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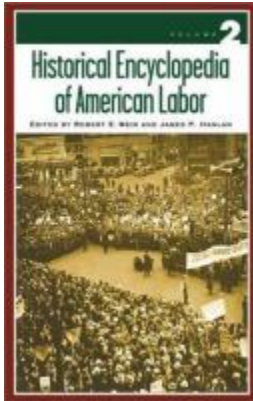
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Overcoming a void in reference guides to American labor history, and written in response to the dearth of labor history information in high school and college textbooks, this encyclopedia offers students starting points for their research. Its over 400 alphabetically arranged entries cover unions, union leaders, labor-related events, statutes and court cases, and labor terminology. Planning it to appeal to a general audience, the editors acknowledge the encyclopedia's limitations regarding specific topics and issues; topics for inclusion were chosen on the basis of whether researchers would encounter them during the preliminary stage of a bigger project. Entries are pitched at general readers, and the editors (both labor history scholars) strove to incorporate issues of race, gender, and ethnicity by including topics on nonorganized labor, since organized labor is dominated by white males. The last half of the second volume includes an appendix of reproduced labor documents, aiding researchers by providing access to hard-to-find materials. Both general and specific readings are cited in the bibliography; each entry contains suggestions for further reading in print and online; and cross-references are extensive.

Summing Up: Recommended. General readers; undergraduates

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Recommendation: Recommended

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