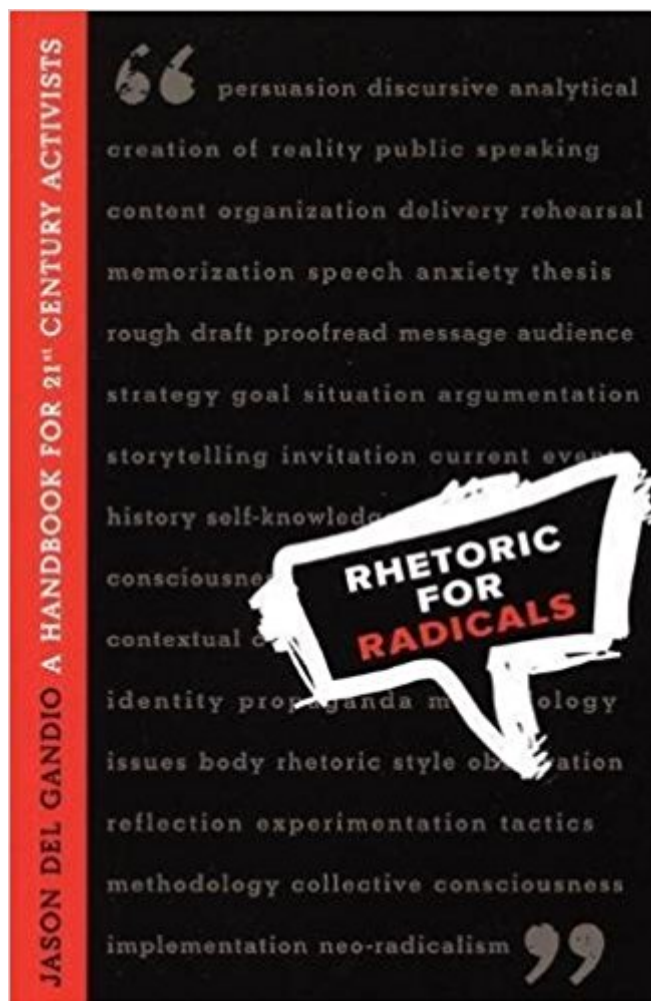


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Rhetoric For Radicals: A Handbook For 21st Century Activists



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Rhetoric for Radicals is intended for college-aged activists and organizers, and for the most part it's written in a relaxed, approachable style. It does get a bit cerebral and academic in places - in demonstrating how the book builds on the previous literature - but this material is kept to a minimum. On the whole, Rhetoric for Radicals is an invaluable, comprehensive how-to book that will greatly benefit beginning and seasoned rhetors alike. Rhetoric for Radicals concludes on a hopeful note, with the wish that its activist readership will internalize the book's rhetorical tools and tactics, and will be that much better equipped to become "the rhetors of the past who created the future." And indeed, there can be but a little doubt that this thorough, well-organized, accessible - and even personal - little handbook is the best instrument imaginable for fulfilling this purpose. - Frank Kaminski, EnergyBulletin.net

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Like the title says, a great handbook for activists. It's already starting to feel a bit dated, but the overall ideas presented in the book are easily translated into newer social media etc. The book is accessible and easy to understand, no prior knowledge about rhetoric is needed. I'm only giving it four stars, because of the formatting in the ebook. There's only one font and the text is full of hyphenation errors. Please fix that!

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