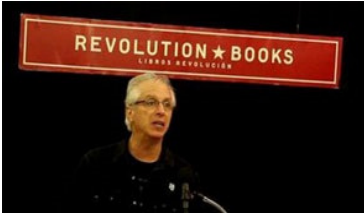


# REVOLUTION ★ BOOKS

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--ANDY ZEE, Spokesperson for Revolution Books

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"[Revolution Books] is a landmark of consciousness. This is a landmark of not only the past [when] it wasn't as hard to be revolutionary. I grew up in the '60s and '70s when people—that's what we were and I actually believed it, and I thought that's what was going to happen. So I don't know where everybody went. [laughter] Then it was like, wait a minute, aren't we doing this for real? I feel it's really important that places that hold that history, but also the potential for revolution now, are preserved. This bookstore is one of those places, so it's very dear and important to me, which is why I am here tonight." — EVE ENSLER playwright, author ("Vagina Monologues")



The first time I walked into this bookstore I was about 15 years old. Where I lived, around the corner police had shot down Amadou Diallo, on other side Malcom Ferguson. I was hating the world, angry, not understanding why any of this is happening, why we have to live this way, what my place was in it is. And I found out there's this bookstore downtown, Revolution Books. I'd never seen a bookstore where I grew up... As soon as I walk into the store the first thing I see is this pamphlet, "Conquer the World" by Bob Avakian, and I said *that's me*. People said I'm crazy. And I say if you're looking at all this and not talking about taking over everything and doing something different, then you are the one that's crazy." -- NOCHE DIAZ, Revolution Club NYC

"[Revolution Books] means a great deal to me, and I'm one of many people who are concerned about it." -- EDWIDGE DANTICAT, novelist

"...I'll tell you, just even walking in the door and seeing "Revolutionary China 1949-1976" being a section, and Libros en Espanol, it seems to me it's very open to ideas. There is this sort of myopic focus at school, I had an economics teacher, you couldn't talk about anything but capitalism because that's the only thing that 'worked.' You couldn't bring Marxism into the discussion... Just being in a space with like-minded people who understand that capitalism is at its base an exploitative system and that people of color are stuck at the bottom -- that makes me very happy." -- HUNTER COLLEGE STUDENT

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"I learned more in 45 minutes at Revolution Books about the Chinese Revolution than in ten years of studying Chinese language and culture." -- JAMEL MIMS, Revolution Club NYC who discovered Revolution Books after returning from a year in China

"There is an African proverb that asserts, 'When a griot dies, it is like a library has been destroyed.' Revolution Books is like a thousand griots-- and to lose it would be to witness the disappearance of a village of libraries. In my political development, it has been an indispensable tool and companion." -- HERB BOYD, journalist, *Amsterdam News*, author ("Diary of Malcolm X: 1964", "Baldwin's Harlem: A Biography")