

**Book Review: Ruth Kinna and Clifford Harper, *Great Anarchists*. London: Dog Section Press. 2020. ISBN: 978-1916036567 (Paperback). 128 Pages. £6.00.**

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In their recent collaboration, *Great Anarchists*, political theory professor Ruth Kinna and illustrator Clifford Harper provide a testament to the contemporary relevance of late eighteenth through early twentieth century anarchist thought. They do so through their respective depictions of ten individuals who articulated anarchist ideas of one sort or another over the course of their lives. The people depicted in this volume range from those routinely found in mainstream academic treatments of anarchist theory (William Godwin, Pierre-Joseph Proudhon, Michael Bakunin, and Peter Kropotkin), to those more likely to be found in insider accounts of the history of anarchism (Max Stirner, Louise Michel, Lucy Parsons, Errico Malatesta, and Voltairine De Cleyre), to a literary figure whose relationship to anarchism has frequently gone unnoticed (Oscar Wilde). This collaboration should be of interest to anyone seeking to become acquainted (or better acquainted) with anarchist thought for the following reasons.

First, this work does a commendable job of depicting individual anarchists. To begin with, the depictions included in this volume clearly place their subjects in historical, intellectual, social, and personal context; thereby revealing the influence of wars, insurrections, persecutions, schisms, and intimate relationships on how various anarchists came to understand both the need for anarchist social organization and the means by which it should be accomplished. In addition, these depictions reveal the character of the anarchists under

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