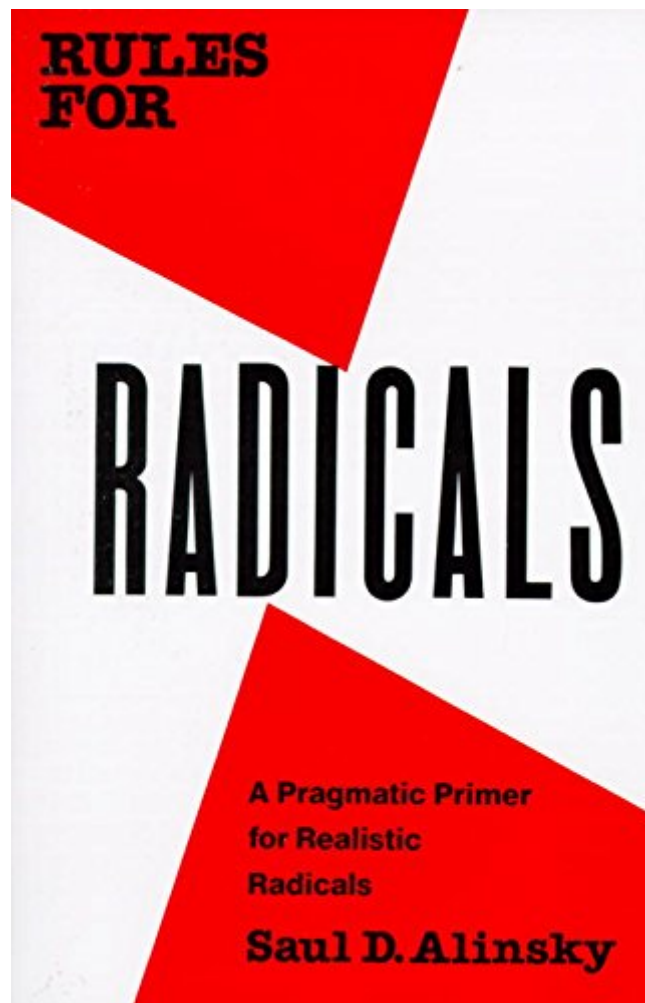




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Wanted to know what the content was and how it read.

Time-tested fabulous book, relevant to just about anyone (even abroad in 2016!), in simple portable shareable paperback.

Excellent

If you're reading this as a guide for how a person should look at the world, I advise you to go meet with a minister. If you're looking to gain insights into the leftist world, this is absolutely a must read.

This book is demonized by a number of people and that's the reason I decided to read it. I found it to be a well written common sense political primer. Organize for the right, left or in the middle I know from personal experience his suggestions work.

Correct insights for mobilizing and manipulating the proles. Good guidance for aspiring demagogues. And required reading for anyone who would neutralize them.

I give this book five stars almost entirely due to its contemporary significance. Without regard to political stripe, this book is must-read for those who seek to make sense of President Obama's worldview. Note that both Barack Obama and the presumed heir to the Presidency, Hillary Clinton are both devout followers of Saul Alinsky since their college days. If these are folks that you tend to disagree with, better you know where they are coming from. If these are folks that tend to agree with, better you know what you are signing up for. You may not be aligned with Alinsky's politics, but you have to be impressed with the mark he has left on American politics. The book itself is a two-star based on some fascinating and novel concepts, but written from an awkward author-centric point of view. The book is short and worth the read.

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