

RESOURCES FOR RADICALS: An Annual Review
of Books and Publications
for those Active in Movements for Social Change
by Brian Burch
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At ten dollars a copy (Box 73620, Toronto, Ontario M6C 1C0), this review is a very worthwhile purchase for anyone "serious about transforming society".

Basically it's an annotated bibliography: Toronto activist Brian Burch has put together a list of books and periodicals, alphabetically arranged by author, and provided a one-paragraph summary, descriptive more than evaluative, of each item. (And while I have read only a few of the resources listed, Burch's descriptions of those few are accurate enough to suggest that his summaries are fairly reliable.)

But as Burch himself notes, this is not an academic product assembled according to specific criteria of inclusion after a systematic and exhaustive literature search. Rather, it's a collection of material Burch himself has been influenced by.

As such, it's a little idiosyncratic--Skinner and Singer are included but Steinem and *Adbusters* aren't.

And, nevertheless, one clear selection criterion is at work, that of non-violence--you will not find a 'how to' manual for letter bombs in this collection. But you will find practical, as well as theoretical, material. You will also find a lot of religious publications--more than perhaps many humanists will appreciate.

My final comment is one of caution: don't read this at one sitting--you'll stop highlighting titles somewhere in the Gs and therefore miss a lot of great stuff written by people in the second half of the alphabet!