

Malcolm X, Black liberation, and the road to workers power.

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This book examines the life and work of Malcolm X, placing his efforts to achieve black liberation into the context of a larger revolutionary struggle for socialism and analyzing current events in terms of their potential for black liberation. Author Barnes is a leader of the Socialist Workers Party, and the political perspective of his essays (which make up most of the book) is one not usually included in U.S. political discourse. For example, Barnes argues that Malcolm X "was a revolutionary leader of the working class in the United States." A degree of patience with the high level of political jargon will reward readers looking for little known aspects of Malcolm's political

views and the leadership place African-Americans have taken at the forefront of working-class and popular struggles from the Civil War to the present day. The inclusion of Barnes' 1965 interview with Malcolm adds interest to the book, as does a collection of 130 pages of photos and drawings that illustrate the determined and combative face of the Black struggle. (Annotation ©2010 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)