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Laced with first-hand testimony, this history seeks to rescue the democratic essence of the revolution from its detractors and deniers, offering a perfect primer for the modern reader.

Neil Faulkner is a leading Marxist historian. A Research Fellow at the University of Bristol, he is the author of numerous books, including *A Marxist History of the World* (Pluto, 2013) and *Lawrence of Arabia's War* (Yale, 2016). He appears regularly on TV and was a lead consultant on Sky Atlantic's The British series.

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