

REVOLUTION ★ BOOKS

"People come into Revolution Books from all over the world to find the books and the deep engagement about why the world is the way it is and the possibility of a radically different way the world could be. Scientific and poetic, wrangling and visionary, Revolution Books is at the center of building a movement for revolution..." — from the **Mission Statement of Revolution Books**



"There is no other place, no other bookstore, that is dedicated to this mission. RB gives people the opportunity to engage with a scientific understanding of history and the world today. The store is infused with the morality and vision that lifts people's sights to struggle for a world that is overcoming all forms of exploitation and oppression. And RB does this with big arms to engage and embrace wide spheres and tributaries of intellectual and cultural life that are a part of fighting for a new world.

"What makes this possible is the scientific method and approach, the vision and architecture for a radically new society made possible by a path-breaking strategy for revolution. All of this and more is

concentrated in the new synthesis of communism developed by the revolutionary leader, Bob Avakian."

--ANDY ZEE, Spokesperson for Revolution Books

What people are saying about Revolution Books

"[Revolution Books] is a landmark of consciousness. This is a landmark of not only the past [when] it wasn't as hard to be revolutionary. I grew up in the '60s and '70s when people—that's what we were and I actually believed it, and I thought that's what was going to happen. So I don't know where everybody went. [laughter] Then it was like, wait a minute, aren't we doing this for real? I feel it's really important that places that hold that history, but also the potential for revolution now, are preserved. This bookstore is one of those places, so it's very dear and important to me, which is why I am here tonight." — **EVE ENSLER** playwright, author ("Vagina Monologues")



"Support the Re-Opening of Revolution Books

"Since opening in 1978, Revolution Bookstore has made an impact on the cultural, literary, and political scene in New York City. Revolution Books is more than a bookstore; as it proudly states: 'It is a bookstore that changes lives....A bookstore about the world and for a whole new world.'

"At the recent National Black Writers Conference Biennial Symposium on "Voices of Liberation and Resistance," how fitting it was to have Revolution Books as the official vendor at a program that celebrated the legacy of activism, liberation, and resistance in the arts from the 1960s to the present. Revolution Books understands the connection authors and scholars have with the deep discussions on pressing issues, and that writers address in their works.

"For more than 35 years, Revolution Books has been a place where people from various backgrounds have gathered to obtain and swap information about the challenging issues we face in our society, and what we can do to make much needed changes. In September 2015, Revolution Books plans to re-open in a new location in Harlem. And they urgently need your support to re-open and to continue with the work they do with such conviction and fierceness."

—THE CENTER FOR BLACK LITERATURE AT MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE



The first time I walked into this bookstore I was about 15 years old. Where I lived, around the corner police had shot down Amadou Diallo, on other side Malcolm Ferguson. I was hating the world, angry, not understanding why any of this is happening, why we have to live this way, what my place was in it. And I found out there's this bookstore downtown, Revolution Books. I'd never seen a bookstore where I grew up... As soon as I walk into the store the first thing I see is this pamphlet, "Conquer the World" by Bob Avakian, and I said *that's me*. People said I'm crazy. And I say if you're looking at all this and not talking about taking over everything and doing something different, then you are the one that's crazy."

-- NOCHE DIAZ, Revolution Club NYC

"It's not just a bookstore, it's a big, wide radical world inside Revolution Books. It's a feast for the heart and mind. Together we must make sure this place survives." - **NAOMI WALLACE**, playwright

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The Feminist Press and I love Harlem, love books, and love the revolution! Please support this worthy endeavor!"

—**JENNIFER BAUMGARDNER**; Publisher, Feminist Press

"I think what's so beautiful and wonderful about Revolution Books is that even when you close your eyes and go to any of the shelves here and pick any one of the books, it is likely that it will contain the kind of dreams that Martin Carter was talking about when he said, 'And so if you see me looking in your hand, listening when you speak, marching in your ranks, you must know, 'I do not sleep to dream but dream to change the world.'"

--**NGUGI WA THIONG'O**, Kenyan novelist, playwright, literary theorist ("Dreams in a Time of War"; "Petals of Blood")

"...I found more African American literature and history, women's studies and activist information more than any store I've ever walked inside (trust me, there have been many). Revolution Books is that store you tell your friends about word of mouth that they HAVE to visit, support and absorb into...This is an important place with information and education that should be in the forefront of the masses or in your brain." - **KELSEY WARREN**, musician, Pillow Theory

"Dedicated to social justice and change, Revolution Books is a non-profit with an all-volunteer staff. They survive in part by donations...#SaveNYC. Lend your help to Revolution Books." -- **JEREMIAH'S VANISHING NEW YORK**, *Blog*, May 5, 2015

"I learned more in 45 minutes at Revolution Books about the Chinese Revolution than in ten years of studying Chinese language and culture." -- **JAMEL MIMS**, **Revolution Club NYC** who discovered Revolution Books after returning from a year in China

"great bookstore, relocating due to usual rent hikes. Harlem! SUPPORT IT! Donate now 2 reopen [#RevBooksNYC](#) in [#Harlem](#)"
— tweet from **SASKIA SASSEN**

"When you walk into Revolution Books ... the books, the books! It's bright, there's color everywhere. Even the air feels fresh. You can breathe. My god, it's a liberated area!" --**2 STILL-CRAZY SENIOR WOMEN LOOKING TO A NEW WORLD**

"In a world where information is controlled and dominated by a mainstream narrative, we need to have access to alternative information, view points and political models. Revolution is in the air, everywhere, the only question that remains is: What will that revolution look like? Revolution Books is a significant resource for finding answers and political alternatives to the existing, failed, paradigm." -- **DONNA VOLATILE**, writer and political commentator, Truchas, New Mexico

"My favorite bookstore in NY- Revolution bookstore closed but wait there is good news! It is trying to re-locate to my hood Harlem! Yes! My FB folks this is the store that keeps it 100 with the BEST events in NY. From SAUL Williams to Vernon Reid to Eve Ensler to Junot Diaz to the best f-g writers on the planet that specialize in voices of dissent. Please find it your heart to support a place live Rev bookstore to exist in a world where we are choking on bullshit. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THIS STORE!"

-- **ALADDIN**, comedian, playwright, actor, director/producer "Bengali Harlem"

"This is so important in terms of filling a void... There will come a time when [Revolution Books] will be added to the Schomburg, to Abyssinian Church, to the Studio Museum, as just as an incredible part of the whole Harlem infrastructure... But then we have an added value right here -- revolution!"

-- **HERB BOYD**, journalist, *Amsterdam News*, author, "Baldwin's Harlem: A Biography," "Diary of Malcolm X: 1964" (ed.)

