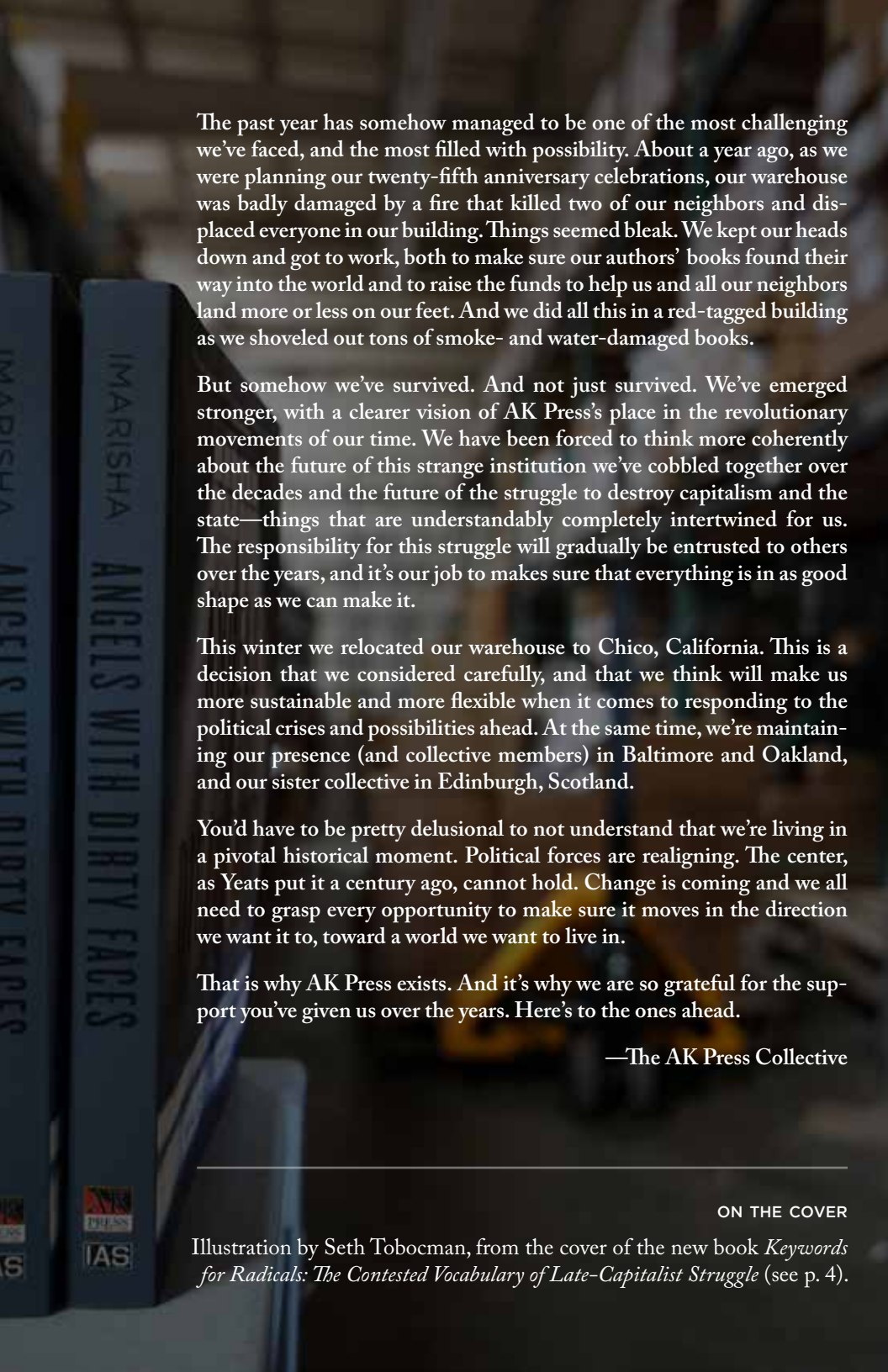


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Spring 2016 Catalog





The past year has somehow managed to be one of the most challenging we've faced, and the most filled with possibility. About a year ago, as we were planning our twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations, our warehouse was badly damaged by a fire that killed two of our neighbors and displaced everyone in our building. Things seemed bleak. We kept our heads down and got to work, both to make sure our authors' books found their way into the world and to raise the funds to help us and all our neighbors land more or less on our feet. And we did all this in a red-tagged building as we shoveled out tons of smoke- and water-damaged books.

But somehow we've survived. And not just survived. We've emerged stronger, with a clearer vision of AK Press's place in the revolutionary movements of our time. We have been forced to think more coherently about the future of this strange institution we've cobbled together over the decades and the future of the struggle to destroy capitalism and the state—things that are understandably completely intertwined for us. The responsibility for this struggle will gradually be entrusted to others over the years, and it's our job to make sure that everything is in as good shape as we can make it.

This winter we relocated our warehouse to Chico, California. This is a decision that we considered carefully, and that we think will make us more sustainable and more flexible when it comes to responding to the political crises and possibilities ahead. At the same time, we're maintaining our presence (and collective members) in Baltimore and Oakland, and our sister collective in Edinburgh, Scotland.

You'd have to be pretty delusional to not understand that we're living in a pivotal historical moment. Political forces are realigning. The center, as Yeats put it a century ago, cannot hold. Change is coming and we all need to grasp every opportunity to make sure it moves in the direction we want it to, toward a world we want to live in.

That is why AK Press exists. And it's why we are so grateful for the support you've given us over the years. Here's to the ones ahead.

—The AK Press Collective

ON THE COVER

Illustration by Seth Tobocman, from the cover of the new book *Keywords for Radicals: The Contested Vocabulary of Late-Capitalist Struggle* (see p. 4).

Friends of AK Press

In a capitalist economy, it's not exactly easy for small, radical publishers to thrive. Sure, if they emulate some of the worst features of "doing business"—hierarchical internal organization, dividing and exploiting workers, sucking up to the ruling class with its "charitable" donations and grants—they can get by (though "radical" might not be the best word to describe them). But what if they refuse? What if their internal organization is based on equality? What if they won't play by the rules of ever-expanding profits and elite culture? What if they side with the streets, with the struggle to destroy capitalism, the state, and the very conditions that force them, for now, to distribute their books through "the market"?

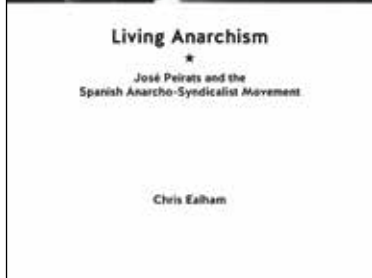
Well, then they have to depend on the solidarity of those who are part of the struggle, those who fill the streets. And, for twenty-six years now, AK Press has been doing just that. It happens in many ways, from the people who offer us couches and spare rooms when we're on the road to folks who volunteer their time in our warehouse and behind our tables. But one of the most consistent and dependable ways we've weathered capitalism's storms is through our subscription program: The Friends of AK Press.

By becoming a Friend you can help guarantee that, at the very least, we can afford to print the books we hope will become tools and weapons in the struggles ahead. You chip in a fixed amount each month and, in return, you get a copy of every new book we publish, 50% off everything we have ever published (AK Gear as well), and 20% off everything we distribute.

Our list of projects, both those underway and the ones still trapped in our heads, far outstrips our ability to pay for them. The more Friends we have, the more books will see the light of day. So, please spread the word. And if you have anything to spare, please take a look at the membership options at:

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Living Anarchism

José Peirats and the Spanish Anarcho-Syndicalist Movement

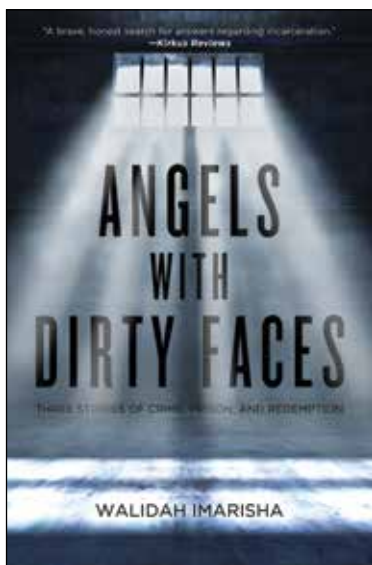
CHRIS EALHAM

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“Peirats both helped make history as a militant anarchist...and wrote some of the most detailed and determinedly impartial history our movement has ever produced. It is a matter of real satisfaction to know that this exemplary militant and scholar has the biography he deserves.” —Barry Pateman, Kate Sharpley Library

A study of one man and a collective biography of the working class into which he was born. José Peirats’s story shows the human foundations of Spanish anarchism, the ties of friendship and community that cemented the largest anarchist movement in the world.



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The Anarchist Expropriators

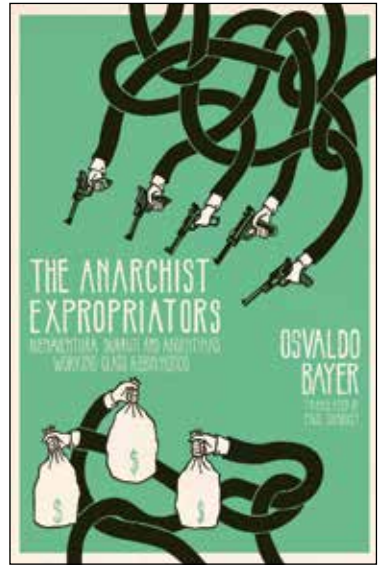
Buenaventura Durruti and Argentina's
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OSVALDO BAYER; translated by Paul Sharkey

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Osvaldo Bayer's study of working-class retribution, set between 1919 and 1936, chronicles hair-raising robberies, bombings, and tit-for-tat murders conducted by Argentina's working class. Intense repression of labor organizations, newspapers, and meeting places by authorities set off a wave of illegal acts meant to secure funds and settle scores. Escaping similar repression at home, future Spanish Civil War hero Buenaventura Durruti joins the cast on a spree of robberies, ending in a narrow escape back to Europe. A fascinating account of outlaws who understood that, when state-sanctioned thieves make the laws, stealing is not a crime.



Goals and Means

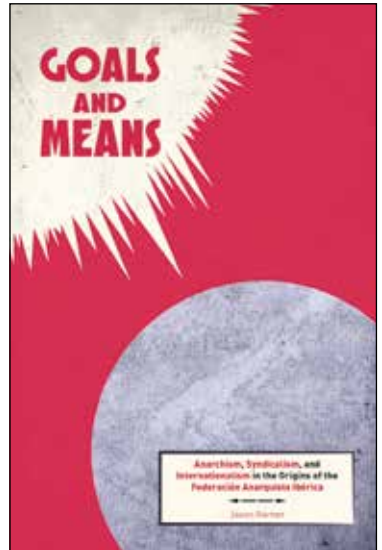
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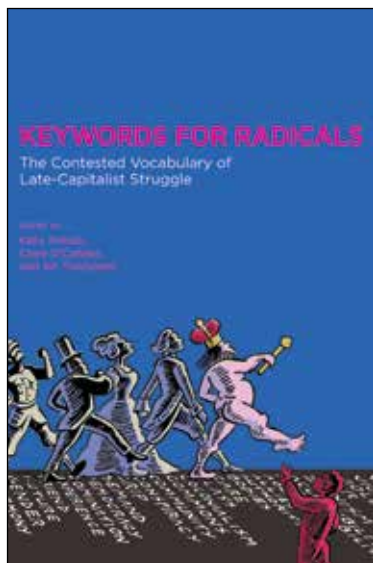
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Goals and Means investigates the relationship between revolutionary syndicalism and anarchism in Spain from the founding of the CNT in 1910 to the Second Republic in 1931, exploring Spanish anarcho-syndicalism's unique characteristics while placing them within a global context. Anarcho-syndicalism married anarchist *goals*—social revolution and libertarian socialism—with syndicalism's tactical *means*. And the FAI was formed in 1927 to ensure a role for anarchism within the union. The development of anarcho-syndicalism—and the tensions it spawned within the larger socialist movement—has much to teach us today as we chart our own future.





Keywords for Radicals

The Contested Vocabulary of
Late-Capitalist Struggle

Edited by KELLY FRITSCH,
CLARE O'CONNOR, & AK THOMPSON

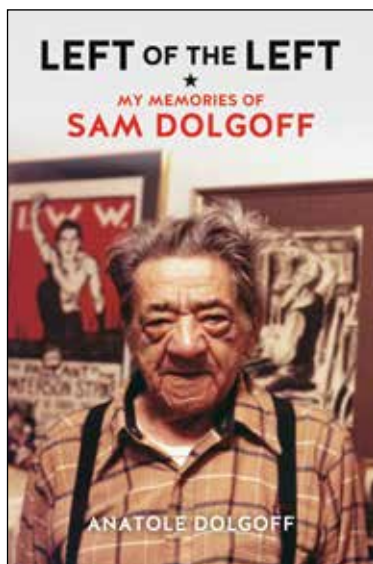
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“*Keywords for Radicals* recognizes that language is both a weapon and terrain of struggle.”

—Robin D. G. Kelley

With insights from dozens of scholars and trouble-makers, *Keywords for Radicals* explores the words that shape our political landscape. Each entry highlights a term's contested variations, traces its evolving usage, and speculates about what its historical mutations can tell us. More than a glossary, this is a crucial study of the power of language and the social contradictions hidden within it.



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“He was the beating heart of the truest American radicalism.”—Paul Berman, *Village Voice*

Sam Dolgoff, a house painter by trade, was at the center of American anarchism for seventy years, creating some of the most important books and journals of twentieth-century anti-authoritarian politics. This instant classic of radical history, written with passion and humor by his son, conjures images of a lost New York City, the faded power of immigrant and working-class neighborhoods, the blurred lines dividing proletarian and intellectual culture.

Rebellion in Patagonia

OSVALDO BAYER;

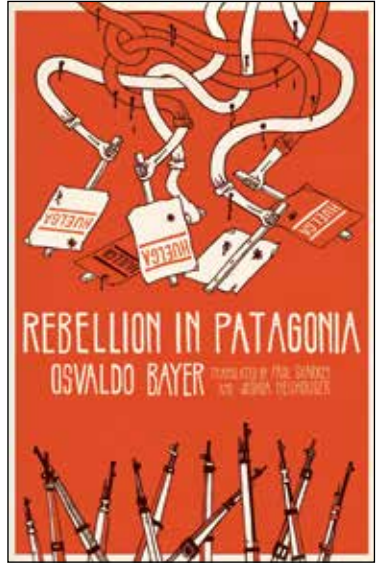
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A nuanced study of strikes led by the powerful anarcho-syndicalist labor union FORA against the landowners and industrialists of Argentina's Patagonia region in 1921–1922. The tale ends tragically in one of the worst labor massacres in Latin America, with over fifteen-hundred workers slaughtered. But Bayer is no mere writer of dry history: he is a storyteller and literary craftsman. His detailed descriptions capture the beauty and heroism of the struggle as well as the rich, radical culture from which it arose. Banned and publicly burned in the 1970s, this is the book's first English translation.



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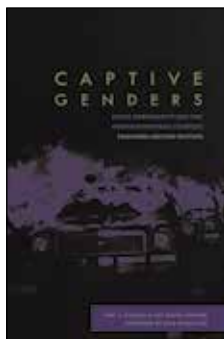
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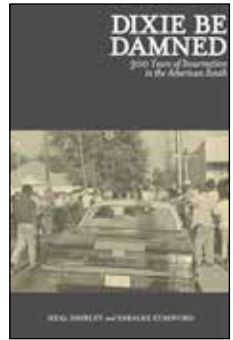
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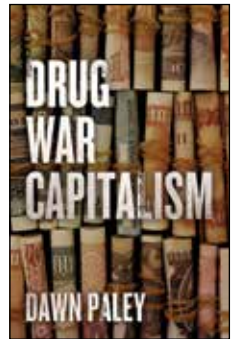


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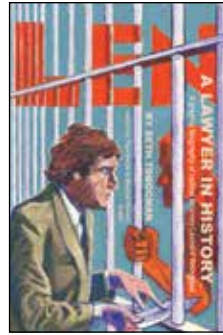
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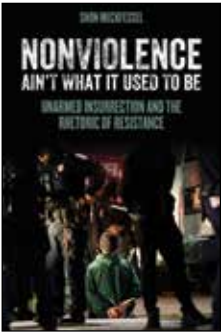
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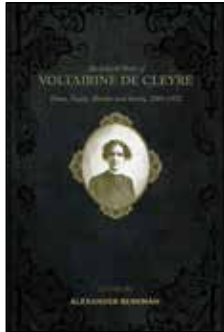
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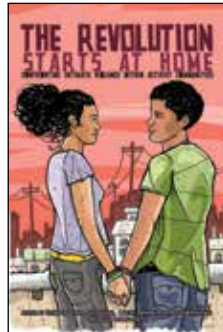
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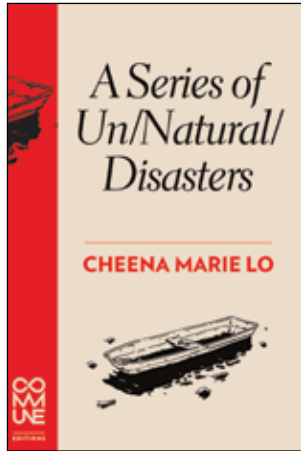
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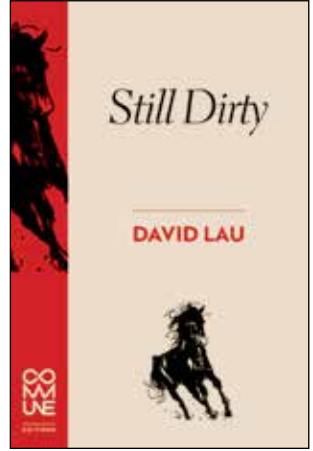
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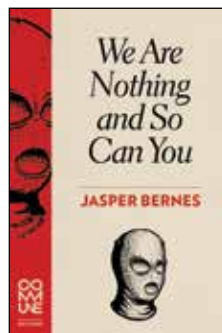
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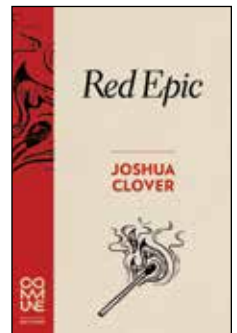
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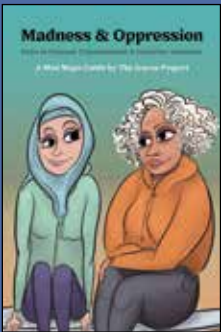
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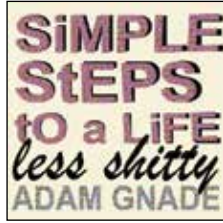




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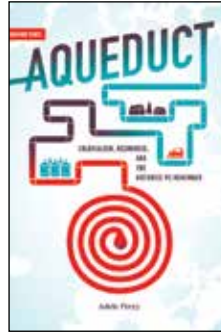
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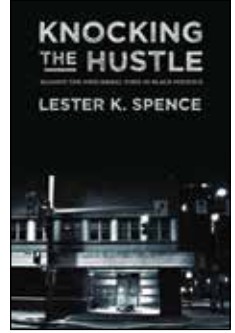
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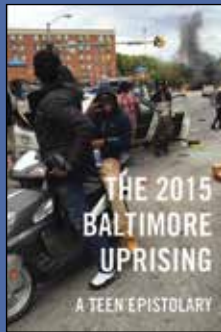
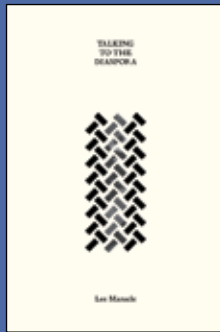
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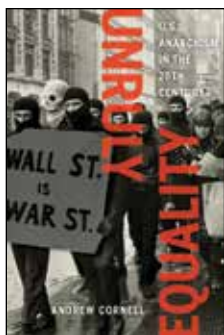
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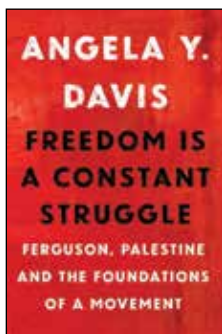
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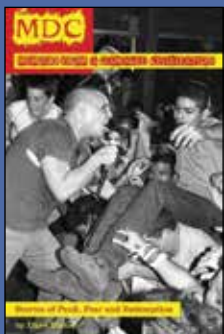
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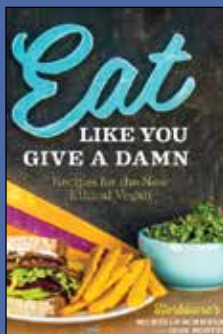
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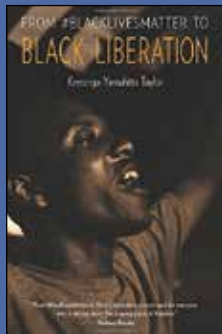
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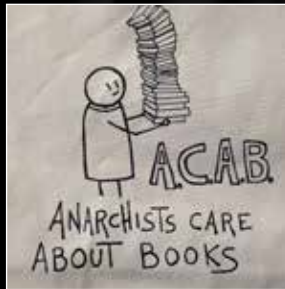
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