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"[A] remarkable new book...One of the things that makes this book so unusual is the stunning artwork throughout."

—Amy Goodman, *Democracy Now!*

"Bernie Sanders' admirable run for the white house isn't the only hope for real progressive change in America...a fascinating new book."

—Thom Hartmann, *The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann*

"In *When We Fight, We Win*, activists and anyone new to the social movements of the early 21st century will find first-person insights and a primer on the history of these movements, from the 1960s to 2015...The text is clear and to the point, infused with the passionate and practical voices of many creative effective individuals working toward common goals."

—*Shelf Awareness*

"*When We Fight, We Win!* portrays vividly, and creatively, how alone we may seem small, but together we can become a powerful force to make a better world. A timely and impressive work."

—Noam Chomsky, MIT professor of linguistics, emeritus

"Greg Jobin-Leeds and AgitArte shine a sparkling, movement-savvy light on the thinkers and doers who should be on TV but (almost) never are. A guide to making change that will leave you smarter, inspired, and more ready than ever to fight and win. Bravo."

—Laura Flanders, GRITtv

"With words and graphics, this book not only captures the good spirits, inclusiveness, and smarts of contemporary movements but also taps the deep wisdom about the necessity of defiant struggle that the movements of today have inherited from the past. Read this book and take heart!"

—Frances Fox Piven, distinguished professor of political science, CUNY Graduate Center

"As protests and demonstrations sprout across the land, young organizers and activists need to know why and how movements are sustained and how they grow. That resource has arrived. It's a slim volume, chock-full of artwork, entitled *When We Fight, We Win!*. . . It discusses victories and losses, high points and depths, lessons learned, and missed opportunities. The core of its message is that social movements really matter, and when they are smart, adaptive, determined, and focused, they can win against tremendous odds. For such movements change minds, they transform consciousness, and they build social power that their opponents cannot resist. They echo, in action, the words of one of the greatest black leaders in American history, Frederick Douglass, who said, 'Without struggle, there is no progress.'"

—Mumia Abu-Jamal, author and activist

"*When We Fight, We Win!* is a love note to activists who are working hard to transform themselves and the world around them. Read for inspiration, direction, and celebration of the good work we're advancing in hard times."

—Adrienne Maree Brown, co-editor of *Octavia's Brood: Science Fiction Stories from Social Justice Movements*

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