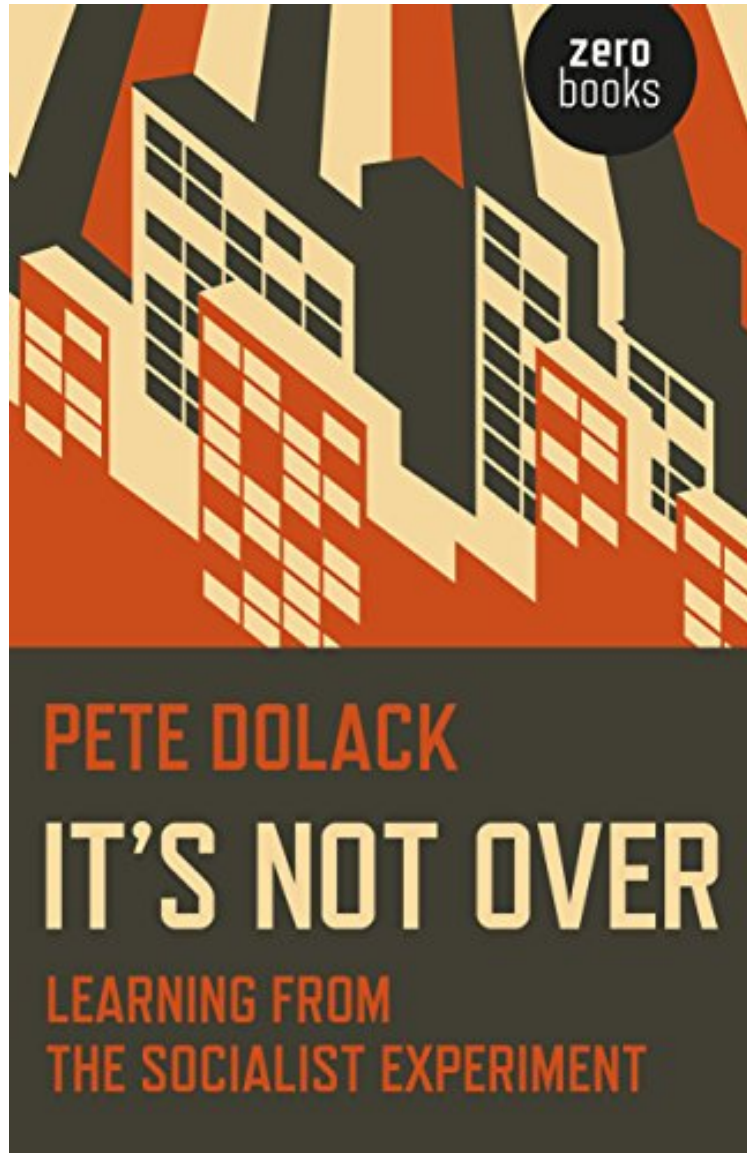


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Transformative Contribution !By Grace Weaver's over a third of the the way into this book, by pete dolack - 'it's not over' and though 'm not a prolific reader, 'm finding it simply delightful! one wouldn't think that a long (yes 's 900 pages +) history book could be a page turner - but this one is indeed. 's so well written, so easy to read that i feel like 'm

reading a novel or watching a soap opera. I can't wait to find out what happens next, which is to say, it's a very exciting read. When I think of major events in history, such as the Russian Revolution, what usually comes to mind is an already formed picture. Dolack takes that picture and transforms it, breathes life and depth into it, sets the stage with real characters, shows how they interact, how they face the circumstances of their day, how they react one to another - some scheming and plotting for power and continued despotism; others considering the needs of the masses, analyzing class forces and forming alliances to transform the economic and political relations in favor of equality, human rights, dignity for workers, peasants, soldiers, sailors, women and the oppressed masses. Dolack is a master at putting into simple words and context what at first glance might seem impossible to grasp. It's obvious he's done a tremendous amount of research. It's clear he himself fully grasps the dynamics of these world-shaking events. I'm so glad I didn't let the fact that the book is 900+ pages scare me from picking it up. Though that might seem like a very long book, in actuality, the way the print is laid out and the size of the pages, makes it appear to be much longer than it really is. And it's such an easy, enjoyable read, that the pages fly by without notice. This book is essential reading for anyone who wants an accurate view of this critically essential piece of history; enjoys good story telling; sees the need for a whole new social system; wants to learn from one of the most important historical events of our times; and is determined to carry the movement forward to a brighter day. Bravo Mr Dolack! Your book is quite an important accomplishment and a vital, transformative contribution to human understanding.

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By Doug Korty
This is a 978 page book purporting to be about "the socialist experiment". It is almost completely about the Soviet Union with some about Poland and Hungary and a chapter about Nicaragua. There have been 39 countries that have called themselves socialist or communist, the author does not mention any of those others much less deal with any of the lessons that might have been learned from them. Ditto for the 8 social democratic countries, the author never mentions those. The book has no bibliography and the index is only 8 pages long. I have no idea who the intended audience could be for a book like this. The history is not well done and the message is not clear. I would not recommend it.
Midwest Independent Research, mwir-socialdemocracy.blogspot.com

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The path to a better world can't be found without knowledge of history. *It's Not Over* analyzes attempts to supplant capitalism in the past in order to draw lessons for emerging and future movements that seek to overcome the political and economic crises of today. This history is presented through the words and actions of the men and women who made these revolutions, and the everyday experiences of the millions of people who put new revolutionary ideas into practice under the pressures of enormous internal and external forces. This is history that can be applied to today's struggles to shape our world, in which new ideas are emerging to bring about the economic democracy that is indispensable to a rational and sustainable future.

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Pete Dolack is an activist and writer who has worked with several organizations focusing on human rights, social justice, environmental and trade issues. He writes about the economic crisis and the political and environmental issues connected to it on the Systemic Disorder blog. His articles have appeared in popular publications including CounterPunch, ZNet, The Ecologist and Green Social Thought.