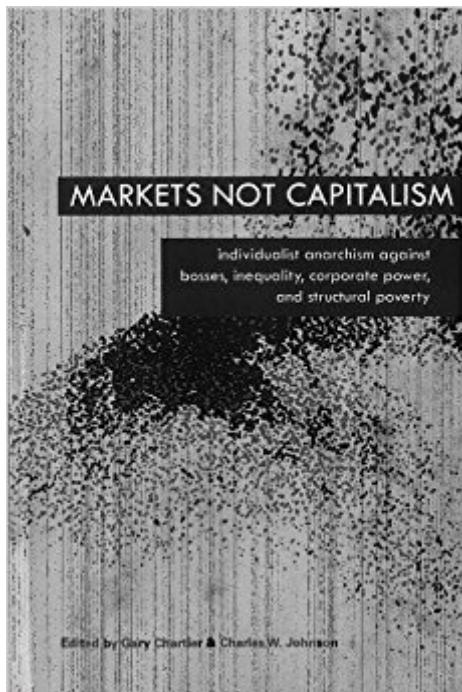


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Synopsis

Markets Not Capitalism: Individualist Anarchism Against Bosses, Inequality, Corporate Power, and Structural Poverty is a new collection of left-wing pro-market, anticapitalist anarchist writing, edited by Gary Chartier & Charles W. Johnson. Individualist anarchists believe in mutual exchange, not economic privilege. They believe in freed markets, not capitalism. They defend a distinctive response to the challenges of ending global capitalism and achieving social justice: eliminate the political privileges that prop up capitalists. Massive concentrations of wealth, rigid economic hierarchies, and unsustainable modes of production are not the results of the market form, but of markets deformed and rigged by a network of state-secured controls and privileges to the business class. Markets Not Capitalism explores the gap between radically freed markets and the capitalist-controlled markets that prevail today. It explains how liberating market exchange from state capitalist privilege can abolish structural poverty, help working people take control over the conditions of their labor, and redistribute wealth and social power. Featuring discussions of socialism, capitalism, markets, ownership, labor struggle, grassroots privatization, intellectual property, health care, racism, sexism, and environmental issues, this unique collection brings together classic essays by leading figures in the anarchist tradition, including Proudhon and Voltairine de Cleyre, and such contemporary innovators as Kevin Carson and Roderick Long. It introduces an eye-opening approach to radical social thought, rooted equally in libertarian socialism and market anarchism.

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Customer Reviews

This is an extremely well done collection of essays on left-wing libertarianism/anarchism. This is a position I wasn't too familiar with and find myself sympathetic with. I'm a long time libertarian but find myself uncomfortable with everything big as in big corporations and big government who inevitably end up partners in crime. The articles by the two editors Gary Chartier and Charles W. Johnson were excellent. Along with other authors Kevin Carson and Roderick T. Long you will find many outstanding essays. I liked the modern articles much better than the historical ones, but some of those were also good especially the ones by Murray Rothbard and Karl Hess. There are some devastating critiques in this volume about how the government props up corporations and the well off and connected while at the same time harming the poor. This should be required reading for left-wing and progressives of every type. I had given up on my youthful anarcho-capitalist ideas as unworkable, but this volume reignited them. I was unaware of these writers / bloggers. These guys are excellent and deep thinkers. Extremely well done and highly recommended.

I've only finished Part I and flipped through the rest, but this is rocketing to the top of my non-fiction reading list to finish every page. The essays are on the whole carefully selected, well-organized, well written, and a pleasure to read. Whatever one's political persuasion - left or right leaning Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Green, Socialist, Communist, or other - if you are a thinking non-sociopath you will probably find new and interesting perspectives here that will challenge your worldview and may move you along your intellectual journey in unexpected and fruitful ways. These writers are far from the mainstream of political thought, yet have produced thoughtful and compelling essays that deserve a far wider audience. If you love liberty, but see free-market capitalism as too unconcerned with the plight of the disadvantaged, and too rigged in favor of the holders of capital, you will find this a fresh and exciting read, full of peaceful revolutionary ideas.

This text serves to dismantle the false dichotomy of State vs. the Capitalist. This fairytale has given way to joint-exploitation of the poor and oppressed by politicians and business elite. The central thesis is that state coercion violently enforces capitalist privileges to the detriment of the masses. The state cannot be effectively used to ameliorate the injustices of corporate monopoly and rent-seeking because the state will always favor the politically-connected elite. If more people read this book, the world would be a far better place. Highly recommended for political economists, left

libertarians and market anarchists. Five stars.

This is an outstanding collection of thought-provoking essays that champions basic human dignity and the right to privately own the means of production, starting with each person's primary means of production - their own labor. Essentially Chartier & Johnson have accomplished a difficult feat with this book - translating Anarcho-Capitalism into the language of the Left. This book will give any budding capitalist or individual curious about the meaning of anarchism a deeper understanding of the way the world really works, and how our social institutions can be arranged to increase opportunity and prosperity for everyone.

We started a book club and it's kind of blowing people's minds. The ideas are useful for stealing people who are too Libertarian for Ron Paul, but don't know what else to do. It's also presents wonderful arguments for State Socialists to relax their desire for control, and trust in humanity enough to see that freed market forces could take care of us- if we are vigilant, and successfully attack entrenched privilege today.

I'm only about 1/4 of the way through this book so I'm in no position to give a detailed review but I will say this: if you believe in natural rights, if you consider yourself a libertarian, voluntarist, mutualist, syndicalist, anarcho-capitalist, socialist, or anarchist please read this book. I'm not kidding you! Lol Please read this book.

The best introduction to anti-capitalist individualist anarchism there is. Essays vary in length from very short (2 pages) to quite long (30+ pages). Highly recommend to anyone interested in anti-capitalism, anarchism, markets, economics, etc.

This is a great compilation of anarchist writings with a leftist bent. It features a mixture of older writers like Proudhon and Tucker and newer ones like Kevin Carson. I wish there were a greater diversity of writers as I feel one of greatest weaknesses of the anarchist subculture is its consistency of mainly straight, white, older men, but the book itself can hardly be blamed for that when it's merely pulling from the available pool of writers.

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