

# REVOLUTION ★ BOOKS

## **The Emergency: Revolution Books Must Move. The Solution: You.**

Revolution Books has had to vacate its 26<sup>th</sup> Street space. \$150,000 is needed to move to Harlem – so this bookstore can rise to meet the greatest need of this moment.

This past fall, people's outrage and hunger for fundamental change burst forth in ways not seen in decades. Written on the faces of the youth who filled the streets with joy and determination declaring, "Black Lives Matter"; evidenced in passionate new books on slavery and the situation of Black people today; manifest in NYC when hundreds of thousands marched in September to Save the Environment; expressed in the rage of young women and men from campuses in the US to the streets of India, Pakistan and South America, speaking the unspoken against the rape, degradation and oppression of women . . . *All this could be the first winds of a rising real liberation.*

**Revolution Books is needed more than ever in these times, but it could be lost.**

Your contribution, your spreading the word of the RB fund drive is what will make the difference. Stop and think. Ask what you can do now to answer the call:

**Humanity Needs Revolution  
The Revolution Needs Revolution Books  
Revolution Books Needs You!**

**People come into Revolution Books from all over the world to find the books and the deep engagement with each other 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.**

There is no other place, no other bookstore, that is dedicated to this mission: providing people with the scientific understanding of history and the world today, with the morality, vision, and strategic approach to revolution, to fighting 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 should be a part of fighting for a new world.

What makes this possible is the scientific method and approach, the vision of a new society, and the strategic plan to get there, that is concentrated in the new synthesis of communism developed by the revolutionary leader, Bob Avakian, "BA." Based on summing up the mainly positive as well as the shortcomings of the communist revolution so far, and drawing from a broad range of

human experience, the new synthesis is a framework for overcoming all the inequalities and divisions of the current world and doing so through a process that gives great scope to intellectual work, ferment, and dissent as a key part of how people transform themselves and the world for the goal of emancipating all humanity.

This is what Revolution Books struggles for and aspires to every day. Revolutionary theory, history, science and the arts live at RB and are appreciated, engaged and critically mined for insight and inspiration, to enable us all to deepen our understanding of the world and to discover and act on the pathways to liberating revolutionary transformation of the whole world. This is not just a dream, but rooted in the deep contradictions of the system of capitalism/imperialism that rules today's world. At RB, all this is probed and engaged by a diversity of people and viewpoints. And at this store, people can connect with the movement for a real revolution that is leading the struggle to make it a reality.

Authors, filmmakers, actors and poets remark that the critical engagement and dialogue at RB is like no other. There is a passion for getting at what's true, a morality of serving the people, dialogue carried forth with a mutual respect that comes from the deep place of putting the interests of the oppressed of the world first in heart and mind.

Take a look at the writers, artists, and voices of conscience who have spoken at RB including: **Edwidge Danticat, Eve Ensler, Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, Arturo O'Farrill, Saul Williams, Walter Mosley, Lewis Lapham, and Wallace Shawn** among many others. These voices, engaged at this place – this too is at stake in your support of Revolution Books

Everyone can experience this ethos and principled struggle at its highest level in the new film of the **historic dialogue between Cornel West and Bob Avakian**, co-sponsored by Revolution Books and The Bob Avakian Institute, that took place at Riverside Church on November 15, 2014 before 1900 people: *Revolution and Religion, the Fight for Emancipation and the Role of Religion*. Watch the video at [www.revcom.us](http://www.revcom.us) and get a living sense of what is opened up by BA and the revolution that is at the heart of RB.

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Here's a huge problem you can help solve: a whole new generation needs to discover Revolution Books, support, and make it their spot. Think of the difference it will make to have Revolution Books re-born in Harlem, able to dramatically expand its programming and stock of books, changing people and changing the world.

**Your donation opens up that possibility.** Dig deep.

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**The goal for the Emergency Fund to Move Revolution Books to Harlem is \$150,000-- \$70,000 of this is needed by July 15** to get the **bookshelves, HVAC, flooring, signage** and all that is necessary to open the new bookstore. The lease is signed, the great need is there... you are the missing ingredient. We look forward to talking with you and your friends.