A World to Win

The Life and Works of Karl Marx

Sven-Eric Liedman

Translated by Jeffrey N. Skinner



Contents

Preface	ix
1. The Great Project	I
Misconceptions and Exaggerations	7
The Diversity of the Books	8
A Great, Unfinished Body of Work	13
A Guide Through the Work	16
2. The Time of Revolutions	21
The Industrial Revolution	21
Reorganization of the Sciences	26
And of Philosophy	30
The Revolutions	33
3. The Darling of Fortune	39
Background	39
Family	42
Student and Poet	45
Jenny von Westphalen	51
Father and Son	53
The Letter to His Father	57
The Young Hegelians	59
The Doctoral Thesis	68
The Families	74
The Journalist	78
On the Way Out	88
Hegel's Philosophy of Law, the Jewish Question,	
and Analysis of the Mystical	94
-	

VI Contents

4.	In Paris	107
	A Simmering Environment	107
	In Salons and Cafés	108
	Socialism and Communism	I I 2
	Wilhelm Weitling	115
	Vorwärts, the Weavers' Uprising, and Ruge	120
	Friedrich Engels	125
5.	The Manuscripts	133
	Belated Renown	133
	A Great Project Is Born	134
	The Struggle between Worker, Capitalist, and	
	Landowner	137
	Alienated Labour	140
	Private Property and Communism	146
	Needs, Division of Labour, and Money	154
	And Finally, Hegel	156
	An Important Stage in Marx's Development	158
6.	The Years of Ruptures	161
	The Holy Family	161
	A Painful Farewell and a New Life	166
	The German Ideology	172
	Max Stirner and His Book	180
	The Hard Edges of Polemics	196
	The Poverty of Philosophy	204
	Theory and Practice	216
7•	The Manifesto and the Revolutions	219
	The Struggle for Influence	219
	Wandering Journeymen, Intellectuals, and a few	
	Industrial Workers	225
	A Catechism Becomes a Manifesto	228
	The Time of Revolts	242
	The Impotence of Parliament and Freedom of the	
	Press	248
	Retreats	260
	With Words as Weapons	262

	Contents	VI
8.	Difficult Times, Difficult Losses	267
	Ideological Change	267
	Poverty and Death	275
9.	Journalist on Two Continents	291
	Work, Despite Everything	291
	The Neue Rheinische Zeitung as Periodical	294
	A Little Masterwork that Brought in 'Less Than	
	Nothing'	303
	Conquering the World with a Pen	312
	The Workers and Their Opportunities	318
	Political and Economic Crises	323
	London and the World	326
	The United States and the World	333
10.	The Most Intensive Effort	341
	The Grundrisse	341
	A New Joy and a Sick Liver	342
	Independent Work, or Preparatory?	343
	A Flow Teeming with Ideas	348
	Totality, According to Marx	359
	Economy and Philosophy	362
	Internal Discord	366
	A More Manageable Project?	370
	Base and Superstructure	373
	Value and Money	378
	The Chapter on Capital	381
	Society Beyond Capitalism	384
	The Great Matrix	393
ıı.	The Unfinished Masterpiece	395
	New Trials	396
	The Long Road to Volume I	399
	The Structure of Capital	405
	The Interpreters	424
	Essence and Appearance; Form and Content;	

434

439

442

Surface and Depth

Striving for Exactitude

Natural and Supernatural; Freedom and Equality

VIII Contents

Historical Development in C	Capital	449
Humanity and Classes		455
The Unknown Masterpiece		462
12. Twin Souls or a Tragic Mista	ake?	467
Mathematics		470
Encounter with the Natural	Sciences	474
Carl Schorlemmer		481
Quantity turns into Quality		485
Anti-Dühring		492
'The Foundation of Our The	ory'	500
Human Prehistory		507
Interpreting the World and C	Changing it	514
Conclusion		524
13. Marx the Politician		527
Herr Vogt		530
The International		531
The Address		535
Value, Price, and Profit		541
Bakunin and Marx		544
The Paris Commune of 1871		552
The Dissolution of the Intern	ational	561
The German Social Democra	ts	563
Critique of the Gotha Progra	mme	568
The Russian Road		572
The Forms of Politics		578
14. Statues, Malicious Portraits, a	and the Work	585
The Road from Highgate to t	he Winter Palace	587
The Soviet Union, Orthodoxy	, and Deviationists	600
The Range of Deviationists		603
The Sum Total of Marx		613
Marx and Posterity		620
Postscript		629
Marx Chronology		631
Notes		635
Index		725