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"An indispensable source book for anyone interested in Proudhon's ideas and the origins of the socialist and anarchist movements in nineteenth-century Europe."—Robert Graham, editor of *Anarchism: A Documentary History of Libertarian Ideas*

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More influential than Karl Marx during his lifetime, Pierre-Joseph Proudhon's work has long been out of print or unavailable in English. Iain McKay's comprehensive collection is a much-needed and timely historical corrective.

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### James says

Thick! I don't think I'll ever be able to finish this. But fascinating early history of debates within anti-captailist, socialist movements of what to do, in the intro.

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### Ollie says

This book does what it claims really well. It's a good anthology of what Proudhon has written during his lifetime, some of which was only recently been translated it seems. In addition, a lot of the writing have been edited down to what (I would hope) are bare essentials. And, right here we have the double-edged sword.

As much as I enjoyed a lot of these writings, Proudhon goes on and on and goes off on so many tangents and embellishes his concepts to such a degree that it became incredibly hard to pay attention toward the end of the book (around page 600 is when I started losing interest, I think). A shame, because what Proudhon had to say was well ahead of his time (like what appears to be the brith of the concept of surplus value), What Is Property was much easier to absorb now that it's been edited down, and some of Proudhon's concepts (like the idea of a Public Bank and his apparent dislike of universal suffrage) are compelling. I can't imagine the common French person in the mid 1800s would have been able to make heads or tails out of any of this.

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### Stuart says

very deep read. admittedly breezed through more than half of it. The intro is worth studying in depth. I'm a believer, but I still think Marx is right. Property is theft. Viva la revolution. =]

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