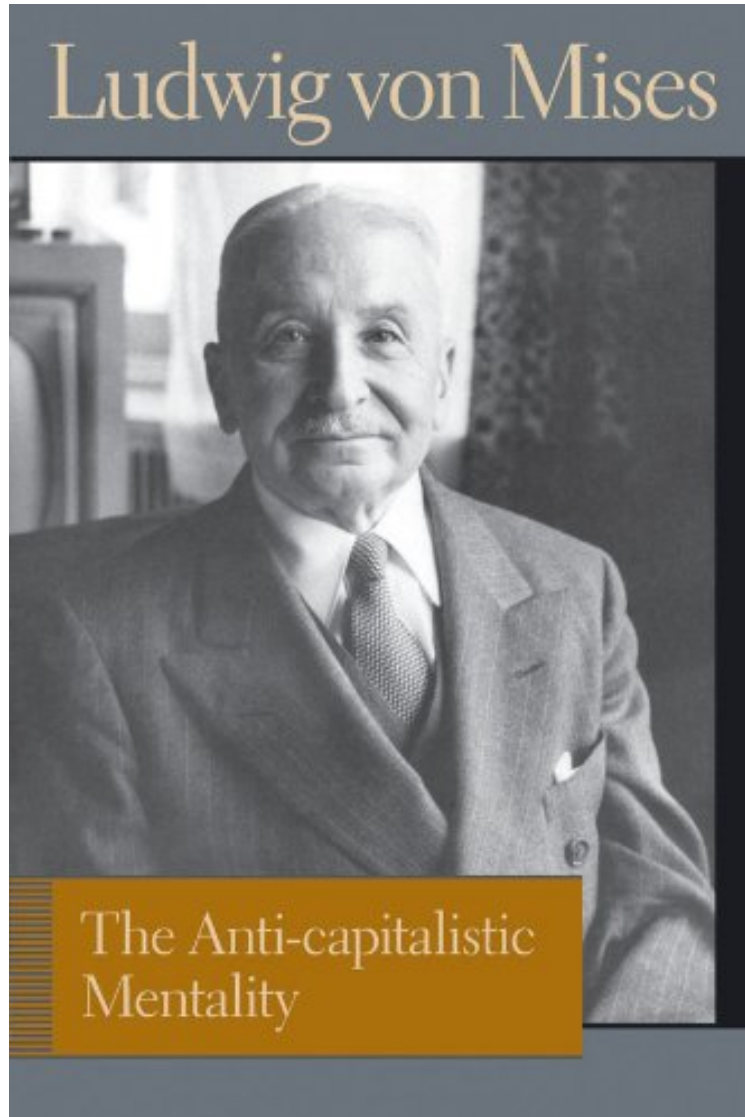


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coming from? The answer is yes. Systematically, he takes the thought processes back into Freudian obscurity, borrowing some of the fellow Austrian's explanation as to why it is difficult for those who see capitalism as a threat, who fear being personally responsible for their lot in life. This also contains fascinating studies about Lenin, and his approach to Marxism. When you see these former Soviet leaders for what they really were, they become as common as the next person. Where I may have had respect for Lenin, Trotsky, and Stalin as historical figures, I no longer think that they had an ounce of respectability, nobility, or courage to do the things they did. These were not revolutionaries, but very very unprincipled thinkers, unintellectual, and very confused due to lack of experience and closed mindedness. In one part, Von Mises tells the story of how Lenin assumed the economy was a simple game which could be easily undertaken by "bean-counters." Lenin's revile for accountants and economists make him a tragically stupid figure in world history. Basically he was all bark and no bite. He knew political philosophy, strategy, persuasion, and could lead the military, but was never really a viable candidate to run a large country. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Republican/Libertarian/John Birch Society thinking. By styarbrough I have given away three copies... People who are pro Capitalism should read it... very short and typical of the thinking of Libertarians and John Birchers. Which as a Republican I find both agreeable. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A great introduction to the thought of Ludwig von Mises! By HayekGhostWriter Having read several works by F.A. Hayek, the time came to consider the thought of his teacher and mentor, Ludwig von Mises. I selected this book over his reputed masterpiece, Human Action, for its relative brevity. I was not disappointed. This little book packs a punch, and reinforces important principles of economics nearly forgotten by the masses today. The book also serves to remind us that the war of ideas, between capitalism and Marxism, has been ongoing for well over a century, and must still be enjoined by all who would keep their liberty and their society's prosperity. Read this book, then dig into Human Action. Take a similar approach to Hayek--The Road to Serfdom first, then the Constitution of Liberty.

In *The Anti-capitalistic Mentality*, the respected economist Ludwig von Mises plainly explains the causes of the irrational fear and hatred many intellectuals and others feel for capitalism. In five concise chapters, he traces the causation of the misunderstandings and resultant fears that cause resistance to economic development and social change. He enumerates and rebuts the economic arguments against and the psychological and social objections to economic freedom in the form of capitalism. Written during the heyday of twentieth-century socialism, this work provides the reader with lucid and compelling insights into human reactions to capitalism. Ludwig von Mises (1881–1973) was the leading spokesman of the Austrian School of Economics throughout most of the twentieth century. He earned his doctorate in law and economics from the University of Vienna in 1906. In 1926, Mises founded the Austrian Institute for Business Cycle Research. From 1909 to 1934, he was an economist for the Vienna Chamber of Commerce. Before the Anschluss, in 1934 Mises left for Geneva, where he was a professor at the Graduate Institute of International Studies until 1940, when he emigrated to New York City. From 1948 to 1969, he was a visiting professor at New York University. Bettina Bien Greaves is a former resident scholar, trustee, and longtime staff member of the Foundation for Economic Education. She has written and lectured extensively on topics of free market economics. Her articles have appeared in such journals as *Human Events*, *Reason*, and *The Freeman: Ideas on Liberty*. A student of Mises, Greaves has become an expert on his work in particular and that of the Austrian School of economics in general. She has translated several Mises monographs, compiled an annotated bibliography of his work, and edited collections of papers by Mises and other members of the Austrian School.