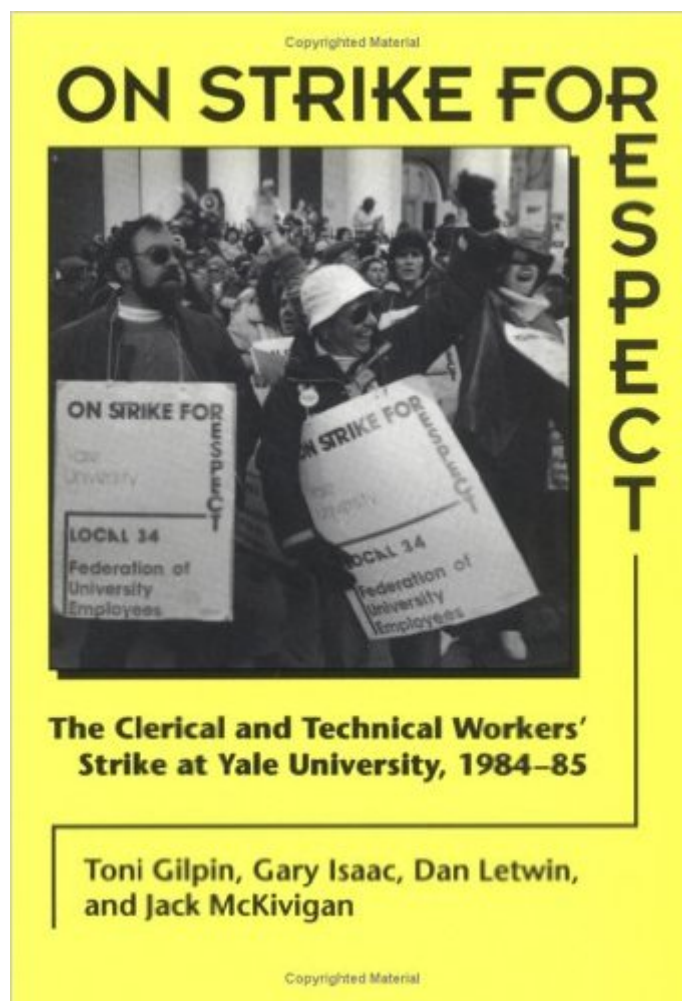


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I had to read this book for a US Labor History course at the University of Colorado. It was absolutely incredible. The authors trace the events leading up to the strike but, more importantly, they describe how the community of New Haven came together in order to defeat "Corporate Yale." I highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in labor history and the struggles faced by American workers.

Gilpin et al. aptly depict and identify what has made Yale's workers and the movement they have created so vibrant and strong. This book is all the more pertinent given last month's strike of all four unions.

This is not so much a sociological study as it is a celebration--of women, minorities, the working class, the downtrodden, the dispossessed, etc--against the evil white male patriarchy as represented by Yale University. Never mind that Yale is and was then among the most liberal and progressive institutions in our society, and never mind that the clerical and technical workers who brought Yale to its knees were incredibly privileged and well-compensated workers, with undemanding jobs for the most part and extensive benefits in every case. None of that fits into the authors' agenda so you won't be seeing anything of that kind in this book! Instead it's an elaborate jeremiad against our society's "usual suspects". Ho hum.

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