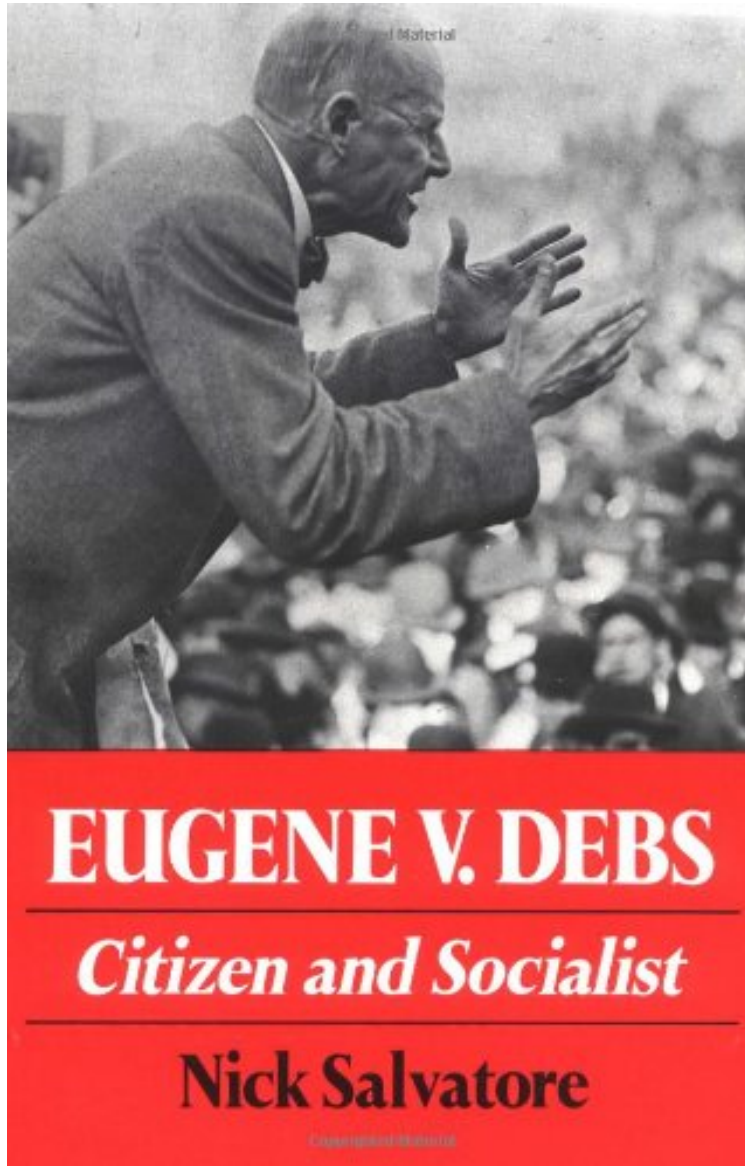


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VBy cerwin2The authors intention is to provide a better understanding of Eugene V. Debs personal and political life. Salvatore set out to change much of the perception of Debs by contemporary historians and his role in history. Salvatore makes the link between his early life in Terre Haute and how that shaped his outlook on Socialism. The author was successful in conveying a personal and political biography of Debs and also giving a glimpse into the idealism behind American Socialism and its roots in modern concepts of democracy. Salvatore gives a great analysis of Debs personal outlook on Socialism and how it differs from the modern concept of socialism theorized by Karl Marx. This book gives a personal outlook about Debs and shines a spotlight on his humanitarianism. Salvatore highlights Debs great oratory skills and his approachability, Debs was able to organize people of all backgrounds, whether they were socialist or not. Salvatore writes this book from a historiographical point of view. He speaks to Debs positive qualities as well as his inconsistencies. Over all, this book is a chronological and analytical book because it follows Debs life from personal to political origins. Then it analyzes his effect and impact on democracy in his time. This book is an analysis of Debs understanding of republicanism from a Jeffersonian point of view. Salvatore notes that this encompassing concept of democracy was appealing to many people and still is today. The thesis of this book is presenting Debs as a person who was shaped by the society around him. Debs was shaped by the rapid growth of industrial capitalism and thus was trying implement socialism to help combat the ills associated with capitalism. This book contributes to a new understanding of Debs as a labor organizer. This book adds to a better understanding of what he accomplished as a labor organizer, a presidential candidate, and an ideological thinker. Salvatore sheds new light on Debs that other biographies have failed to do. Salvatore describes Debs not a great historical thinker, but a true contributor to the furthering of democratic values. The author wrote this book from a historical perspective and seems to be somewhat unbiased to Debs. There is no doubt that Salvatore writes this book with a great amount of respect for Debs, but he is nevertheless critical of him. The only bias that I can see is that he is a labor historian and that in itself can be problematic because he is obviously in some form sympathetic to people such as Debs. This is not a hindrance in the writing of the book. Salvatore sought out to create a critical look at Debs life and accomplished that goal. Salvatore wrote a book that may not be written for the general public. This book is mainly for an academic audience. Many readers could still understand many of his main points. The book does get somewhat dry due to some of the tedious details involving some of the early labor organizing but the readability of the book is well intact. The research that Salvatore compiled made this book a defining biography of Debs. Salvatore provides a well-researched book by utilizing Indiana State University archives about Debs as well as Duke Universities Socialist archives to make for a rich, substantive historical content of Debs and his effect on American Socialism. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Debs fan...By Shawn D Wilkerson Well-written work and a keeper for those looking to build effective local organizations. Debs is a little known treasure of American history and knowing his story is vital to understanding the importance of local action. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good job! By Customer The book was accurately described, it arrived on time and was perfectly packaged. Good job!

In this classic book, Nick Salvatore offers a major reevaluation of Eugene V. Debs, the movements he launched, and his belief in American Socialism as an extension of the nation's democratic traditions.

.com Eugene Victor Debs was one of the most prominent labor activists of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He was, perhaps, the most admired openly radical public figure in America's history, running for president on the Socialist ticket in five separate elections, including a 1920 campaign conducted from prison. In the 1912 election, he earned 6 percent of the popular vote (and probably would have gotten more were it not for Theodore Roosevelt's Bull Moose campaign, which was also running on reform sentiments). Yet today he is largely forgotten, at best a footnote in history texts. This biography by Professor Nick Salvatore does much to remedy the situation. It is a richly detailed recounting of Debs's life which demonstrates that Debs fit within a historical tradition of dissent in American politics. Although a professed socialist, he never gave up his commitment to democratic ideals; instead, he added to them an awareness of class and the effects of corporate capitalism that has continued relevance today.