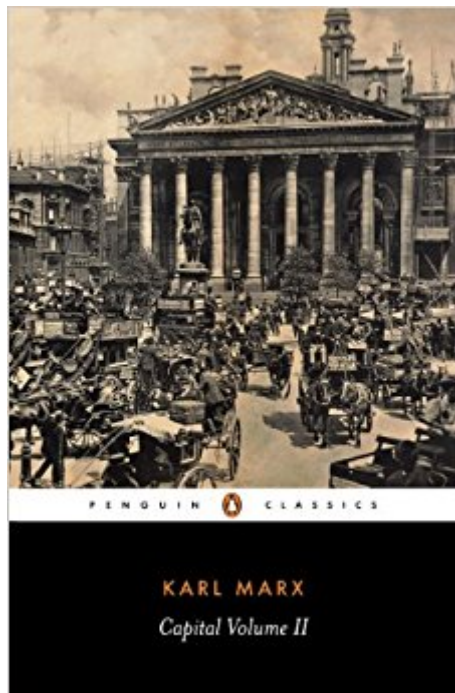


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Karl Marx was born in 1818 in Trier, Germany and studied in Bonn and Berlin. Influenced by Hegel, he later reacted against idealist philosophy and began to develop his own theory of historical materialism. He related the state of society to its economic foundations and mode of production, and recommended armed revolution on the part of the proletariat. Together with Engels, who he met in Paris, he wrote the Manifesto of the Communist Party. He lived in England as a refugee until his death in 1883, after participating in an unsuccessful revolution in Germany. Ernst Mandel was a member of the Belgian TUV from 1954 to 1963 and was chosen for the annual Alfred Marshall

Lectures by Cambridge University in 1978. He died in 1995 and the Guardian described him as 'one of the most creative and independent-minded revolutionary Marxist thinkers of the post-war world.'

After reading "Das Kapital Volume I", I had to continue reading this awesome analysis! To begin, this is NOT a read based on dogmatic views of communism like Marx's Communist Manifesto. The Capital Volumes are actually based on a more scientific basis regarding the inter workings of a capitalist economy. In this volume, Marx describes a detailed analysis of the buyer and seller and how they are to be found (within the marketplace). Unlike Capital I, this book is much shorter and easier to follow. But be warned, the terminology is quite old, so I HIGHLY suggest taking time while reading. If one is looking to understand true Marxism, then please read the whole Capital series. I found it easier to read the Wealth of Nations by Adam Smith before tackling these volumes. It will provide an easier roadmap and critique of capitalism before venturing into other realms of communist theory. Overall, five stars!

This volume is a nice version of Marx's magnum opus (one of three volumes). The text is large enough to be readable.

Got this for my study

If you want to get rid of capitalism, you have to understand it, so study all 3 volumes of Capital as well as his other writings!

A great exercise in self exorcism !!

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For my purposes, excellent

A very comprehensive compendium

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