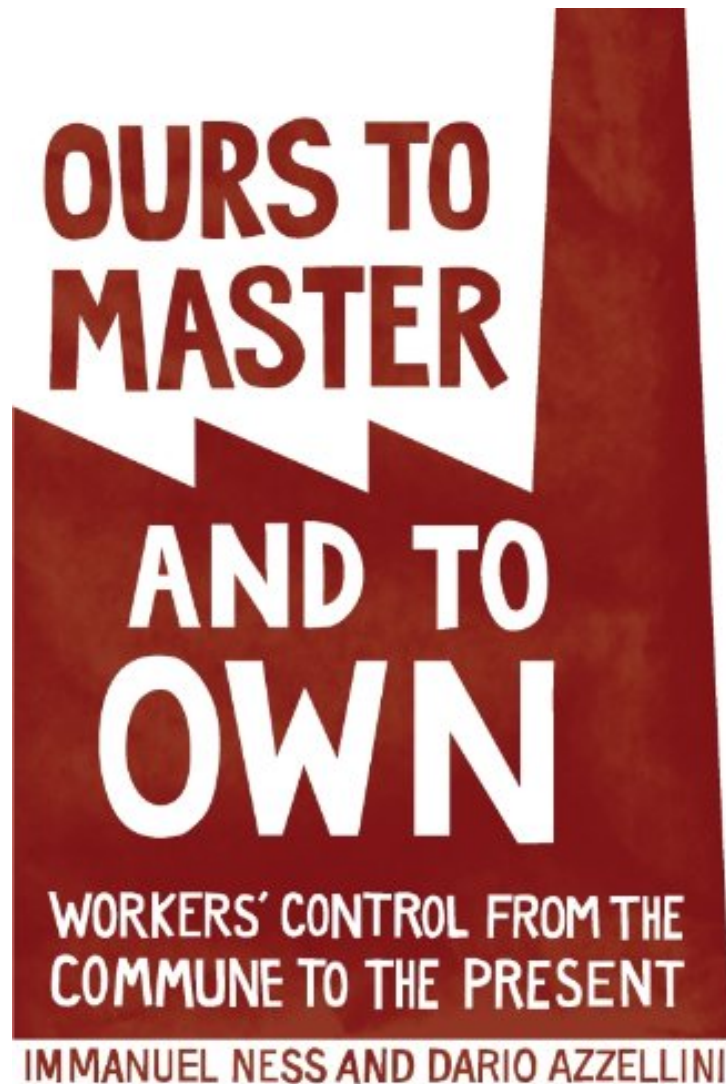


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CityChickenOurs to Master and to Own is fantastic- it's chock full of case studies on the subject of worker's control covering different revolutions and movements. It's a great read. Also, on a shallow note the book itself is really lovely to hold in the hands, so it's worth having on your shelf rather than just as a pirated PDF. The book's organization makes it possible to pick out particular instances from history without having to slog through 200 pages of academic writing, but not at the expense of rigor of course. You're going to love this book. It's probably timely too because Richard Wolff just put out Democracy at Work: a Cure for Capitalism, which apparently discusses several contemporary studies of businesses owned and operated by workers., but the book in question will draw your attention to the specific problems worker's counsels have faced in the past. I highly recommend Ours to Master and to Own for anyone interested in how folks dealt with organizing their work place, the kinds of problems they encountered (counterrevolutionary unions, in-fighting, etc), and whether or not the claim that 'vanguards' are really impositions from above (isn't this the zombie chant we've all heard a million times before?) . You'll be pleasantly surprised!

From the dawning of the industrial epoch, wage earners have organized themselves into unions, fought bitter strikes, and gone so far as to challenge the very premises of the system by creating institutions of democratic self-management aimed at controlling production without bosses. With specific examples drawn from every corner of the globe and every period of modern history, this pathbreaking volume comprehensively traces this often underappreciated historical tradition. Ripe with lessons drawn from historical and contemporary struggles for workers' control, Ours to Master and to Own is essential reading for those struggling to create a new world from the ashes of the old. Immanuel Ness is professor of political science at Brooklyn College, City University of New York, and edits WorkingUSA. Dario Azzellini is a writer, documentary director, and political scientist at Johannes Kepler University in Linz.