



# HaymarketBooks

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## *Celebrating ten years of publishing books for changing the world*

Dear friends,

Since the Arab Spring ushered in 2011, social movements have returned on a scale unseen in four decades. From **Greece and Spain to Wisconsin, Wall Street, and beyond**, ordinary people are rediscovering their power to act collectively and change the world.

This year also marks something very special for us at Haymarket: **2011 is our tenth anniversary.**

We hope you'll indulge us in taking a moment to reflect on how much we've accomplished in the past decade and how much the ongoing support of friends like you has meant to our project. We also hope you'll allow us to ask again for your support as we enter our second decade.

Like the late great historian Howard Zinn, who proclaimed himself a "proud supporter" of Haymarket Books, we are steadfastly committed to **creating "a culture in this country in which reading and resistance go hand in hand."**

Unlike corporate publishers, our editorial decisions aren't governed by a book's profitability. We are driven — like activists who are occupying public spaces across the globe — by our desire to see a better world. This ethos is the reason we have published more than two hundred Haymarket titles to date, from our first book ten years ago, *The Struggle for Palestine*, to the just-released *The United States of Fear*.

Despite the incredible economic turbulence of the past few years, and the general decline in print book sales, Haymarket has not only weathered the storm — we've grown. We are bringing out more new titles and selling more books (including ebooks) than ever before.

**We've toured champions of social justice from around the world**, including legendary '68 Olympian and activist John Carlos, Afghani parliamentary dissident Malalai Joya, and Omar Barghouti, author of *Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions: The Global Struggle for Palestinian Rights*.

### **Anniversary greetings from our authors**

"I am honored to be published by Haymarket Books. Haymarket Zindabad!"

—**Arundhati Roy**

"Haymarket is Woody Guthrie's guitar, a red lighthouse, and the promise of May. Mazel tov."

—**Mike Davis**

"You actually believe that life can be better, and by your daily example you show how it can be done. The loving respect you feel for your authors makes their interactions with you joyful; the loving respect you feel for your readers inspires the creation of incandescent, life-changing books."

—**Wallace Shawn**

"I'm so proud to be a part of the Haymarket family."

—**Amy Goodman**

"Congratulations on a decade of inspiring achievement. We all know that the country desperately needs a revived, organized, active, and engaged left, to reverse today's extremely dangerous course, and soon. Haymarket has its work cut out for it. And, fortunately, it has created a solid basis for helping to lead the way towards a more hopeful future."

—**Noam Chomsky**

"I am so glad Haymarket is here and thriving. We need left publishers, a left intellectual community, and never more than now when the streets are beginning to rumble."

—**Frances Fox Piven**

"With speed, panache, élan, and rigor, Haymarket Books has made itself an indispensable resource to the thinking radical. Here's to another ten years."

—**China Miéville**

Recently, environmentalist Chris Williams spoke at more than thirty events to discuss the important issues raised in his book *Ecology and Socialism*. These events were truly grassroots in nature and involved alliances with key movement allies. Other extensive tours included labor journalist Steve Early and Israeli historian Ilan Pappé. *Democracy Now!* host Amy Goodman, author of our first *New York Times* bestseller, *Breaking the Sound Barrier*, has spoken in nearly every state in the country. We also brought our authors, their politics, and their books to conferences across the country, from New York City to Chicago to Los Angeles. In short, wherever there is struggle, Haymarket is there.

Our audience is growing. Much of that audience is made up of young people who are just discovering how important books and ideas are for any effort to change society. **But we could do so much more if we had your continued support.**

In this, our tenth year, Haymarket Books continues to operate on a modest budget. Building a new culture of democracy takes energy and commitment. It also takes resources. **We publish books that the big corporate publishing houses won't touch.** To find the readership that our books deserve, we rely on the solidarity and generosity of readers like you who share our values and our mission.

Every step of the last ten years of Haymarket publishing has been made possible by the generous, consistent support of allies who believe in the need for books that can change the world.

**Please consider making a first-time donation or increasing your annual gift.**

Our goal is to raise \$150,000 by the end of the year. We're confident we can get there with your support.

In solidarity,

The staff at Haymarket Books

*P.S.—To sweeten the deal, we'd like to offer our supporters an early discount on holiday book orders placed before December 31st. **Just enter 10YEARS at our website for a 40% discount on all our titles.***

"I want to encourage you to support Haymarket Books, because we need a free press, and the press is only free when the people own a press, and that's what Haymarket Books is: a press owned by the people."

—**Jeremy Scahill**

"Haymarket is thriving in this tumultuous time because it publishes books that no conglomerate would touch. Haymarket, blissfully free of the preoccupation with profit, has a higher calling: to publish books that build movements."

—**Avi Lewis and Naomi Klein**

"In the desert of corporate publishing, Haymarket Books is a verdant and lush intellectual oasis. The titles and subjects cascade like a waterfall and inspire and energize!"

—**David Barsamian**

"At a time when mainstream publishers detected no value in disseminating the truth about the US war on Iraq, Haymarket Books remained committed to principle over profit, offering its readership a welcome respite from the criminal complicity of corporate media, publishing, and the state."

—**Dahr Jamail**

"Labor readers everywhere — and more than a few grateful authors — wish ten-year-old Haymarket many more decades of publishing success!"

—**Steve Early**

"Haymarket is one of the very few publishers to capture the voices of the movements that are happening right now. Thanks to all of you at Haymarket to getting our stories out there."

—**José Vasquez**

"I'm so honored to be associated with Haymarket on their tenth anniversary. The honor lies in being associated with a publishing house that shows true dignity and honesty."

—**Dr. John Carlos**