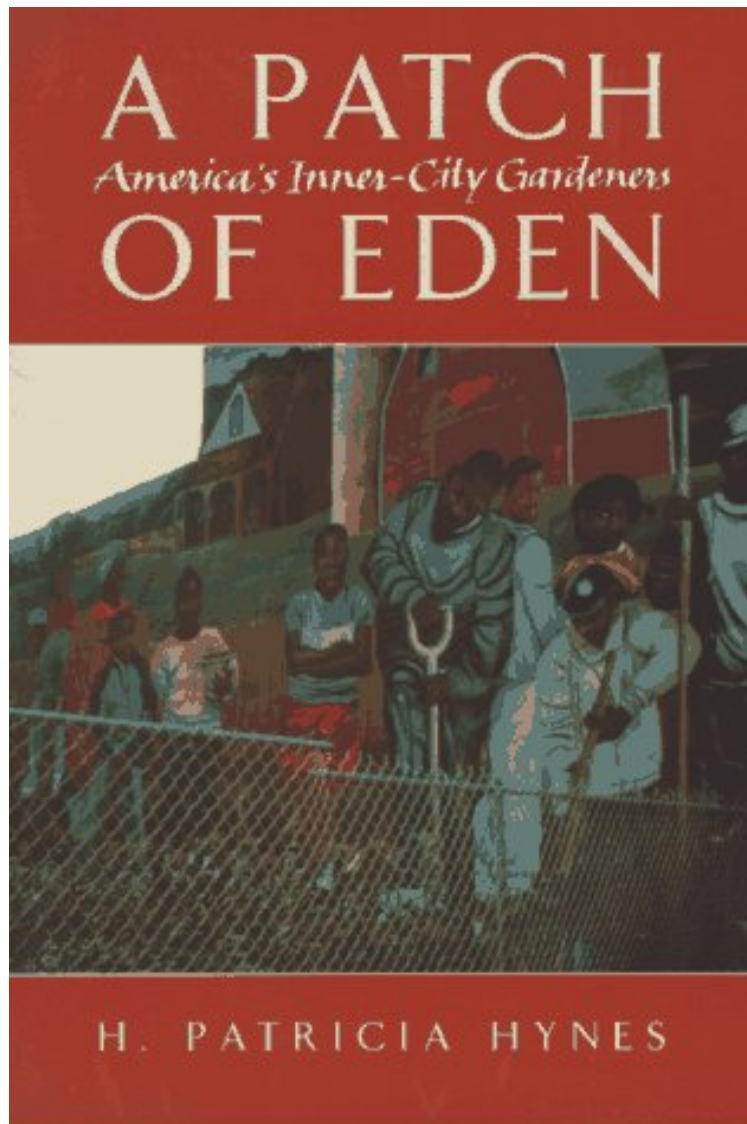


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By James Jones

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Saul Alinsky: The Evil Genius Behind Obama

Alinsky is a follower of Lucifer

Saul Alinsky's dedication devoted his book "Rules for Radicals" to Lucifer "Lest we forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical: from all our legends, mythology, and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins -- or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom Lucifer"[...] Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are students of Alinsky's methods. Hillary had met Alinsky at a Methodist church outing when she was a teenager. They were impressed with one another. In late 1968, Alinsky offered Hillary Rodham a job working for him. She had insider aspirations. She wrote her senior thesis on Alinsky in 1969: "There is Only the Fight . . .": An Analysis of the Alinsky Model. While Alinsky believed that "the system" could only be changed from the outside, Hillary believed it could be changed from the inside. She, and many others like her (e.g., husband and wife team Bill Ayers, co-founded the Weather Underground, a self-described communist revolutionary group and Bernardine Dohrn, a former leader of the Weather Underground), took Alinsky's "radical" methods and made them mainstream.

"Seventeen years later, another young honor student was offered a job as an organizer in Chicago. By then, Alinsky had died, but a group of his disciples hired Barack Obama, a 23-year-old Columbia University graduate, to organize black residents on the South Side, while learning and applying Alinsky's philosophy of street-level democracy. The recruiter called the \$13,000-a-year job `very romantic, until you do it.'" In Rules for Radicals, Alinsky proposed a different strategy: "Power comes out of the barrel of a gun!" is an absurd rallying cry when the other side has all the guns. Lenin was a pragmatist; when he returned . . . from exile, he said that the Bolsheviks stood for getting power through the ballot but would reconsider after they got the guns. Militant mouthings? Spouting quotes from Mao, Castro, and Che Guevara, which are as germane to our highly technological, computerized, cybernetic, nuclear-powered, mass media society as a stagecoach on a jet runway at Kennedy airport? [...]

Sm Quarto, , PP.185, Our Resourceful City Gardeners

.com This is the delightful story of the resurgence in urban community gardening, describing the rehabilitation of jail inmates through raising organic vegetables, teaching inner city youngsters where food comes from, and laying out an inspirational plan to help all of us world-worn urbanites get involved once again in raising delicious food in the midst of our paved-over, formerly bleak, urban landscapes. This is about making the World a Better Place, about getting our fingers in the dirt, touching our planet with loving hands, and creating a vision of hope for our cities and our children.

From Publishers Weekly

Hynes, an environmental engineer who teaches at Boston University, became interested in urban gardens during a slide show on the subject in 1992. For her, these were not transplanted suburban flower plots but "cities reimaged and rehabilitated, lot by lot in some cases, block by block in others." She began to interview the people (women mostly) behind the Greening of Harlem Coalition, San Francisco Horticulture and Garden Projects, numerous Philadelphia community gardens, Chicago's Cabrini Greens and Inner-City-Horticulture Foundation. Plantings range from trees, to flowers to designer vegetables bought by restaurants like Chez Panisse in Berkeley, Calif. The gardeners are 3-5-year-olds from a shelter, inmates, children from projects and determined reform-minded adults. Hynes's text, with well-integrated material from interviewees, is smart, inspiring, sympathetic but never sappy. There's plenty of history and practical detail about how gardens are planted, maintained (gang members are one problem, environmental degradation, another) and funded. What is it about these gardens? It's two things: as one woman says "you're not hanging out on a corner where you could be shot" when you're gardening. But it is also about bringing nature to populations for whom it is alien: "Where do you get the milk from?" Philadelphia reformer Rachel Bagby, founder of Philadelphia Community Rehabilitation Corporation, asked a child. "I get it from the store." R.B.: "Where does the store get it?" Child: "I think they get it from the truck." As one San Francisco inmate said of working on gardens, "I learn respect for life." Illustrations. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Library Journal

The impact of community gardening on urban renewal is captivatingly detailed here with examples from Chicago, San Francisco, North Philadelphia, and Harlem. An urban studies scholar who explores social and ecological issues, Hynes briefly outlines the roots of urban gardening, then relates how average citizens (largely women of color) are currently revitalizing neighborhoods by gardening with seniors, children, immigrants, and prisoners not only to beautify communities and instill gardening skills but also to foster cooperation, stimulate pride, and teach business and life skills. Potential organizers of community gardens will appreciate this book and its brief resource list. People who are interested in urban revitalization or are working with disadvantaged populations may glean insight useful in nongardening programs. Recommended for extensive gardening collections and libraries concerned with urban issues and renewal. ?Bonnie Poquette, Milwaukee, Wis. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.