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These are indisputably momentous times—the financial system is melting down globally and the Empire is stumbling. Now more than ever there is a vital need for radical ideas. Is that other world really possible? And how might we actually get there?

Entire mediums of the distribution of ideas and culture—bookstores, magazines, hard copy music and video—seem on the verge of extinction. Unsurprisingly, the Internet hasn't quite turned out to be the information superhighway, democratic forum, and organizing tool panacea that it was cracked up to be.

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Given that this is the tip of the iceberg—and it is—we'd really prefer to start exposing much more of this submerged treasure, much faster, and disseminate it much more widely. Let's be honest: lots of the vital work we do is never going to be "commercially viable." *The Paul Goodman Reader*, a collection edited by Taylor Stoehr to showcase the legendary activist and writer's work, is unlikely to race up Amazon's bestseller list. The publication and distribution of radical literature in Spanish is never going to "pay" for itself. And all that wonderful free interactive, exclusive, audio,



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The Friends of PM allows you to directly help impact, amplify, and revitalize the discourse and actions of radical writers, filmmakers, and artists. It provides us with a stable foundation from which we can build upon our early successes and provides a much-needed subsidy for the materials that can't necessarily pay their own way.

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# **ABOUT PM PRESS**

PM Press was founded at the end of 2007 by a small collection of folks with decades of publishing, media, and organizing experience. Members of PM have founded enduring book fairs, spearheaded victorious tenant organizing campaigns, and worked closely with bookstores, academic conferences, and even rock bands to deliver political and challenging ideas to all walks of life. We're old enough to know what we're doing and young enough to know what's at stake.



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