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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—A graphic novel biography of Karl Marx that offers an intricately illustrated window into his personal travails and career. As in Freud (Nobrow, 2013), Maier and Simon present Marx's early years, his career highs and lows, his complex personal life, and how his works affected history. The illustrations help to explain concepts, such as capitalism, labor relations, economics, and communism. The extensive use of reds, orange, and yellow adeptly leads readers through the many phases of the man's tale. The narrative contains quotes and references from historical texts written by the subject and his colleague Friedrich Engels. The text can be disjointed from panel to panel, which may cause confusion for some kids. Still, this book is an excellent introduction to Marx and how his views shaped world history. It would be best read alongside a more in-depth exploration of the political theorist and the history of communism.—Annalise Ammer, City of Rochester Public Libraries, NY

Review

A 2015 USBBY Outstanding International Book

Simon's art is cartoony in the swift-lined, floating-figure manner of Jules Feiffer, while Maier's script for Marx waxes romantic and sentimental over revolution. [...] Overall, an entertaining, if swift, depiction of a still-potent (though today, perhaps considerably less so) intellectual giant.

—*Booklist*

A remarkable work [...] Marx also has the brilliant use of color that illustrators of young people's genres count upon and badly need. [...] young readers are destined to enjoy this book immensely.

—*The Comics Journal*

Maier's biographies of Marx and Freud, originally published in 2013 in French, accomplish animation, selectivity, and context. [...] an invigorating reading experience [...] Teens will appreciate the irreverent tone and easy-to-read graphic format. They may learn a thing or two along the way about these men and their groundbreaking accomplishments.

—*Jewish Book Council*

The books' scripts are breezy and considered, and deliver insight into both thinkers' theories and personal lives without expanding on a personal agenda. Maier weaves an intricate web that is deceptively plain but clearly shows how the protagonists' theories often flowed from personal conflicts in their daily lives. [...] intriguing ideas get the chance to shine and embed themselves in the reader's mind [...] The cheerful and even flirtatious drawings from French illustrator Anne Simon are a perfect match for this breezy but intriguing introduction to these great thinkers. [...] Her skill at layering a comic page with mischievous constructions is unparalleled and is never detrimental to its reading. [...] Simon and Maier have produced an easy accessible biography series in Freud and Marx that is equally informative and playful. I can only hope that there are more books in the works for this series.

—*Broken Frontier*

Marx is engaging and educational with a bit of humor, and a perfect intro to one of the most controversial social writers of our time.

—*Wink Books*

Maier and Simon present Marx's full biography, without exception, which presents a clear picture of Marx, the man, not necessarily the revolutionary. Whether working on a paper or just out of curiosity, this is an accessible look into the life of Karl Marx for teens and young adults.

—Coming At YA

About the Author

Anne Simon was born in 1980 in France. She studies in the Beaux-Arts in Angoulême, and then in the École Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs in Paris, one of the most prestigious art schools in France. In 2004, she received the "New Talent" prize at the Angoulême festival, and she released her first comic book "Persephone in the Underworld" in 2006.

Corinne Maier was born in 1963 in Geneva. As a writer, economist, historian and psychoanalyst, she has produced around 15 non-fiction books on subjects like psychoanalysis, society, history and humor. Though at first her interests seem diffuse, she finds the common links between them. Her books are bestsellers in her native France and some (such as Hello Laziness) have been translated into several languages.

Her recent work has centered on work, family and the nation. Hailed as a counter-culture heroine by the New York Times, she proudly acknowledges not being a member of any club, scientific society or political party and not being on anyone's payroll.

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