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Creative Community Organizing: A Guide For Rabble-Rousers, Activists, And Quiet Lovers Of Justice





Synopsis

A revealing and practical guide to community organizing that pulls together the accumulated lessons, strategies, and secrets from Si Kahn's 44 years of experience at the forefront of many civil rights, labor rights, and other social justice battles.

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Books do different things including tell a story, educate, emotionally inspire or motivate to action. Si Kahn's book Creative Community Organizing: A Guide for Rabble-Rousers, Activists, and Quiet Lovers of Justice manages to do it all. On a casual level, it is a story or biography covering his involvement in the civil rights movement, his influence from his family and rabbi father, friendships and connections he made. Plus a little side trip to seduction and firearms. It is also a mini history lesson from a personal viewpoint about a critical time in the growth of this country's awakening to civil rights and justice. However, in reality, it is neither a biography nor a history lesson. It is glimpses of his experiences and history given as a means of imparting insights. Kahn shares his thoughts about the needs of our country and how community organizers make changes, not by going in and doing to or for a community, but by listening to them and helping them to achieve their own goals. This is not a denial of some agenda but rather a process of reaching a larger goal by supporting those on the front lines to make steps that will move toward that final goal. It is not a step by step manual, but rather an overview of the approach one needs to begin influencing our world. Kahn writes not as some rock star civil rights player, but rather as someone who has deeply-felt

convictions that each person has the right and the responsibility to stand up and move our country forward. Reaching the goal is only a part of the journey, the inside growth is also important:QUOTE: "But I'm also concerned with what people learn on the way to that victory: about themselves, each other, history, justice, community, friendship.

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