

## Critical Acclaim for When Government Helped

In this book we have a rich portrait of the policies and programs of the New Deal with special attention directed to their relevance to present conditions in the U.S. The editors and contributors bring a wide range of expertise on the issues facing our country both then and now. The book is essential reading for all concerned citizens.

---**Franklin D. Roosevelt III, Professor Emeritus of Economics, Sarah Lawrence College**

In an age when government intervention in the economy has become passé, Sheila Collins' and Trudy Goldberg's *When Government Helped* comes as a welcome breath of fresh air. In this remarkable collection of essays, Collins and Goldberg show us that capitalism flourishes best when it is properly regulated and managed in such a way as to promote the common good of all. The best case yet of the necessity for the American citizen to turn to what Franklin Roosevelt called 'the organized power of government'.

—**David B. Woolner, PhD, Senior Fellow and Hyde Park Resident Historian of the Roosevelt Institute. Author, *FDR: The Last 100 Days*.**

"*When Government Helped* is a revelatory collection of essays. It sheds light on how the New Deal order was put together, how it transformed American public life, and where it failed to go far enough. Even more exciting these essays are written in light of the recent near collapse of our economy and draw valuable lessons from the past about how to deal with our present dilemma."

—**Steve Fraser, Co-Editor, *The Rise and Fall of the New Deal Order***

This is no hagiography: the authors are as clear-eyed and unsparing in their assessments of the limitations and failures of New Deal policies as they are of Obama's lost opportunities to understand their possibilities and successes. But those successes were manifold and ending and there is still time to learn. --**Robert D. Leighninger, Jr., Author, *Long-Range Public Development: The Forgotten Legacy of the New Deal***

This even-handed and well written book describes, among many things, the enlightened environmental thinking of the time starting with the President himself. . . . *When Government Helped* evaluates the failures and successes as the U.S. government sought to return eroded soil and other natural resources to what we would now call "sustainability." Whatever your pet solution to the rich world's current economic stagnation, you will find precursor New Deal experiments lucidly described and evaluated in "When Government Helped."

-**Barbara Garson is the author of *All the livelong Day* and most recently *Down the Up Escalator: How the 99% Live*.**

"*When Government Helped* is vital reading for anyone interested in thinking about alternatives to the constricted vision of government responses to high unemployment that characterizes the current era. It tells the story of the New Deal, a wide variety of innovative programs developed in response to the Great Depression of the 1930s. Going beyond the usual lesson of the importance of deficit spending, the essays in this timely volume explore their successes and failures, and draw critically important lessons for today."

- **Nancy E. Rose, PhD, Professor Emerita of Economics, California State University, San Bernardino, author, *Put to Work: The WPA and Public Employment in the Great Depression***