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Over the past decades serious scholars of the history and practice of anarchism have taken important strides toward the refutation of a mountain of erroneous portrayals and interpretations of this chronically misunderstood doctrine. Historians such as Temma Kaplan, George Esenwein, Martha Ackelsberg, and Maxine Molyneux have worked to dispel characterizations of anarchism as ‘atavistic,’ ‘millenarian,’ ‘petit-bourgeois,’ and ‘nihilistic.’ More recently, Michael Schmidt and Lucien van der Walt have built upon this scholarship to demonstrate the chronological and geographical continuities of what they refer to as the “broad anarchist tradition.” By focusing on economics, a severely neglected component of anarchist thought, The Accumulation of Freedom represents one of the latest contributions to the ongoing development of anarchist studies. It seeks to refute the common...