

A LIVING SPIRIT OF REVOLT

The Infrapolitics of Anarchism

Žiga Vodovnik • Introduction by Howard Zinn

"The great contribution of Žiga Vodovnik is that his writing rescues anarchism from its dogma, its rigidity, its isolation from the majority of the human race. He reveals the natural anarchism of our everyday lives, and in doing so, enlarges the possibilities for a truly human society, in which our imaginations, our compassion, can have full play."

—Howard Zinn, author of *A People's History of the United States*, from the Introduction

If at the end of the 19th century the network of anarchist collectives represented the first ever global anti-system movement and simultaneously the center of the revolutionary tumult, then Žiga Vodovnik in his work *A Living Spirit of Revolt* establishes that anarchism is today not only the most revolutionary current but, for the first time in history, the only one left. According to the author, the fact that so many chapters of the anarchy of everyday life in the abundant history of anarchism have been forgotten is the best proof of the myopia of the (mis)conception of its essence, which is why we are still searching for anarchism in places where the chances of actually finding it are the smallest.

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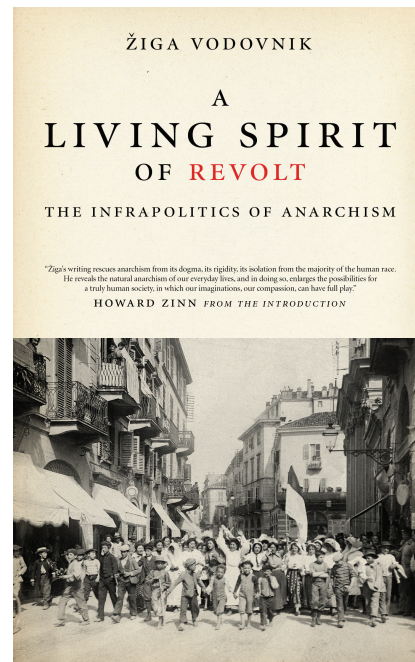
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"Like Marx's old mole, the instinct for freedom keeps burrowing, and periodically breaks through to the light of day in novel and exciting forms. That is happening again right now in many parts of the world, often inspired by, and revitalizing, the anarchist tradition that is examined in Žiga Vodovnik's book. *A Living Spirit of Revolt* is a deeply informed and thoughtful work, which offers us very timely and instructive lessons."

—Noam Chomsky, MIT

"Žiga Vodovnik has made a fresh and original contribution to our understanding of anarchism, by unearthing its importance for the New England Transcendentalists and their impact on radical politics in America. *A Living Spirit of Revolt* is interesting, relevant and is sure to be widely read and enjoyed."

—Uri Gordon, author of *Anarchy Alive: Anti-Authoritarian Politics from Practice to Theory*



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