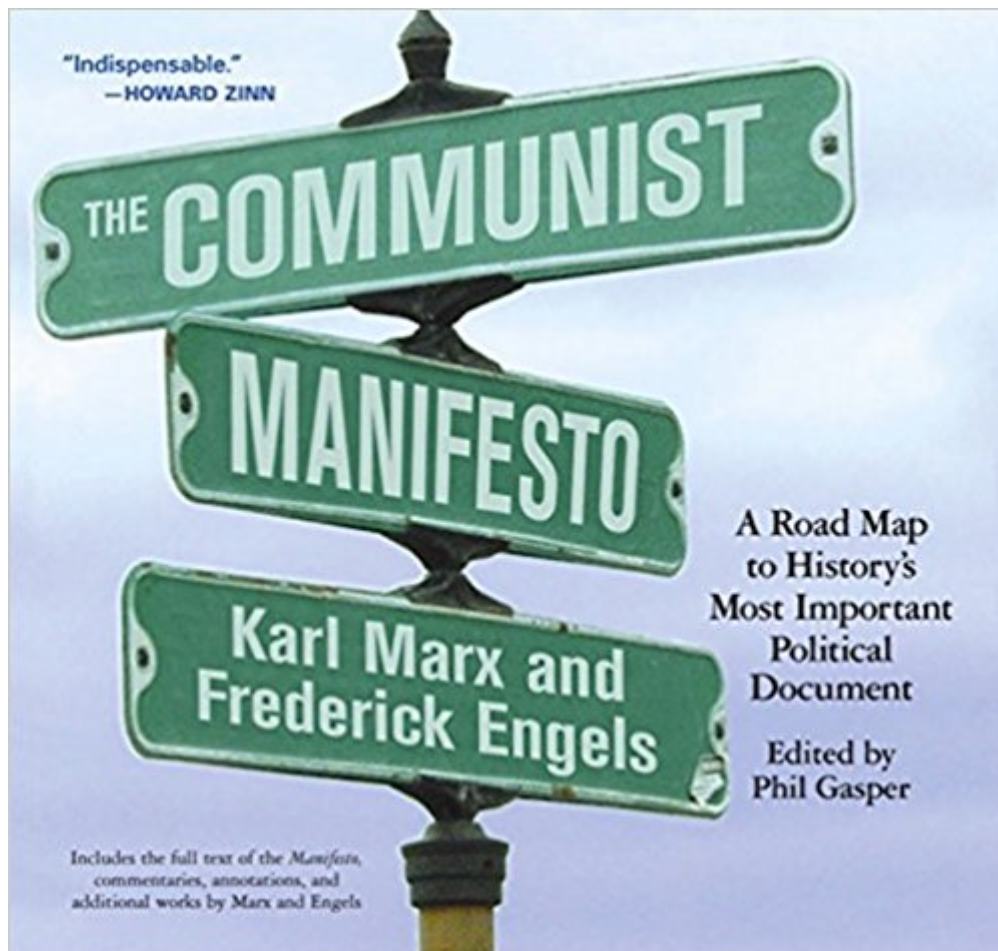




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The Communist Manifesto: A Road Map To History's Most Important Political Document



Synopsis

“What is globalization? Here is one of the best answers. It is the constant revolutionizing of production and the endless disturbance of all social conditions. It is everlasting uncertainty. Everything fixed and frozen is swept away, and all that is solid melts into air. Yes, you have read this before. It is from The Communist Manifesto, by Messrs. Marx and Engels.” The New York Times Here, at last, is an authoritative introduction to history’s most important political document, with the full text of The Communist Manifesto by Marx and Engels. This beautifully organized and presented edition of The Communist Manifesto is fully annotated, with clear historical references and explication, additional related texts, and a glossary that will bring the text to life for students, as well as the general reader. Since it was first written in 1848, the Manifesto has been translated into more languages than any other modern text. It has been banned, censored, burned, and declared “dead.” But year after year, the text only grows more influential, remaining required reading in courses on philosophy, politics, economics, and history. “Apart from Charles Darwin’s Origin of Species,” notes the Los Angeles Times, the Manifesto “is arguably the most important work of nonfiction written in the 19th century.” The Washington Post calls Marx “an astute critic of capitalism.” Writing in The New York Times, Columbia University Professor Steven Marcus describes the Manifesto as a “masterpiece” with “enduring insights into social existence.” The New Yorker recently described Karl Marx as “The Next Thinker” for our era. This book will show readers why. Phil Gasper is a professor of philosophy at Notre Dame de Namur University in northern California. He writes extensively on politics and the philosophy of science and is a frequent contributor to CounterPunch.

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Customer Reviews

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A fascinating topic for my monthly discussion group, trying to figure out a new or different structure that works better for all of us. Marx was prescient. In places, it was like reading a column from a current magazine talking about the 1% and the 99% and the need for a structural change in our government. None of us know exactly what that would look like, but Marx sparked some stimulating discussion about the pro's and con's of capitalism, its rapacious need for ever more, its one up/one down style and its profound impact on the earth and its inhabitants. Good, thought-provoking read!

Wow. Never in my life have I been able to get through Marx's alleged masterpiece, the Communist Manifesto. Until now. I have read excerpts, read commentaries and analysis on it, but this edition is absolutely the foundation for understanding this work. The on-page, paragraph by paragraph annotations are invaluable in comprehending as you go. Some of the utter shock of reading the Manifesto is to realize that it was published in 1848 and yet most of the ideas and assertions in it are as relevant to today's system of global capitalism as they were to 19th century Europe's. Scarier even, truly, is that Marx and Engels seemed to rather accurately predict the future of capitalism. If I can find an e-mail address or contact info for this edition's editor Phil Gasper, I'm going to thank him profusely for this book. If you've always been somewhat interested in this book, have wanted to read it but been put off by its style and and unfamiliar jargon, this is, without doubt, the version to read. It will open your eyes, you will find yourself, as I just did hours ago, howling expletives, incredulous at its insight and brilliance.

In response to the 2-star reviewer, it's fair to wonder how accurate the opinion of someone who cannot spell "Satan" is. Calling Marx a "squanderer", even if it were true, is nothing but a useless ad hominem and has no bearing on the content of the Manifesto. In addition, the reviewer has literally

zero understanding of what Communism is or what Marx argued for and against - has the "THE TRUTH" even read the book being "reviewed"? Nobody is "demonizing others" for becoming "successful through their own labors" - that's a silly fiction and straw-man. One of Marx's criticism of Capitalism is it allows some to accumulate enormous wealth through the labors of OTHERS. This is the reality - hardly any better or different than plantation slavery - that "THE TRUTH" should be ranting against. All said, buy this version of the Manifesto - it is the best I know of. Gasper does an awesome job of bringing out its meaning and relevance.

great book to have

This book is TOO GOOD! I'm an average reader but this book has very nice annotation, very nice history background, super-awesome study guides as well. Communism is a very smart concept, its criticism of capitalism is still very relevant even today. This is a nice edition for first reader of the Communist Manifesto. Ya, I was reading it and couldn't put it down for days dammit! :)

Excellent guide to the Manifesto! Great introduction, annotations, and supplementary texts!

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