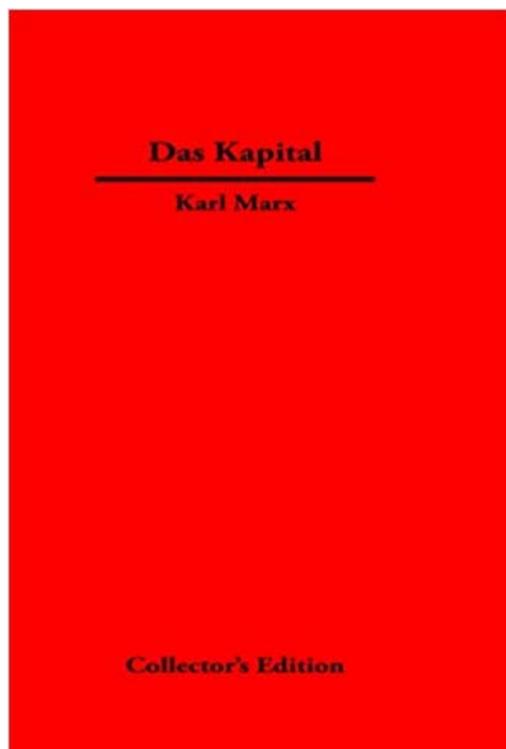


## Das Kapital *by* Karl Marx



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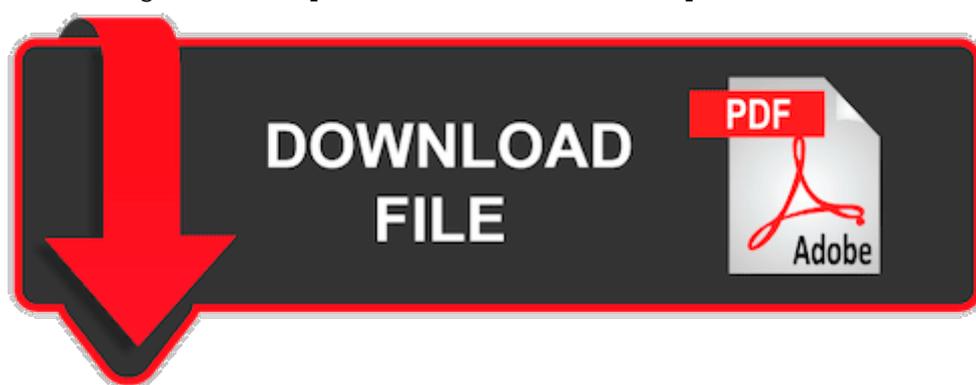
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Karl Marx set about to analyze the development of capital, the components of capital and the modern day application of capital. As a political economy scientist he outlined the key human ingredient; the concept of the surplus value of labor. This concept is the most difficult to understand in the three essential elements of capital, but it is the essential ingredient. This work is most likely the most important contribution of Marx to the world of political economy. Regardless of one's political and economic views it is necessary to understand what is put forward by Marx in order to have comprehensive knowledge of how capital is created and used to produce. A Collector's Edition.



## Reviews of the *Das Kapital* by Karl Marx

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Introduction has an extremely neoliberal capitalist bias. Levitsky used over half of the introduction calling it an "erroneous doctrine" that has already been proven false. He goes on to lay out events that he claims Karl Marx never foreshadowed and thus deems *Das Kapital* false of: joint stock (which the ruling class owns most of), the growing middle class (published in 2009 after the recession while

the middle class had been shrinking for 40 years), unions making revolution not necessary (unions have been shrinking as well.) He claims that the text is abridged and all non applicable points to today's economy are left out. It seems some other people who wrote reviews have did some research on Levitsky and have found ties to conservative publishing.

How can one trust him after such a biased intro?

Ramsey`s

This book is in German. It says that in the listing but I didn't pay attention. I don't speak or read German so I have no idea what it says. So, if you don't speak German and you're buying this for yourself and don't plan on learning German you might want to get something else. However, if you have a colleague that teaches German and needs something to get his students to practice you might give it to them in hopes that they return the favor and buy you beer or something. Germans like beer. I'm still waiting for my colleague to give me some beer.

Throw her heart

As a history teacher, it is always nice to get back into the text and re-discover what history is all about. Economic theory is something that has eluded me for a long time. This book is outstanding.

INwhite

THIS IS AN ABRIDGED VERSION of Das Kapital. It's cover is plastic-like and the entire thing comes off more like a toy than a book. I recommend getting a different one.

sunrise bird

then you don't know that the USSR and China were never and could never have been Marxist states. And the German is essential.

Groll

It may not be easy to fully understand the rationale behind what has originally driven Karl Marx to write "Das Kapital", but this very document has surely created the Cold War that divided the world so deeply and so painfully. It caused so many lives, so much miserable living conditions to so million people around the world.

So far, there's maybe no other document in the world history that killed so many people with the same grave impact as Das Kapital.

Volak Sao

Phnom Penh

Blackseeker

This is the third work by Marx that I've read; The Communist Manifesto and The Eighteenth Brumaire previously. If you're going to read Marx, be prepared that his strong point isn't brevity. It can take pages, if not chapters, for Marx to make a point if ever a point is to be made. His writing is abstruse and many times inconsequential. If you've read Nietzsche, be prepared for similar madman rants.

If you want to save yourself some time, I suggest reading the Introduction by Serge Levitsky. He makes some lucid points about "Das Kapital". I agree with him as well that "Das Kapital" is "obsolete, irrelevant, and torturous prose."The book in a nut shell is this formula (though it is chock-full of formulas) Profit - Labor = Theft.

I disagree on nearly every point made in this book; few they were. Those that were made were not done so, to me, in full context. My major disagreement with Marx is that he hunts the wrong bogeyman. His bogeyman, the Capitalist, is nothing without the true power-broker, the State. Had this book been called "Das Staaten" and divulged all the ways in which the State creates monopoly, picks winners and losers, centralizes power, and colludes with Capitalists, etc...then I may have become a Marxist years ago. I've never been a vigorous follower of Praxeology, but if a case were to

be made, it would begin with "Das Kapital".

Unfortunately, he makes a strenuous argument equating voluntary actions to slavery. Marx is selling something that I can't buy. The modern day irony is that this Luddite claptrap seems to be regaining popularity through Kindles, Ipads, and Nooks. I guess the Capitalists did win.

After reading this ponderous tome it is difficult for me to understand how communism ever got started. The entire thesis is that plant owners make money and that they could make less and pay their labor more than a basic living wage.

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