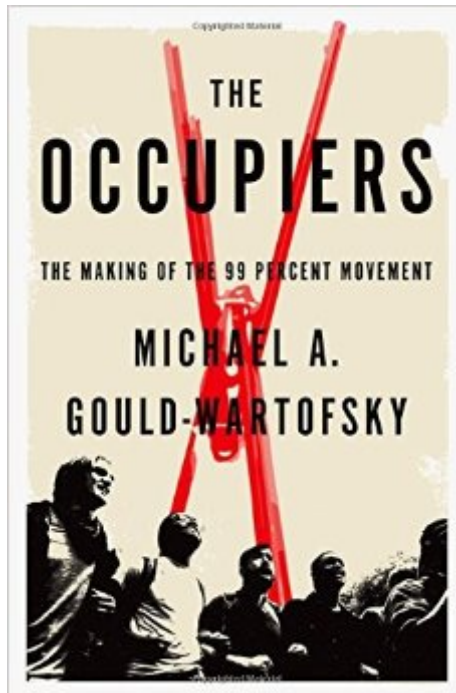


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The Occupiers: The Making Of The 99 Percent Movement



Synopsis

Occupy Wall Street burst onto the stage of history in the fall of 2011. First by the tens, then by the tens of thousands, protestors filled the streets and laid claim to the squares of nearly 1,500 towns and cities, until, one by one, the occupations were forcibly evicted. In *The Occupiers*, Michael Gould-Wartofsky offers a front-seat view of the action in the streets of New York City and beyond. Painting a vivid picture of everyday life in the square through the use of material gathered in the course of two years of on-the-ground investigation, Gould-Wartofsky traces the occupation of Zuccotti Park--and some of its counterparts across the United States and around the world--from inception to eviction. He takes up the challenges the occupiers faced, the paradoxes of direct democracy, and the dynamics of direct action and police action and explores the ways in which occupied squares became focal points for an emerging opposition to the politics of austerity, restricted democracy, and the power of corporate America. Much of the discussion of the Occupy phenomenon has treated it as if it lived and died in Zuccotti Park, but Gould-Wartofsky follows the evicted occupiers into exile and charts their evolving strategies, tactics, and tensions as they seek to resist, regroup, and reoccupy. Displaced from public spaces and news headlines, the 99 Percent movement has spread out from the financial centers and across an America still struggling to recover in the aftermath of the crisis. Even if the movement fails to achieve radical reform, Gould-Wartofsky maintains, its offshoots may well accelerate the pace of change in the United States in the years to come.

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Customer Reviews

As a "Day One Occupier" and having memories of him walking around Liberty Square with his notepad in hand; I am thoroughly impressed by Michael Gould-Wartofsky's "The Occupiers".MGW's narrative beautifully describes the rise, the height, and the fall of the Liberty Square encampment and its national and international Occupy affiliates. Without having prejudice or bias, MGW also describes some of the "who's who" behind the viral success of Occupy Wall Street and carefully explains how disagreements in methodology have created various camps of thought regarding how to counter the systematic forces responsible for income inequality; and how these various philosophical disciplines have produced ideological progeny which are still shaping popular culture in this present time.This is a must read for any historian, student, or activist interested in learning more about Occupy Wall Street " AND " This is a must read for any Occupy alumni who wants to take a stroll down memory lane!~ Michael Pellagatti,Founder of #OccupyTourNYC

The Occupiers offers an overview of the Occupy Movement from a personal as well as professional journalist perspective. This is not as thorough as I would have liked but the author focuses on Zuccotti Park and follows the main players in that space from beginning to what he calls the present. I would like to have known more about other occupy encampments and the interplay between them and Zuccotti. I don't think enough time has passed yet to accurately asses the movement from a truly historical perspective, but works such as this help tell the stories crucial to the record.

Fascinating, well written chronicle and analysis of an important piece of history.

The book was extremely dry, didn't feel like the author was interested in the movement. Which made this book extremely hard to read.

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