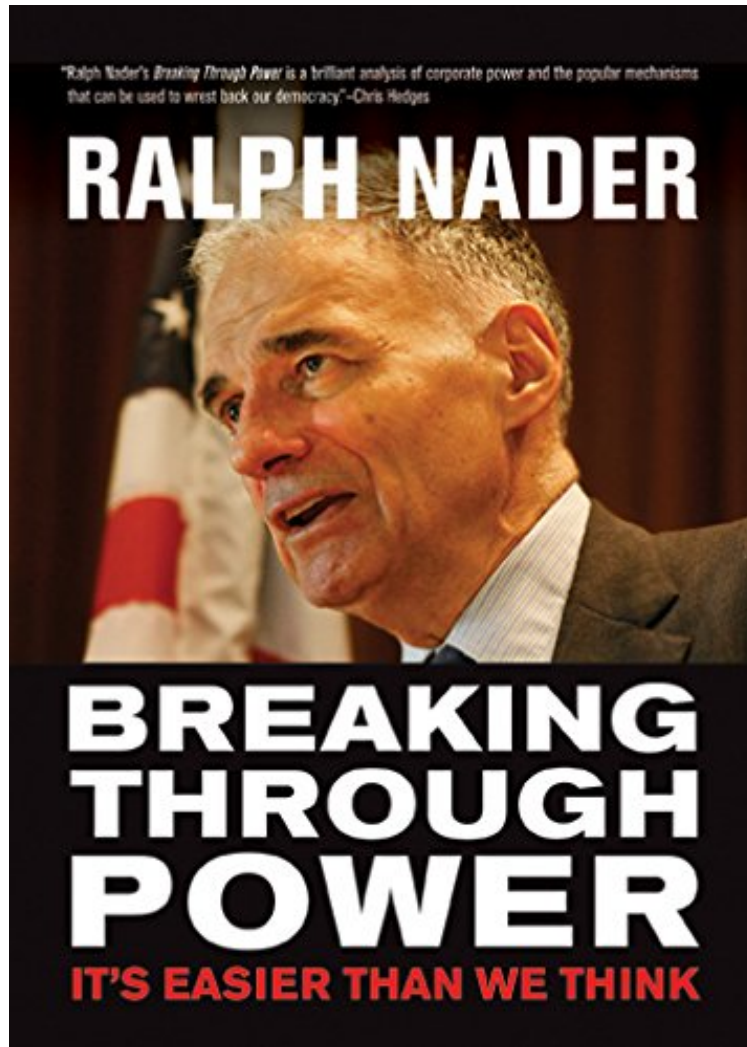


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where freedom and constitutional rights are eroded and corporate power is the only rule of the land. The second half provides potential solutions. He provides numerous real examples of how just a few people fought corporations and won. It's inspiring, and it shows how reclaiming our democracy is a lot easier than we think. We just have to organize and actually start fighting. The second essay convincingly argues that the corporate state can be dismantled in a few years if just one percent of the population is willing to dedicate some free time after work and on the weekends to organize, create new organizations that bring together local communities, fundraise, and fight for democracy. The book is a must buy. Anyone who was inspired by Bernie Sanders presidential campaign should buy this book immediately. This book outlines what having a political revolution would really mean. It shows how Bernie's legacy can be continued if we're willing to come together and fight. Any person who wants a specific plan for reforming American politics would be interested in this book. It's so effective because it doesn't just inform you and make you upset, it inspires you to actually take actions that will make America better. 15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. and was not disappointed. He lays the fire down By Customer Since graduating high school 20 years ago, I'd avoided politics. This year I was drawn back in by the election. Ralph Nader caught my attention on several TV spots as being someone with insight on the election. I bought his book, and was not disappointed. He lays the fire down, not pulling any punches. It was a short book, but thoughtful and provoking. There is a call to action - we must take back our democracy. If that's your thing, pick up this nugget and share it! My fiance is nearly finished reading my copy as well. 13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. He's one of my heroes and this book gives me hope for a better tomorrow if enough people would know and read it By E. J. Jove Ralph Nader has been fighting tirelessly for justice for over 40 years and never gives up. He's one of my heroes and this book gives me hope for a better tomorrow if enough people would know and read it. With simple words, he delivers a powerful message of empowerment for the majority who seem to be resigned to accept what comes. Let's break through power!!!

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"Ralph Nader's latest book is a how-to guide for fighting corporate power. Nader is still pressing forward, still cautiously hopeful--even after so many decades in the arena. Things may seem grim but the numbers and the evidence are on our side, he's saying. We know the problems. We know what needs to be done. He's an action plan. It's time to stop talking and get to work." --Theo Anderson, *In These Times* "Nader sustains a strong case of grievances against the 'power of the plutocracy' and 'the present two-party duopoly that ministers to their demands.' In

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