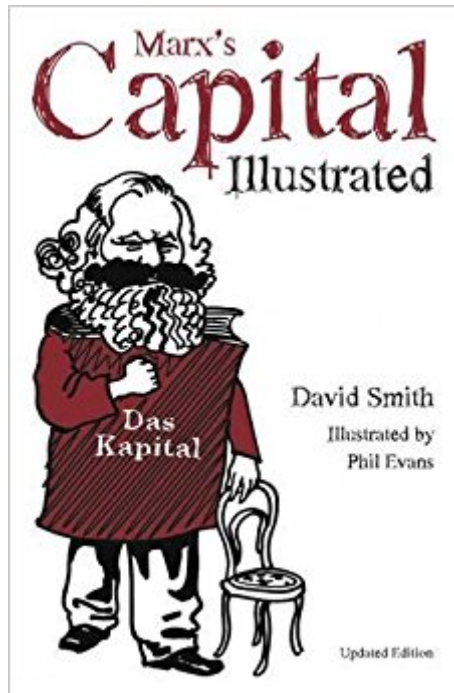




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based in England. He has illustrated Marx's Kapital for Beginners and Understanding Economics, among many other books.

This text ain't half bad. I was having an awful time attempting to trudge thru the wordy Das Kapital, this helps ease the difficulty quite a bit. The text explains exchangeability, the role of money, and so on. I also ordered it alongside Jobin-Leeds "When We Fight, We Win: Twenty-First-Century Social Movements and the Activists That Are Transforming Our World 1st Edition". Glad I did, because whoever authored this tries to really downplay revolution. Here is the Jacobin-Leeds book: https://www..com/dp/1620970937/ref=cm_cr_ryp_prd_ttl_sol_0 Or maybe they were trying to downplay accelerationism, which is understandable. EDIT: The first time I submitted this review, it was not accepted. When I looked thru the guidelines, I could not find anything in it that went against it. Wondering if it is just a glitch or perhaps anti-Marx sentiment. Not sure.

Came as expected

Loved it. Get yer Karl Marx on here.

An update on the old Marx for Beginners classic, this amusingly illustrated text might be rather hard for real "beginner beginners" but it does a nice job of explaining the roots of the system of capital and its many crises---with the new edition offering a quick explanation of the most recent financial collapse.. The text is weak on imperialism and the currently emerging world wars, and, from the other angle, there is an unfortunate underestimation of the realities of revolution--why, what, what's next? For that, read Chalmers Johnson's classic, the mainstream's go to---and a cook book for those who favor it. I have the old edition, but am glad to have the new, fresh, edition as well.

Vera good!

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