The Best Anarchist, Communist, and Socialist Books reading list covers nearly all the essential writers of left-wing philosophy and their essential texts. Being limited to 100 books the list is not complete and doesn't represent all the books worth your time. For example, Eric Hobsbawm's text on Marxism is included, and even though his 'Age of' series is essential reading it's not included here. The other lists on this site help to fill these gaps and all good socialists should be studying history, sociology, economics, etc. It's a good mix of history and ideology, introduces you to the various theorists involved in the history of socialism, and provides context for all of it. You can then read up on those theorists that interest you, be it Kaustsky, Rosenburg, Gramsci, or Harrington himself. 2.8K views · View upvotes. 2. Alan Sloan. Grew up in the UK in the time of the Cold War in a Communist household. Updated 4 years ago. Author has 1.6K answers and 942.1K answer views. I treat Communism as one of the 10 great religions of the world and review it from theory through its history in relatively few pages (around 30 in my book "Beliefs and the World they have created", reviews on Amazon.co.uk). Because I treat it alongside Christianity, Islam, Nationalism, etc. I do not have an ax to grind. Books to Borrow. Books for People with Print Disabilities. Internet Archive Books. Scanned in China. Uploaded by Lotu Tii on July 3, 2012. SIMILAR ITEMS (based on metadata). Terms of Service (last updated 12/31/2014).