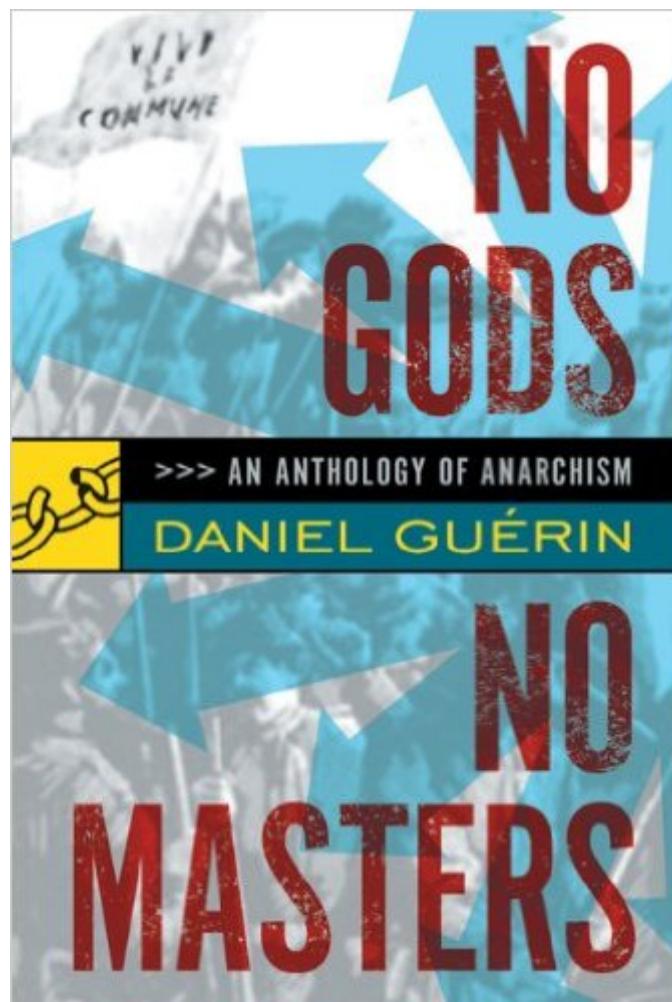


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# No Gods No Masters: An Anthology Of Anarchism



## Synopsis

The first English translation of Guérin's monumental anthology of anarchism, published here in one volume. It details a vast array of unpublished documents, letters, debates, manifestos, reports, impassioned calls-to-arms and reasoned analysis; the history, organization and practice of the movement; its theorists, advocates and activists; the great names and the obscure, towering legends and unsung heroes. This definitive anthology portrays anarchism as a sophisticated ideology whose nuances and complexities highlight the natural desire for freedom in all of us. The classical texts will re-establish anarchism as both an intellectual and practical force to be reckoned with. Includes writings by Emma Goldman, Kropotkin, Berkman, Bakunin, Proudhon, and Malatesta. Daniel Guérin was the author of *Anarchism: From Theory to Practice*. In Oakland, California on March 24, 2015 a fire destroyed the AK Press warehouse along with several other businesses. Please consider visiting the AK Press website to learn more about the fundraiser to help them and their neighbors.

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No Gods No Masters: An Anthology Of Anarchism is the first English translations of Guérin's extensive anthology of anarchistic writings, originally published in French in four volumes. Drawing upon previously unpublished documents, letters, debates, manifestoes, reports, calls-to-arms, and reasoned analyses, No Gods No Masters offers a serious-minded look at the history, organization, and practices of the anarchist movement. Including writings by Malatesta, Henri, Pouget, Souchy,

Leval, Voline, Makhno, Goldman, de Paepe, and more, No Gods No Masters discusses the question "What is property?", the controversy over Marx and the First International, the Russian Revolution, the Spanish Revolution, the Paris Commune, and much more. A classic compilation enthusiastically recommended for political science students and anyone striving to better understand the anarchist philosophy and movement.

One reviewer here gave this book only 1 star because, and simply because, it did not include Leo Tolstoy. The reviewer suggests that this is because the editor did not want to acknowledge the Christian anarchists, and therefore was - I gather - abusing his position of "authority" (on the subject). Not a bad argument, if that is truly what the reviewer was getting at. However, to give this book only 1 star - the lowest rating one could give it - would suggest that the reviewer thinks that ONLY Tolstoy had something of importance to offer to those involved in anarchist studies. The reviewer indicated that the editor of the book had an agenda, but this is very much the pot calling the kettle black. There is no good reason to exclude Christian anarchism from anarchist studies, but there is no reason to believe that Christian anarchism is more important than the secular/humanist breeds of anarchism. To suggest that without Tolstoy one can not grasp anarchism is as silly as suggesting that without Christian anarchism, there would be no anarchism, period. Although it may be true that passivism has been a part of Christianity longer than it has been a part of "anarchism", anarchism has been around longer than Christianity.

Thank you AK Press for re-printing Daniel Guerin's classic anthology of early anarchist manifestoes! Included are essays by Malatesta, Goldman, Kropotkin, Bakunin, Durruti and Makhno, among others, covering such important events in late 19th/ early 20th century radical history as the Paris Commune, the Kronstadt rebellion and the Spanish civil war. Labor history scholars and activists alike will benefit greatly from adding this gigantic tome to their personal libraries!

This is an excellent collection of anarchist' writings. Now that I have read part of it (I'm still reading it), I understand an anarchism much better. I recommend this book to anyone who is interested in understanding the subject of Anarchism. However, it is a very long book and some of the writers' ideas are somewhat similar.

Anyone interested in the roots of the most misunderstood political philosophy ever offered to humanity must read or at least reference this material. This is not a novel or a book you read from

cover to cover on vacation. This is serious scholarship covering the alternative philosophy of Anarchism. Many who feel that there must be something beyond Margaret Thatchers famous declaration after the USSR drunkenly fell, TINA (there is no alternative). There is an alternative, not just an intellectual exercise, but a potential revolutionary, radical way to allow humans to organize society without the oppression of the modern national state and without the authoritarian masters who have convinced us that they are the most qualified to "lead" the masses. An introductory book by Guerin may be the best place to start, "Anarchism", with an introduction by Noam Chomsky.

This is exactly what I was searching for. It starts with Max Stirner who was born in 1806 and continues from there. The forward and everything seems to have been translated very nicely. The cover is beautiful and I've been underlining multiple things in pencil every page. Who knew I would be an anarchist? Beautiful compilation. Highly recommend. It almost breaks my heart the world misinterprets anarchy... It's so much more than "chaos." It's individualism, solitude, freedom, and personal peace in independence--necessary for the health of one's spirit. I am an English major and this is very helpful in researching for my novel in regards to not only "anarchy free from government" but anarchy of the disposition, spirit, soul, etc. Anarchism is the last true romantic notion.

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