

# DRAWING THE LINE ONCE AGAIN

**Paul Goodman's Anarchist Writings**

**Taylor Stoehr, editor**

Five years after his death in 1972, Paul Goodman was characterized by anarchist historian George Woodcock as "the only truly seminal libertarian thinker in our generation." In this new PM Press initiative, Goodman's literary executor Taylor Stoehr has gathered together nine core texts from his anarchist legacy to future generations.

Here will be found the "utopian essays and practical proposals" that inspired the dissident youth of the Sixties, influencing movement theory and practice so profoundly that they have become underlying assumptions of today's radicalism. Goodman's analyses of citizenship and civil disobedience, decentralism and the organized system, show him *Drawing the Line Once Again*; mindful of the long anarchist tradition, and especially of the Jeffersonian democracy that resonated strongly in his own political thought. This is a deeply American book, a potent antidote to US global imperialism and domestic anomie.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Paul Goodman, known in his day as "the philosopher of the New Left," set the agenda for the youth movement of the Sixties with his best-selling *Growing Up Absurd*. He produced new books every year throughout that turbulent decade, while lecturing to hundreds of audiences on the nation's campuses, covering subjects that ranged from movement politics to education and community planning, from psychotherapy and religion to literature, language theory and media. There was little that did not fall within his purview as an old-fashioned "man of letters."

## ABOUT THE EDITOR

Taylor Stoehr, Paul Goodman's friend and literary executor, has edited many volumes of his fiction, poetry, and social commentary. He has published numerous studies of Goodman's writings on community planning, media, literature, psychotherapy, and radical politics.

## ACCOLADES

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