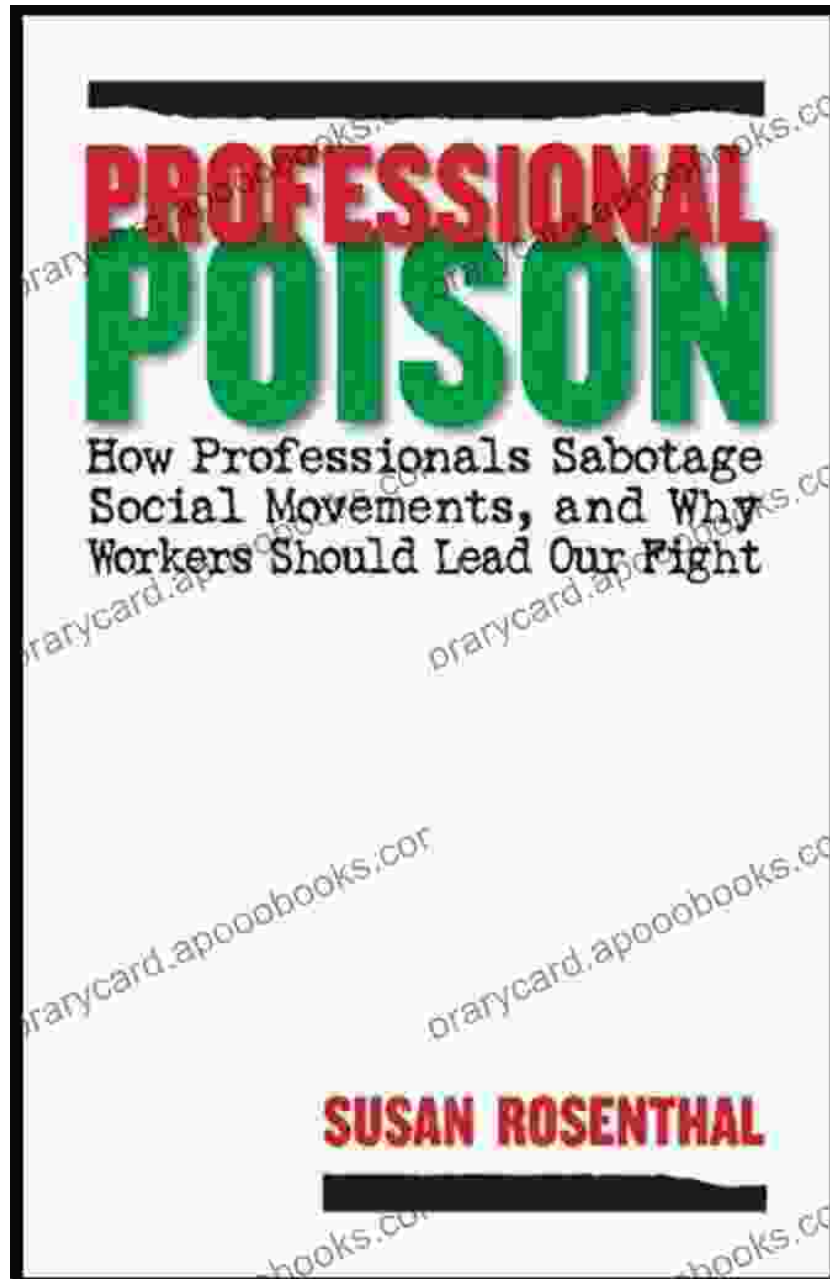
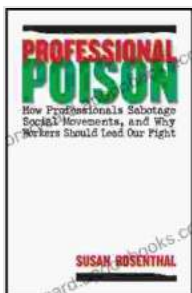


# How Professionals Sabotage Social Movements and Why Workers Should Lead Ours



In his new book, "How Professionals Sabotage Social Movements and Why Workers Should Lead Ours," author and activist Dan Berger argues that

professional organizers and leaders often do more harm than good to social movements.



## Professional Poison: How Professionals Sabotage Social Movements, and Why Workers Should Lead Our Fight by Susan Rosenthal

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Berger draws on his own experiences as an organizer in the labor movement and the Occupy movement to show how professionals can co-opt and derail social movements. He argues that professionals often have their own agendas, which may not be in line with the goals of the movement. They may also be more interested in building their own careers than in achieving the movement's goals.

Berger argues that workers should lead social movements because they have the most to gain from them. Workers are the ones who are most affected by the problems that social movements seek to address, such as economic inequality, racism, and environmental degradation. They are also the ones who have the most power to bring about change.

Berger's book is a timely and important contribution to the debate about the role of professionals in social movements. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the challenges facing social movements today and how to overcome them.

## **Key Points**

- Professionals often sabotage social movements by co-opting and derailing them.
- Professionals may have their own agendas, which may not be in line with the goals of the movement.
- Professionals may be more interested in building their own careers than in achieving the movement's goals.
- Workers should lead social movements because they have the most to gain from them.
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## **Author Bio**

Dan Berger is an author, activist, and organizer. He is the author of the books "The American Counterrevolution: How the Right Made America Ungovernable" and "It Can't Happen Here: Authoritarianism in America." He is a co-founder of the Labor Notes network and the US Labor Against the War network.

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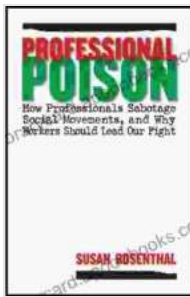
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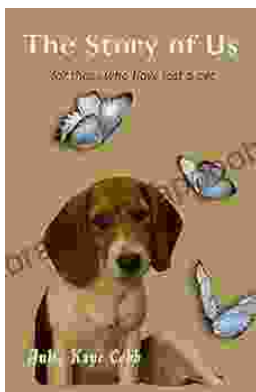
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