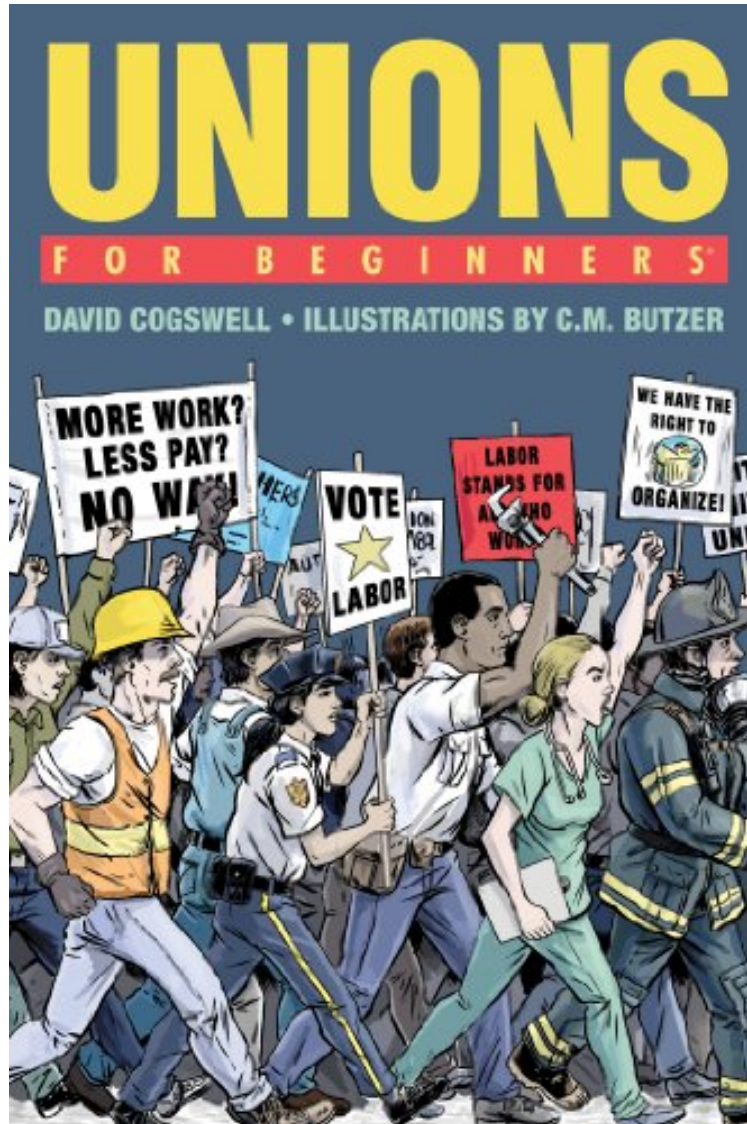


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David Cogswell : Unions For Beginners before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Unions For Beginners:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I loved this bookBy Sage LittleI loved this book. It provides a good basis on union history. It explains the start of unions in america and their motivations, guiding principles, and function. The bulk of it is history using the examples of specific movements and people to get an overall idea of the entire history. I've read a bit about union history so I was happily suprised to find segments that gave me a deeper understanding of events I knew only a little, and also quite a bit of stuff I wasn't aware of. My only request would be to see more appendix on specific union activities and concepts, like organizing, bargaining, seniority, elections, etc. so it

could be used as a bit more of a tool for new union members. As it stands I think it would be great for union members new and old though. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Boyfriend loved it. Said it was very helpful for him ...By CustomerBoyfriend loved it. Said it was very helpful for him to learn about his Union. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy kKurt Jahnkegreat

Do you appreciate your forty-hour, five-day workweek? Appreciate having a safe working environment? Unions made this all possible in one way or another. Unions bring value to all sectors of a society. As the champion of people power versus corporate power, unions help to spread the benefits of production throughout a society. Regardless of the state of the economy, there is the timeless struggle of workers trying to gain or retain their rights. However, a vast amount of Americans (including union members) are unaware of the full history of unions and how they have impacted the American workplace today. Unions For Beginners provides an introduction to that essential history. Written and illustrated in the user-friendly, accessible style of the For Beginners series, Unions For Beginners presents the epic story of the labor movement in a simple, memorable way. The role of unions in empowering working people to rise above unfair payment and work conditions to become full-fledged participants in the American dream they helped to build is told in vibrant detail. Unions For Beginners presents the history of unions and the labor movement, the principles underlying union organizing, the decline of unions in the shadow of the rising corporate state, and the resurgence in the 21st century of union activism.

"As David Cogswell reminds us, America's economy boomed when union membership was at its height and descended into stagnant wages and underemployment as unions eroded. The author doesn't entirely dismiss the corruption and lack of fair play that characterized some unions. However, he argues that, in balance, those organizations promoted a social ethic as well as prosperity, buoying the wellbeing of members and non-members alike." -- The Milwaukee Express "Organized labor surged in the twentieth century, but not everyone understands their purpose in the modern day. Unions for Beginners discusses the role of unions in the American workforce as well as its history. David Cogswell provides a comprehensive introduction of what unions do for the modern worker, telling their history, and their place in today's corporate world that may be leading to their decline. Unions for Beginners is an intriguing modern history lesson, well worth considering for history and social issues collections." -- Midwest Book "[Unions for Beginners] is still recommended for everyone. It's recommended for those interested in the less well known parts of American history, it's recommended for union members who are unfamiliar with their history, and it's recommended for part of the explanation as to how America got into its present financial mess." -- Paul Lappen, Midwest Book About the Author David Cogswell is a writer based in Hoboken, N.J. He has written thousands of articles on business, travel, politics, and the arts for various print and online publications, including Democratic Underground, Bushwatch, Prison Planet, Indymedia.org, Fortune.com, Travel Weekly, the Hudson Current, and the Jersey Journal. He has contributed pieces to a number of political books, including *Fortunate Son*, *The Making of an American President*, by J.H. Hatfield; *Ambushed: The Hidden History of the Bush Family* by Toby Rogers; and *America's Autopsy Report*, by John Kaminski. He is the publisher of the political and media commentary website HeadBlast (www.davidcogswell.com), which was banned in China and named as a notable antiwar website by The Guardian. C.M. Butzer was born and raised in a small town in Oregon just outside of Portland. In 1992 Butzer left Oregon to attend Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle where he earned a BFA in Illustration. After school he worked for Wizards of the Coast. In 1997 he travelled all over the American West bouncing from teaching environmental education, bartending to a half dozen other things. In 1998 he moved to Florence, Italy to become a tour guide on the Italian renaissance. In Florence, he met Luigi Galante, who ran a didactic illustration studio. C.M. apprenticed for six months and was hired on as a full time illustrator. He worked for Studio Galante for nearly five years before moving to New York City to earn his MFA at the School Visual Arts. Butzer Graduated 2005 and worked since as a Cartoonist and Illustrator. In 2009 Harper Collins published his *Gettysburg* the graphic novel. He is currently working on his second book and working as a storyboard and concept illustrator at JWT advertising agency. His work has been featured in the Society of Illustrators, American Library Association, and the Graphic Novel Reporter.