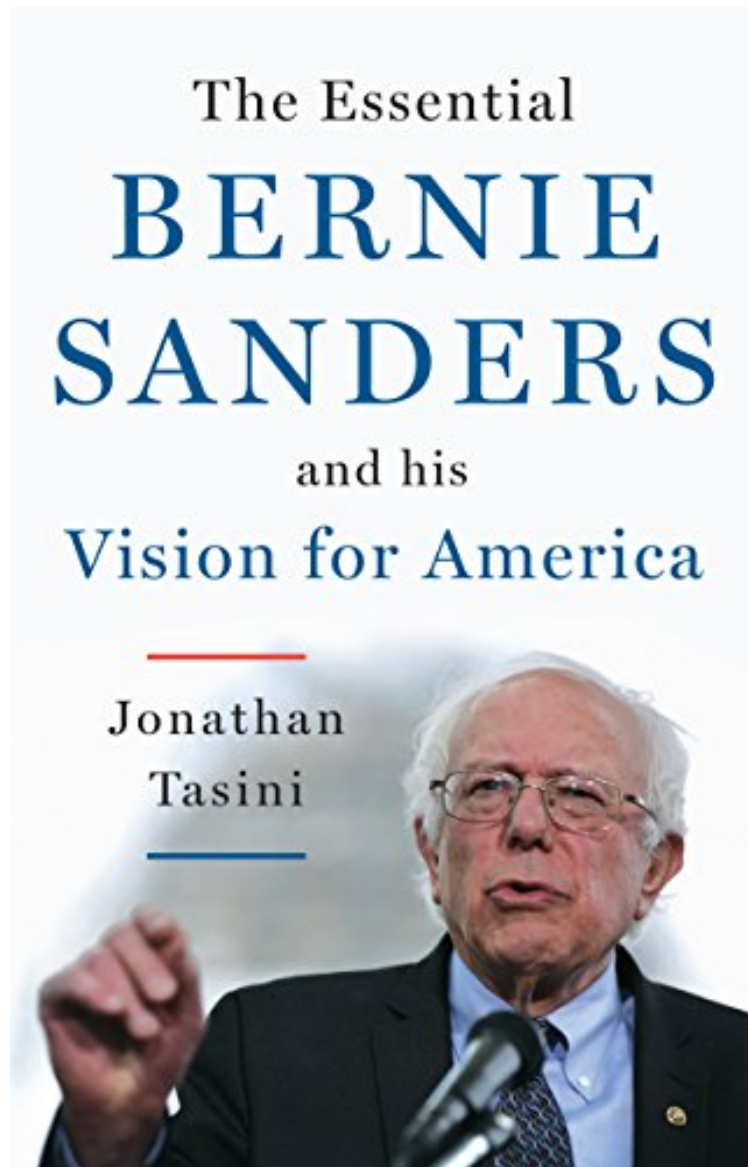


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**Jonathan Tasini : The Essential Bernie Sanders and His Vision for America** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Essential Bernie Sanders and His Vision for America:

62 of 67 people found the following review helpful. Good Anthology, Great Person  
By Mike Morg  
Note: Of course the "great person" part of the title stems from my personal sentiment and is therefore subjective. At first it was "great politician" but I felt like that would be a vast understatement and in some way, injudiciously worded. A great politician might not be a highly revered epithet on any intellectual scale. But Sanders is more. He's a clear-headed, ideologically transparent, shrewd humanist. I subscribe to the notion of regarding one who harbors the wonderful value of

secularity, one who puts his money where his mouth is as a true humanist - bravely spearheading nonconformist reform, one who values rational thinking, one who's proudly liberated from dogma, and one who resides, especially in the political sphere, as one who deserves adorned veneration at the very least. As we all know, Bernie Sanders is a Democratic nominee currently running for president. The goal of the book as stated by the author is to present Sander's authenticity, accomplishments, and vision for the United States. This book is systematically tabulated by titled sections ('chapters'), the focus of each is to concisely illuminate Bernie's opinions and sentiments on the subject matter with his own interpolated dialogue. The order is as follows: Preface and Introduction- The preface basically outlining the author's connection with Sanders and the introduction is an interpolation of his commencement for [presidential] candidacy speech.

1. Economy- 10 examples of how we can raise revenue and reduce spending in a fair way (e.g. stop corporations from using tax havens, robin hood tax on Wall Street speculators, progressive estate tax, etc)
2. Health Care- Supporter of single-payer, Medicare-for-all health care system- ACA didn't go far enough- High costs of prescription drugs
3. Education- Ending student debt; free tuition- College for All Act- Tuition in comparison to other countries- Speculation fee on stock transactions to harness money for plan
4. Environment- Supports climate change activism- Introduced the Climate Protection Act
5. Taxes- Strongly opposed to Bush tax cuts- Big corporations with tax breaks- Taxing the wealthy- Proposal to raise estate tax on a few hundred of the wealthiest families
6. Wall Street- Financial transactions tax- Federal Reserve bailouts- Reckless behavior on wall street- Audit of Federal Reserve
7. Workers- Union support- Lack of health insurance- Diminishing wealth- Labor conditions
8. Family Values- Paid leave and vacation for workers (esp pregnant women)- FAMILY Act- LGBTQ and women's right issues
9. Society- Expand Social Security, medicare, and medicaid- Wants to lift cap on social security payroll taxes- Social Securities Expansion Act- Keeping Our Social Security Promises Act
10. Politics- Unfair campaign funding
11. Infrastructure- D+ infrastructure grade by American Society of Civil Engineers- Deficient bridges and old pipes- Heavy investment in infrastructure
12. Veterans- Increased benefits wanted- Health care
13. Agriculture- GMO Labeling- Dairy farmer support- Abated milk prices and recession
14. Immigration- DREAM ACT- Immokalee Florida immigrant workers situation- Amount living poverty- NAFTA trade deal
15. Civil Rights- Racism and hate groups- Colored community
16. Foreign Policy- Semi pacifism- Amount spent on wars, etc- Profligate Pentagon spending
17. Foreign Trade- NAFTA opposition- Offshoring- Abated amount of manufacturing jobs
18. Media- Net Neutrality- Big media corporation oligarchies
19. Government Oversight- The fed- Wall Street bailouts- Federal Reserve audit findings
20. Personal Liberty- Government surveillance- Gun Control

And a brief biography of Bernie. 4.5/533 of 36 people found the following review helpful. Making the Sanders Vision More Concrete By jwilliamgibson The Sanders campaign should thank Jonathan Tasini for such a timely compilation of the senator's speeches over the last decade. I was struck by Sanders's attention to the places he visits and the people whom he meets. Visiting China, he notes that a Wal-Mart appears stocked with American brand-name goods, simple soaps and the like. His interest perked, he asks the manager what percentage were actually made in the U.S.--less than 1% he learns. It's not surprising; some 50,000 U.S. factories closed down from 2001-2011. Back home, Sanders listens to the financial struggles of retired folks trying to get buy on Social Security. For many, Social Security is their only income, and every cost-of-living adjustment counts towards their getting by, or if no cola, moving closer to the edge of ruin. In another section, Sanders speaks with veterans, learning the reason so many have bad teeth is that their dental care is not covered. We're presented with Sanders's vision of all the ways people in the U.S. suffer from class inequality and a grossly inadequate safety net of public housing, health care, education and other basic goods. But having learned about his diagnosis of America's ills, I wish the Sanders campaign would now turn to strategy. Which of the many programs he supports can best serve as a wedge to begin the process of social reform? How will he finance it? How will he get a bill through Congress? I'd also like to know how Sanders proposes to reboot industry in the U.S. Which industries can be brought back from overseas? Can we learn to accept paying more for American made goods if we know their workers make living wages? Just what new American industries could produce goods competitive on the world market?

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Bernie Sanders' Views. By J.L. Populist This book by Jonathan Tasini is particularly handy.. It hits on all of the major topics in the upcoming Presidential Election. The book is organized and concise, yet there is a wealth of information if the reader is searching for Bernie Sanders' track record and his views on the major topics. For me the Chapters that reaffirm my preference for Senator Sanders were the "Government Oversight", "Foreign Trade", and "Health Care" Chapters. He really understands what is wrong with the direction this country has been headed. Senator Sanders also has some great ideas to address the many issues. Everybody should read this book!

Meet the essential Bernie Sanders—;an authentic and uncompromising champion of the people. Independent United States Senator Bernie Sanders—;with a thirty-five-year career in public service, first as Burlington, Vermont's mayor, then as Vermont's sole representative to Congress, and currently as a United States senator—;is now campaigning to become president of the United States. His goal is to build a movement to take back our country from the rich and powerful, and return it to its rightful owners—;we, the American people. Sanders's common sense, populist message is resonating with Democrats, Republicans, independents, as well as ordinary working- and middle-class Americans from all walks of life, including millennials, seniors, veterans,

immigrants, environmentalists, union workers, and more. In this short, accessible book, author Jonathan Tasini draws heavily from Sanders's ample public record of speeches, statements, and interviews, and couples his working-class spirit with specific legislation he has championed on a number of core proposals that comprise a broader people's agenda for America, including: A national, single-payer health care system; Free public higher education; Taking on wealth and income inequality; Preserving Social Security; Caring for our veterans; Ensuring civil rights for all; Combatting climate change; Reforming Wall Street, and much more. *The Essential Bernie Sanders and His Vision for America* is a must-read for anyone who shares a vision for a forward-looking, sustainable, and more just United States of America, and is eager to change the course of history.

Library Journal- "If you are a Bernie Sanders fan, no doubt you will enjoy this book. If you are not a follower of Sanders, no doubt you won't read this book, for this work by author, analyst, and political commentator Tasini (*The Audacity of Greed*) is not an objective piece of critical political analysis. It's not meant to be. Essentially, this is an attempt (and perhaps the November 2016 election will prove how successful an attempt) to persuade voters to endorse and elect Sanders, U.S. Senator from Vermont and Democratic candidate for the presidency during this primary season, the 45th U.S. president. Sanders is a very popular senator, self-described American Socialist, and, according to Tasini, an 'authentic' person with no unvarnished opinions and beliefs. If one's purpose is to discover the essence of Sanders's political views and his policy preferences, then this study deserves close scrutiny. Not a standard campaign political biography, nor hagiography, the book, which is quite readable and accessible, is essentially an extended political pamphlet. Those readers desiring a more in-depth, objective analysis of Sanders the man, Sanders the seasoned, successful politico, will have to look elsewhere. Verdict: Recommended for serious policy wonks and committed Sanders followers." This book is very useful for finding Bernie language on key issues and the many sections that connect the dots such as immigration and failed trade deals"--Larry Cohen, past president Communications Workers (CWA) and advisor to Bernie 2016 "The key difference between Bernie Sanders and everyone else in the presidential race is that Bernie's views have been unwavering, and his ideas are unifying and fortifying for all Americans. *The Essential Bernie Sanders and His Vision for America* is essential reading about a courageous, brilliant, and honest man who would lead our country to a far better place."--Nomi Prins, author of *All the Presidents' Bankers* "This is the most relevant book of 2016."--Barbara Ehrenreich, New York Times bestselling author of *Nickel and Dimed* "Here in Vermont, voters have always given Bernie huge margins because they know that (unlike the rest of American politics) what you see is what you get. Read what he has to say, and don't doubt he means every word of it."--Bill McKibben, founder 350.org About the Author Jonathan Tasini is a writer, organizational strategist, and an economics and political analyst. He is the author of *It's Not Raining, We're Being Peed On: The Scam of the Deficit Crisis*; *The Audacity of Greed: Free Markets, Corporate Thieves and The Looting of America*; *They Get Cake, We Eat Crumbs: The Real Story Behind Today's Unfair Economy*; and *The Edifice Complex: Rebuilding the American Labor Movement to Face the Global Economy*, a critique and prescriptive analysis of the labor movement (1995). He has been widely published, including in *The Wall Street Journal*, *CNBC*, *Business Week*, *Playboy Magazine*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times* and *The Los Angeles Times*. He is the founder, editor and publisher of *Working Life*, a leading progressive blog on work and the economy. He served as president of the National Writers Union (UAW Local 1981) for thirteen years.