

## **Pathfinder Press**

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### **America's Revolutionary Heritage**

One of the most active and visible communists of his era, Novack (1905-92) collected essays on various aspects of US history that had appeared over the course of 40 years in the *International Socialist Review* and its predecessor periodicals, most of them written by him. They cover Native Americans, the first American revolution, the slavocracy, the second American revolution encompassing the Civil War and Reconstruction, the triumph of monopolists, and the first wave of feminism. Among specific topics discussed from the Marxist viewpoint are the destruction of Indian democracy, class forces in the American revolutions, homage to antislavery fighter John Brown, two lessons of Reconstruction, big business and the two-party system, and how women won the vote. (Annotation ©2010 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)

### **Introduction to the Logic of Marxism**

This book is a collection of lectures given in 1942 that comprise a defense and explanation of the logical method of Marxist dialectical materialism, and its relevance to the working class movement. The lectures were given by George Novack (1905-1992), a longstanding leader of the Socialist Workers Party, in the context of an intra-party controversy on the eve of the Second World War over the party's defense of the Soviet Union in war. James Burnham and Max Shachtman, who had together questioned the validity and usefulness of the method, left the SWP in the wake of the debate. Novack contrasts dialectical materialism to formal logic, describing how formal logic isolates itself from material reality and fails to recognize the dynamic nature of that reality. In explaining dialectical materialism, Novack also provides a brief history of its origins in the work of Hegel and then in Marx's reworking of Hegel. New index and enlarged type. (Annotation ©2010 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)

### **Mother Jones Speaks**

This massive volume collects the bulk of the speeches, articles, letters, congressional testimony, and interviews left behind by Irish-American labor organizer Mary Harris Jones, better known as Mother Jones. The speeches especially show Jones' strong commitment to making life better for the country's working men and women, and the no-holds-barred language that she used to express that commitment. Especially notable are historian Philip Foner's introductory essay on the life of Mother Jones, and his introductions and notes that accompany the speeches and documents included. This volume should be in the collection of any academic library or large public library, as well as on the bookshelf of any reader with a serious interest in labor history. (Annotation ©2010 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)

### **February 1965: The Final Speeches**

One of a series of volumes chronologically collecting speeches and interviews of Malcolm X, this volume contains 23 speeches and interviews from the final three weeks of his life before his assassination. Each speech or interview is preceded by a note providing pertinent historical and other contextual information. The appendix contains the text of the Basic Unity Program of the Organization of Afro-American Unity (founded by Malcolm in 1964), which was not drafted by Malcolm but was read and approved by him shortly before his death. This is a paperbound edition edited by Steve Clark originally published in 1992. (Annotation ©2010 Book News Inc. Portland, OR)