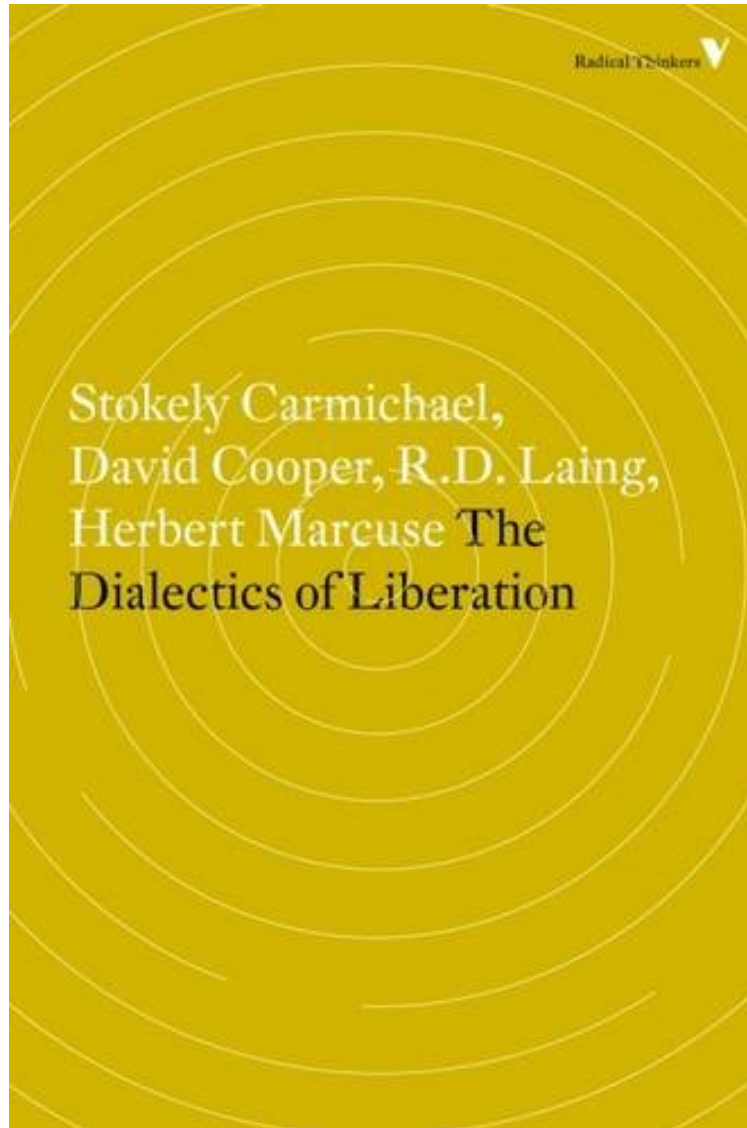


## The Dialectics of Liberation (Radical Thinkers)

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**David Cooper : The Dialectics of Liberation (Radical Thinkers)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Dialectics of Liberation (Radical Thinkers):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The lack of women speakers was its greatest deficit, but there was a women's event within ...By Frank B. Another year or so, in the summer of 2017, and it will be the 50th anniversary of the Congress from which this book issued. I was visiting the volume out of historical interest mainly, that is, I wanted to revisit the vicinity time and locale-wise that initiated what has come to be called "the anti-psychiatry movement", and I wanted a peek inside this side-show to that movement (i.e. Congress of The Dialectics of Liberation in 1967

London). I'm giving it four-stars merely because there was no summary included, among these speeches from the event, of The Congress itself. Also, given a few of the speakers and events not included in this volume, edited by David Cooper, I don't think it can even be considered representative of The Congress in its entirety. That said, you get a little of the gist of the event, and its time, with the "main" speakers. The climactic speech would have to, at the time and in the context of time passing, be that of Stokely Carmichael. Without his presence the number of stars given to this volume would start to decline dramatically. The lack of women speakers was its greatest deficit, but there was a women's event within the event highly critical of the event that didn't make these pages. Go figure. A more fuller picture of the event can be gained by complementing a reading of this book with what exists online pertaining to the Congress. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. getting the worst kind of success By sailing up chit speak Back in 1967 I still had fifty years to wait until I became 70 years old, bought some laptop computers, downloaded some concert files, and had Dropbox need more space to be liberated from all the updating that tries to protect a global system from hackers. The Verso edition of *The Dialectics of Liberation* has copyrights for 1968, 1969, and 2015. The fermentation of universal disgust reveals what I expected to find: One hears extraordinary statements from U.S. politicians, such as *Bringing Red China to her knees*. What we have here is the most primitive analogical thinking, behind which lies a hinterland of fantasy one hardly dares contemplate. (pp. 24-25). By 1967, the United States was supporting half a million drops in Vietnam by dropping more tons of bombs than were dropped on all of Germany during all of World War II. Listening to the complaints of those who admit not wanting to do what they are told can be a kind of joke, as we find: which I hope may be of some service, if only as a joke, to the last surviving human beings on the planet. (p. 26). Our material comfort is oppressing the earth itself. In 1967 Herbert Marcuse called for liberation from the affluent society. If socialism is indeed the rupture of history, the radical break, the leap into the realm of freedom -- a total rupture. (p. 177). Seven billion people will never agree about anything if electronic devices allow eyeballs to be counted like subliminal familiarity with eating sleeping and the joys of Henry the Ate. Wanting to have a male heir with a white man's burden of getting back on top after a fine example of ruling by therapeutic lip, predator drones, hellfire missiles, and the playfreaks of rodeo clowns that twitch anywhere rhymes with rich, some songs like *Season of the Witch* was way too early for another ring around what nobody should know.

A revolutionary compilation of speeches which produced a political groundwork for many of the radical movements in the following decades The now legendary *Dialectics of Liberation* congress, held in London in 1967, was a unique expression of the politics of dissent. Existential psychiatrists, Marxist intellectuals, anarchists, and political leaders met to discuss key social issues. Edited by David Cooper, *The Dialectics of Liberation* compiles interventions from congress contributors Stokely Carmichael, Herbert Marcuse, R. D. Laing, Paul Sweezy, and others, to explore the roots of social violence. Against a backdrop of rising student frustration, racism, class inequality, and environmental degradation a setting familiar to readers today the conference aimed to create genuine revolutionary momentum by fusing ideology and action on the levels of the individual and of mass society. *The Dialectics of Liberation* captures the rise of a forceful style of political activity that came to characterize the following years.