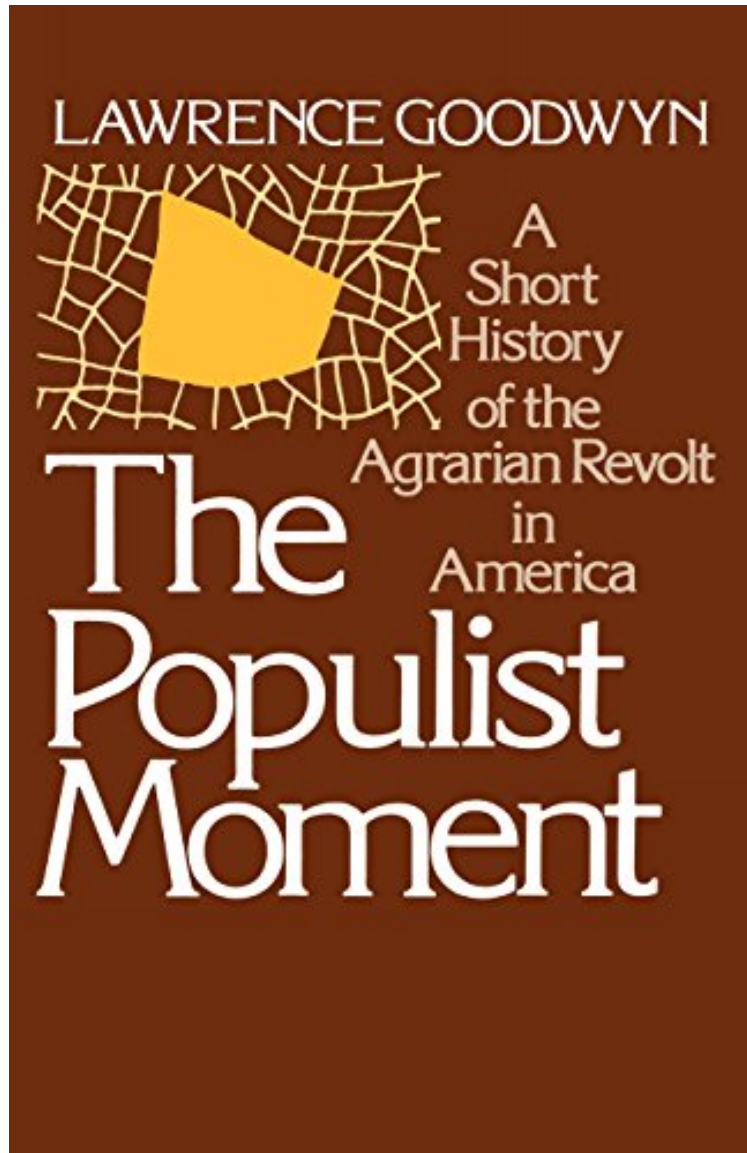


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I bought this book after seeing Lawrence Goodwyn's name in the NY Times obituaries. I have long been fascinated by the eras in US history where the people rise up to claim their rights. I wanted to see Goodwyn's take on the story of the Populist movement of the late 19th century. Goodwyn's portrayal of the agrarian cooperative movement is masterful. I kept highlighting major points in my Kindle -- especially about how the educational aspect of the cooperative movement was what gave it the most strength. Once the people's understanding of the financial issues increased, their confidence was built, resulting in a rising tide of democratic sentiment that challenged the status quo. Goodwyn's analysis of how the movement failed was also instructive. And the highlight was when Goodwyn tied the story of Populism's defeat to the shape that political dialogue has taken in the 21st century -- especially as it relates to the capitalism vs. communism dichotomy. I highly recommend this book to people who, like me, are not academics, but appreciate a well-written historical account that provides insight into current affairs.

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Most likely (amateur historian opinion) the single best account of the Populist phenomenon I have ever read. If I have to find fault somewhere, it would be the absence of much coverage of earlier Populist themes in American politics, particularly as seen in the Jeffersonian sovereign-yeoman theme and in the Jacksonian anti-big-banking theme.

This condensed version of Lawrence Goodwyn's *Democratic Promise*, the highly-acclaimed study on American Populism which the *Civil Liberties Review* called "a brilliant, comprehensive study," offers new political language designed to provide a fresh means of assessing both democracy and authoritarianism today.

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