FEARLESS BOOKS FOR PERILOUS TIMES

Never before in The New Press’s twenty-five-year history have we issued a special catalog outside the standard publishing cycle. But the ugly tenor of the 2016 election campaigns, the deeply troubling election results, and the immediate, retrograde aftermath seemed to warrant a swift, clear-eyed response. In particular, the direct threats made to freedom of expression by the incoming administration demand that we exercise that right with renewed vigor. It is in this spirit that we present these fearless new books for perilous times.
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Includes the widely acclaimed Indivisible: A Practical Guide for Resisting the Trump Agenda

Those of us who witnessed illiberal populist movements take hold in Turkey, Russia, Hungary, Poland, the Philippines, and elsewhere are watching the election of Donald Trump with a particularly acute sense of foreboding.

—TURKULER ISIKSEL, POLITICAL SCIENTIST FROM TURKEY

Some of us have been here before. Many people living today in America and around the world have direct experience with countries where an autocrat has seized control, changing everything from the tenor of daily life to the laws and constitution. Others have seen charismatic, populist leaders come to power within democracies and dramatically change the rules of the road for the public, activists, and journalists alike. In *Rules for Resistance*, writers from Russia, Turkey, India, Hungary, Chile, China, Canada, Italy, and elsewhere tell Americans what to expect under our own new regime, and give us guidance for living—and for resisting—in the Trump era.

Advice includes being on the watch for the prosecution of political opponents, the use of libel laws to attack critics, the gutting of nonpartisan institutions, and the selective application of the law. Americans are also urged to “protest early and often,” “help those who are more vulnerable than you,” “build your own guerilla government,” and “stay on the offensive, never give an inch.”

A special section on challenges for journalists reporting on and under a leader like Donald Trump addresses issues of free speech, the importance of press protections, and the critical role of investigative journalism in an increasingly closed society. An introduction by ACLU legal director David Cole looks at the crucial role nongovernmental institutions have in preserving democracy and resisting autocracy.

A chilling but necessary collection, *Rules for Resistance* distills the collective knowledge and wisdom of those who “have seen this video before.”
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Wolf Whistle Politics
The New Misogyny in America Today

WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY DR. NAOMI WOLF
EDITED BY DIANE WACHTELL

Paperback Original
In the wake of the most abusive political season anyone can remember, leading feminists reflect on the state of affairs for women in the political arena, with an introduction by the bestselling author of The Beauty Myth

Given the sexualized nature in which women candidates and women’s issues are often framed, “wolf whistling,” rather than “dog whistling,” might be a more apt way to describe this tactic [of eliciting votes based on gender biases and fears].
—WENDY DAVIS, TEXAS STATE SENATOR

The 2016 election year may be remembered as a year to forget, but for American women in politics and feminists alike it was unforgettably distressing—a flash point illuminating both the true state of play for women in public life and feminist politics in the early twenty-first century.

Wolf Whistle Politics is a book that tries to account for, contextualize, and even make some sense out of this trying political chapter in American history. With an introduction by Naomi Wolf and pieces by leading journalists and essayists ranging from Lindy West’s “Donald and Billy on the Bus” to Amy Davidson’s “What Wendy Davis Stood For” and LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant’s “Open Letter to White Liberal Feminists,” this collection comprises the best political reporting and socio-historical analysis on everything from the contentious meaning of a potential first female president to the misogynist overtones of Hillary Rodham Clinton’s electoral defeat by Donald Trump; from rape culture to reproductive rights; Pantsuit Nation to poor women of color; media double standards to hashtag activism.

Together these pieces form a constellation aptly symbolized by the lascivious “wolf whistle,” a demeaning, sexually loaded catcall that, unlike the racial “dog whistle,” has nothing subtle or covert about it. Wolf Whistle Politics shines a bright light on the complex relationship between women and politics today, reflecting on what we lost, what we won, and what we can do to move forward.
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How Do I Explain This to My Kids?
Parenting in the Age of Trump

WITH AN INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTARY BY
DR. AVA SIEGLER
EDITED BY SARAH SWONG AND DIANE WACHTELL

PAPERBACK ORIGINAL  IMPASSIONED ACCOUNTS BY WRITERS AND ARTISTS ABOUT HAVING “THE TRUMP TALK” WITH THEIR OWN KIDS—FOLLOWED BY A LEADING CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST’S ADVICE TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS, IN A TIMELY AND MUCH-NEEDED VOLUME

You tell your kids: Don’t be a bully ... don’t be a bigot ... do your homework and be prepared. And then you have this outcome.... You have people putting children to bed tonight, and they're afraid of breakfast. They're afraid of “How do I explain this to my children?”
—VAN JONES, 1:22 A.M., NOVEMBER 9, 2016

The day after the 2016 presidential election, filmmaker Carlos Sandoval found Ku Klux Klan fliers on the seats of the Long Island Railroad and recounts how his Cuban American niece Lexi’s world was “shattered” by the election—she is one of thousands of children wondering if they will be deported or denied benefits under the incoming administration. Other children are taunted on the playground, have their head scarves ripped off, or are left to wonder, “Does Donald Trump not like brown boys like me?” And girls everywhere are devastated that a crass and bigoted bully was elected over the woman poised to become America’s first female president.

In the wake of the election, even the most thoughtful and progressive parents across the country found themselves at a loss for words. Borrowing its title from the memorable election night question posed by Van Jones, How Do I Explain This to My Kids? brings together moving first-person accounts by parents including novelist Mira Jacob, Pulitzer Prize winner Viet Thanh Nguyen, scholar Robin D.G. Kelley, New York Times blogger Nicole Chung, and others, who recount their best efforts to parent effectively in the current climate. The second half of the book features advice from leading child psychologist Ava Siegler, whose bestselling book What Should I Tell the Kids? established her as an authority on talking to children about difficult topics. From racism and homophobia to anti-Semitism, lying, sexism, and bullying, Dr. Siegler provides concrete advice to parents of kids of all ages—grade schoolers, preteens, adolescents, and young adults—for helping their children to navigate a complicated, difficult time.
We Too Sing America
South Asian, Arab, Muslim, and Sikh Immigrants Shape Our Multiracial Future
DEEPA IYER
WITH A NEW PREFACE BY THE AUTHOR

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THE NATIONALLY RENOWNED RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATE SHINES A LIGHT ON AN UNEXPLORED CONSEQUENCE OF MODERN-DAY TERRORISM: THE ONGOING, STATE-SANCTIONED PERSECUTION OF A RANGE OF AMERICAN MINORITIES

Powerful... Iyer catalogues the toll that various forms of discrimination have taken and highlights the inspiring ways activists are fighting back. [She] is an ideal chronicler of this experience.
—THE WASHINGTON POST

LGBTQ Stats
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer People by the Numbers
DAVID DESCHAMPS AND BENNETT SINGER
WITH AN AFTERWORD BY JENNIFER FINNEY BOYLAN

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—M.V. LEE BAGDETT, ECONOMIST AND AUTHOR OF THE PUBLIC PROFESSOR: HOW TO USE YOUR RESEARCH TO CHANGE THE WORLD
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TRESSIE McMILLAN COTTOM

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Compelling, unforgettable, and deeply necessary.
—ROXANE GAY, AUTHOR OF DIFFICULT WOMEN AND BAD FEMINIST
The Least Among Us
Waging the Battle for the Vulnerable
CONGRESSWOMAN ROSA L. DELAUR

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THE OUTSPOKEN CONNECTICUT CONGRESSWOMAN’S IM_PASSIONED DEFENSE OF AMERICA’S SAFETY NET DURING TEA PARTY TIMES

There is no greater champion for America's women and families. I am awed and inspired every day by her passion, her spirit, her dedication and determination to fight for our values.
—CONGRESSWOMAN NANCY PELOSI

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NOAM CHOMSKY
WITH A NEW PREFACE BY THE AUTHOR

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FIFTY YEARS AFTER IT FIRST APPEARED, ONE OF NOAM CHOMSKY’S GREATEST ESSAYS WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A STAND-ALONE BOOK, WITH A NEW PREFACE BY THE AUTHOR

Chomsky is a global phenomenon. . . . He may be the most widely read American voice on foreign policy on the planet.
—THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW
Strangers in Their Own Land
Anger and Mourning on the American Right

ARLIE RUSSELL HOCHSCHILD

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THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER (AND ONE OF THE NYT’S 100 BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR) THAT PLUMBS OUR DEEP POLITICAL DIVIDE AND ASKS THE QUESTION: HOW DOES THE WORLD LOOK FROM THE HEART OF THE RIGHT?

There could not be a more important topic in current American politics, nor a better person to dissect it. Every page—every story and individual—is fascinating, and the emerging analysis is revelatory.

—BARBARA EHRENREICH, AUTHOR OF NICKEL AND DIMED AND LIVING WITH A WILD GOD

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MICHELLE ALEXANDER

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A devastating account of a legal system doing its job perfectly well. We have simply replaced one caste system with another one.

—FORBES
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Twenty-First-Century Social Movements and the Activists That Are Transforming Our World

GREG JOBIN-LEEDS AND AGITARTE

REAL STORIES OF HARD-FOUGHT BATTLES FOR SOCIAL CHANGE WITH CLEAR LESSONS AND TIPS FOR ACTIVISTS TO BUILD POWERFUL MOVEMENTS

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—ALICE WALKER, PULITZER PRIZE–WINNING AUTHOR AND ACTIVIST

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MICHAEL RATNER AND MARGARET RATNER KUNSTLER
PUBLISHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

A TIMELY GUIDE TO RECLAIMING THE RIGHT TO PROTEST—PERFECT FOR ACTIVISTS, TEACHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, AND ANYONE ELSE WHO WANTS TO EXERCISE THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS—FROM THE COUNTRY’S LEADING CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS GROUP

Dissent is the highest form of patriotism.
—HOWARD ZINN
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From Dictatorship to Democracy
A Conceptual Framework for Liberation

Gene Sharp

The revolutionary word-of-mouth phenomenon, available for the first time as a trade book—not “since Machiavelli has a book had such impact in shifting the balance of power” (The Times, London)

For the world’s despots, his ideas can be fatal.
—The New York Times

Democracy in the Dark
The Seduction of Government Secrecy

Frederick A.O. Schwarz Jr.

From the winner of the 2014 Ridenhour Courage Prize, a provocative history of secrecy in the U.S. government and a timely reminder of the importance of transparency to democracy

Schwarz is among the many quiet patriots who are spreading the word that the very meaning of the United States, the whole point of this fragile experiment in representative democracy, will be lost if the nation’s ironclad commitment to the rule of law is allowed to unravel.

—Bob Herbert, former New York Times op-ed columnist
OTHER ELECTION BOOKS OF INTEREST IN THESE PERILOUS TIMES

Down for the Count
Dirty Elections and the Rotten History of Democracy in America
ANDREW GUMBEL

Electoral Dysfunction
A Survival Manual for American Voters
VICTORIA BASSETTI

Keeping Down the Black Vote
Race and the Demobilization of American Voters
FRANCES FOX PIVEN, LORRAINE C. MINNITE, AND MARGARET GROARKE

Spanking the Donkey
Dispatches from the Dumb Season
MATT TAIBBI

What Happened in Ohio?
A Documentary Record of Theft and Fraud in the 2004 Election
ROBERT J. FITRAKIS, STEVEN ROSENFELD, AND HARVEY WASSERMAN
We began putting the books in this catalog together the week after the election following some spirited editorial as well as organization-wide meetings, as we all tried to make sense of what had happened on November 8. Many of us worked around the clock to bring them to fruition quickly. Special thanks are due to Julie Enszer, Sarah Burnes, Melanie Wachtell Stinnett, Jennie Gruber, Alex Colson, Sarah Swong, and Maury Botton for their extraordinary efforts. And thanks are also due to everyone at The New Press for appreciating the urgency and for doing their part to help expedite these books.
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Throughout her life, Lilo Leeds was a fierce fighter against injustice and helped usher in many changes—from women’s pay equity in the 1950s to integration of her local swimming pool in the 1960s to high-quality public education—with a fundamental commitment to equity for marginalized and underserved groups. Lilo lived to see the rise of the current prison system, waves of immigrant deportations, and the threats posed to women and to public institutions in the United States, which reminded her of childhood. Born in Weimar Germany, Lilo became a refugee at age five, fleeing Nazi persecution. At age eleven, she was forced to flee again, from France, just before the German invasion. Recalling her early experiences, Lilo often admonished, “Don’t think it can’t happen here.”

Following the tradition of honoring those who came before us and upon whose shoulders we stand, the “fearless” books in this catalog, and their authors, are today’s tributaries in what Dr. Vincent Harding called the “river of freedom” and reflect Lilo’s lifelong work to resist injustice wherever it exists.