution: White Power and the Fear of Black Freedom

Joshua Briond

Throughout the history of the United States, Black revolution has been sedated, diverted, and neutralized



Since the founding of the United States of America, the white power structure has engaged in an unceasing effort to ideologically and politically disorganize and sedate its Black population through incremental concessions and symbolic gestures.

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Taming the Revolution builds a schematic genealogy of the white power structures' shapeshifting capacity. By addressing the political-cultural technologies of neoliberal reformism in the contemporary moment—an ever-evolving toolkit of pacification, domestication, and cooptation—Briond demystifies different forms of state and extra-state adaptation to the insurgencies of oppressed peoples.

JOSHUA BRIOND is a cultural worker and member of the Black Alliance for Peace. He is the co-founder and co-host of the popular *Millennials Are Killing Capitalism* podcast and the *Return to the Source* podcast. He is a graduate student at the University of Chicago.

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JOY JAMES is the Ebenezer Fitch Professor of the Humanities at Williams College. She is the author of *The Captive Maternal*, *In Pursuit of Revolutionary Love*, *New Bones Abolition*, *Contextualizing Angela Davis*, and the editor of the *Angela Y. Davis Reader*.

Frantz Fanon: Gender, Torture and the Biopolitics of Colonialism

Azzedine Haddour

A groundbreaking study of Fanon's role in the
Algerian liberation struggle

Frantz Fanon (1925–1961) was a visionary thinker whose legacy continues to shape conversations on identity, power, and resistance. Here, leading Fanon scholar Azzedine Haddour explores themes of gender, revolutionary struggle, and the decolonization of the mind in the first comprehensive study of Fanon's lesser-known work, *Studies in a Dying Colonialism* (1959).

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In an era where global struggles for independence and self-determination persist, this book is an essential journey into the mind of a groundbreaking philosopher and icon of revolution.

AZZEDINE HADDOUR is Senior Lecturer in French at University College London. He is the author of *Frantz Fanon, Postcolonialism and the Ethics of Difference and Colonial Myths: History and Narrative*, editor of *The Fanon Reader*, translator of a collection of Sartre's essays, *Colonialism and Neocolonialism*, and author of various articles on Fanon and postcolonial theory.

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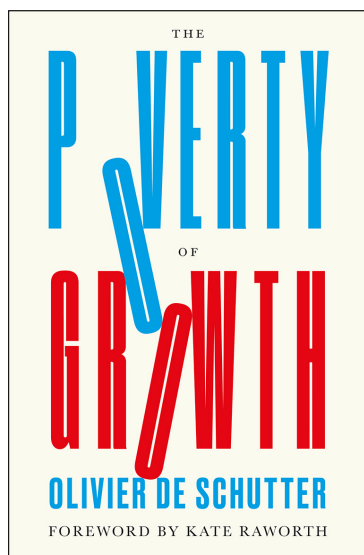
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The Poverty of Growth calls for social movements, trade unions, and environmental NGOs to forge a new pathway towards a 'post-growth' development and a narrative of progress no longer orientated around wealth and profit.

OLIVIER DE SCHUTTER is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights. Previously, he has been the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food, and a member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. He has written extensively on the protection of economic and social rights in the context of economic globalization. He is the co-author of *The Escape from Poverty: Breaking the Vicious Cycles Perpetuating Disadvantage and Social Innovation in the Service of Ecological and Social Transformation: The Rise of the Enabling State*.

KATE RAWORTH is the author of the best-selling book *Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st Century Economist*. She is Senior Associate at Oxford University's Environmental Change Institute and co-founder of Doughnut Economics Action Lab.

The Long Retreat: Strategies to Reverse the Decline of the Left

Boris Kagarlitsky

Foreword by Patrick Bond

Translated by Renfrey Clarke

An intellectual tour-de-force by one of Russia's
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Authoritarianism is rampant across the globe. Right-wing
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citizens mired in poverty. Imprisoned Putin critic Boris Kagarlitsky
confronts this stark reality, demanding a clear strategy from the left
to dismantle this ever-darkening nightmare.

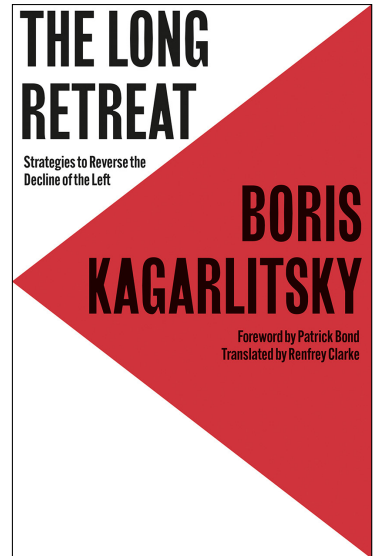
As well as bringing Russian and Western thinkers into dialogue,
Kagarlitsky draws upon his experiences as a Russian dissident
since the latter days of the Soviet Union in this detailed analysis of
leftist strategy. As a Marxist, he engages in radical ideas, including
Universal Basic Income and decentralized collective ownership,
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revolution and dissent, covering the left's response to the war in
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Written just before Kagarlitsky's imprisonment, *The Long
Retreat* is a testament to subversive Russian literature. It asks if
the left can put aside its paralyzing sectarianism and conceits of
ideological purity to transform society for the benefit of the global
working class. Kagarlitsky believes it can, as long as it is unafraid to
look critically at its ideas and actions.

BORIS KAGARLITSKY is a Russian Marxist theoretician and
sociologist who has been a political dissident in the former
Soviet Union and the Russian Federation. He is the author
many books. In 2023 he was detained under Putin's regime
for speaking out against the war in Ukraine, and in February
2024 he was sentenced to five years in a penal colony.

PATRICK BOND is Distinguished Professor at the University of
Johannesburg Department of Sociology, where he directs the
Centre for Social Change. He is the author of several books,
including *BRICS* and *Elite Transition*.

RENFREY CLARKE is an Australian journalist, translator, and
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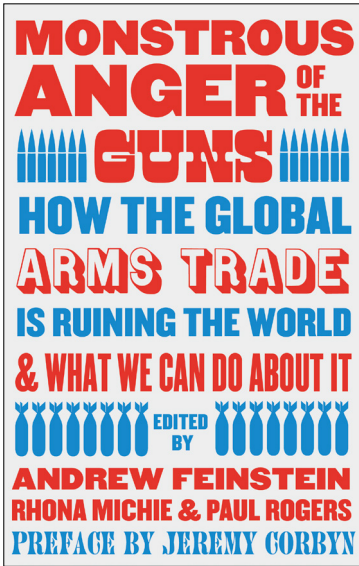
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Leading activists and campaigners connect the dots, showing how notions of citizenship, democracy, and trust in governments are misguided, and how we can fight back by building mass movements, using direct action and legal justice to end the flow of weapons and the environmental and human devastation they bring.

ANDREW FEINSTEIN is the Executive Director of Shadow World Investigations. He resigned as an African National Congress Member of Parliament in South Africa in 2001, protesting the government's refusal to investigate corruption in a \$10 billion arms deal. He is the author of *The Shadow World: Inside the Global Arms Trade*, an internationally acclaimed exposé later adapted into a prize-winning documentary.

RHONA MICHIE is the Director of Projects and Planning at Shadow World Investigations and a co-founder of the Corruption Tracker. She was listed as an Emerging Expert by the Forum on the Arms Trade in 2022, is a member of the Steering Committee of Campaign Against Arms Trade and coordinator of the 'Arms Out' film and workshop tour.

PAUL ROGERS is an Emeritus Professor of Peace Studies at Bradford University and International Security Advisor to *openDemocracy*. He is the author of *Losing Control: Global Security in the 21st Century*.

JEREMY CORBYN is a socialist MP, who led the British Labour Party from 2015 to 2020. A lifelong peace activist, he is currently the Director of the Peace and Justice Project.

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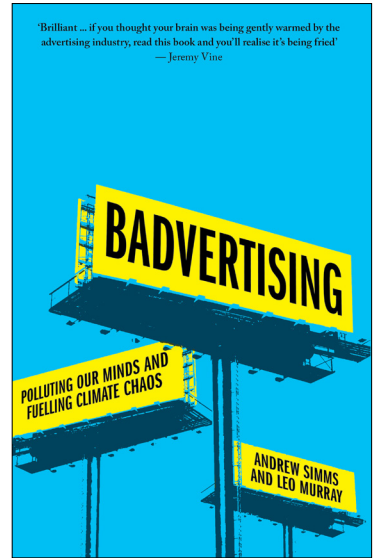
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ANDREW SIMMS is the author of many books including *The New Economics*, *Ecological Debt*, *Tescopoly*, and *Cancel the Apocalypse*. He is co-author, with David Boyle, of *Economics: A Crash Course*. He co-founded the New Weather Institute and coordinates the Rapid Transition Alliance. He is a research associate at the Centre for Global Political Economy, University of Sussex, and a fellow and former policy director of the New Economics Foundation (NEF).

LEO MURRAY co-founded Plane Stupid, where he played a central role in strategic planning and communication for three years from 2006. He also designed and co-founded the climate change campaigning organization Possible in 2009, where he is currently director of innovation. Murray is the brains behind the Frequent Flyer Levy, and strategy lead for the Rapid Transition Taskforce.



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GHASSAN KANAFANI is regarded as one of the most well-known Arab writers and journalists of the past century. Born in Palestine in 1936, Kanafani and his family were forced to flee his homeland during the Nakba—after which he lived and worked in Damascus, Kuwait and finally, from 1960, Beirut. Kanafani was assassinated in 1972 by a car bomb planted by Israeli agents. His writings have inspired entire generations of Palestinians and those standing in solidarity with their cause.

LOUIS BREHONY is an award-winning researcher on political culture, a musician, writer, and activist. He is the author of *Palestinian Music in Exile: Voices of Resistance* and director of the documentary film *Kofia: A Revolution Through Music*.

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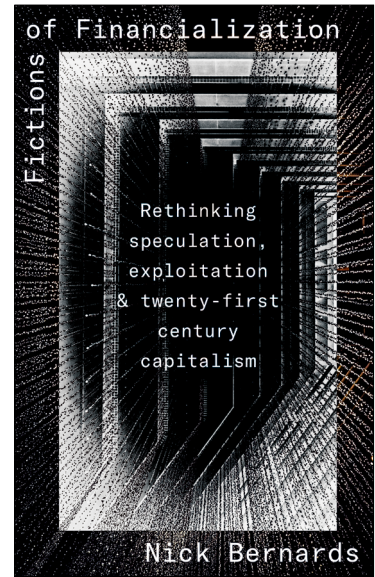
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NICK BERNARDS is Associate Professor of Global Sustainable Development at the University of Warwick. He is the author of *A Critical History of Poverty Finance: Colonial Roots and Neoliberal Failures* and *The Global Governance of Precarity: Primitive Accumulation and the Politics of Irregular Work*.



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ALAN SEARS is Professor of Sociology at Toronto Metropolitan University. He has been writing about queer Marxism for activist and scholarly audiences since the mid-1980s. He is an activist and author of several books including *The Next New Left: A History of the Future*.

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ANNA FIELDER is currently a tutor at Massey University, and works as a researcher in the Centre for Midwifery and Women's Health Research at AUT (Auckland University of Technology). She has written and co-authored various publications which relate to pregnancy, birth, childhood or Marxism. She was employed as a midwife in Britain from 2003 to 2008.

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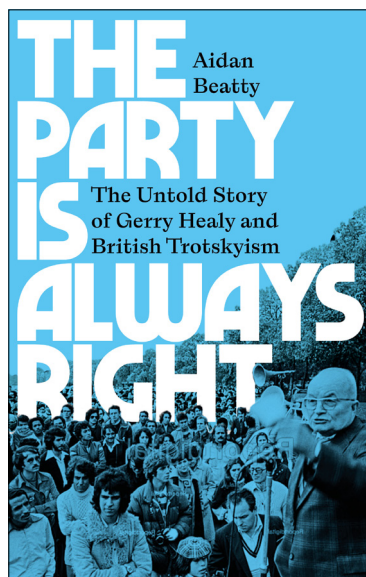
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AIDAN BEATTY is an award-winning historian and lecturer at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh. He is the author of *Private Property and the Fear of Social Chaos*, and *Masculinity and Power in Irish Nationalism*, which was awarded the James S. Donnelly Sr. Prize. He has written for *Jacobin*, the *Irish Times*, and the *Washington Post*. He will be the president of the American Conference for Irish Studies in 2025.

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OISÍN GILMORE has been involved in political activism in Ireland, the UK and Europe since 2001, and is currently researching labor organization and economic development at the University of Groningen. He has been published in a number of journals as well as in left-wing publications including *Jacobin*, *Lookleft*, *Rabble* and *The Commune*.

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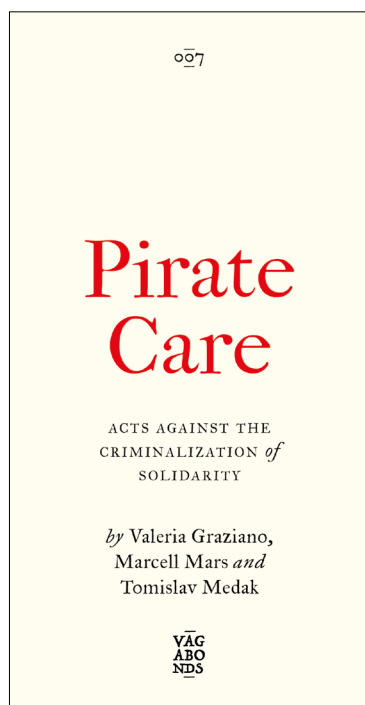
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MARCELL MARS is a programmer, media theorist, and activist. He develops and maintains software infrastructure for a number of radical projects. He is a doctoral student at Digital Cultures Research Lab at Leuphana University.

TOMISLAV MEDAK is a media scholar, a disability activist, and a member of the municipalist party Možemo (HR). He is completing his PhD at the Centre for Postdigital Cultures, Coventry University. He is the author of *The Hard Matter of Abstraction: A Guidebook to Domination by Abstraction and Shit Tech for A Shitty World*. Together with Marcell Mars, he co-edited *Public Library and Guerrilla Open Access*.

Decolonizing Money

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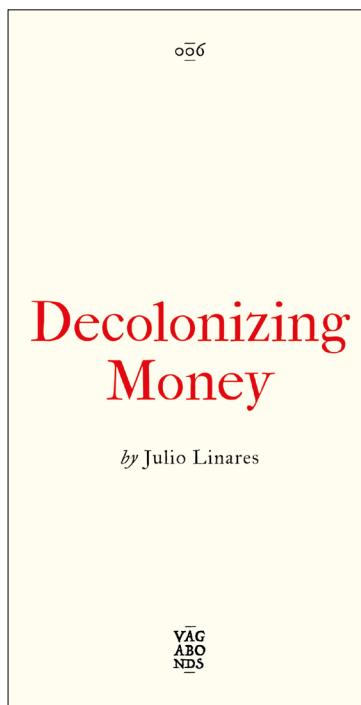
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JULIO LINARES is an economic anthropologist and activist born in the territories known today as Guatemala. He is currently based in Berlin, where he co-founded Circles UBI, a basic income system designed for communities. He serves as Public Outreach for the Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN), and co-created the Latin American Basic Income Network.



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SIMON HANNAH is a writer, activist, and trade unionist living in south London. He is an assistant branch secretary in UNISON and has written several books, including *A Party With Socialists In It: A History of the Labour Left*, which was a *Guardian* Book of the Day.

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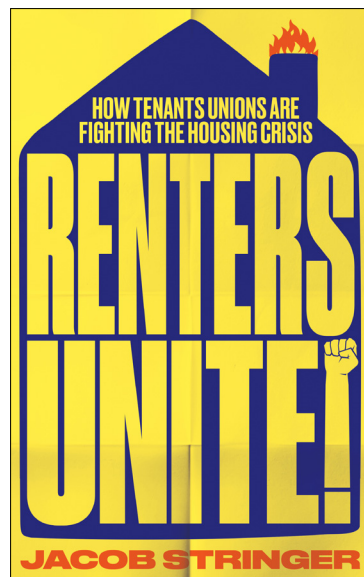
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JACOB STRINGER is a housing researcher, campaigner, and a member of London Renters Union. His work has appeared in openDemocracy.



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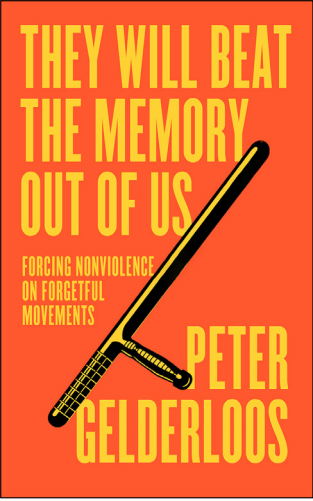
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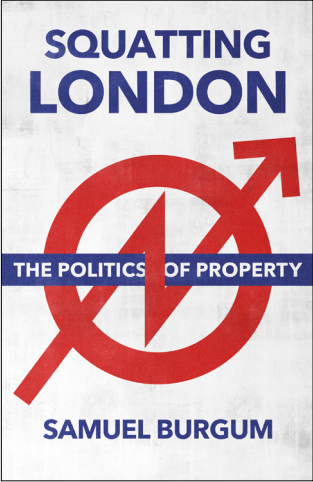
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SAM BURGUM is an urban sociologist, currently conducting a Leverhulme-sponsored ethnographic project on squatting in the context of the UK's housing crisis. He is the author of *Occupying London*.

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