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Trade Unions in Renewal - Peter Fairchild 2013-10-18 This comprehensive survey of continuity and change in trade unions looks at five primarily English-speaking countries: the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the UK. The authors consider the recent re-examination by trade unions of the basis of union organization and activity in the face of a harsher economic and political climate. One of the impetuses for this re-examination has been the recent history of unions in the UK, and the realisation that unions may turn out to be for the course of the labor movement. This study addresses critical questions facing the U.S. labor movements as it approaches the twenty-first century.

What Goes Up Must Come Down - William N. Spencer 2011-11-22 An honest, open, and no holds barred look at the current problems facing the American labor movement. The how and why of what labor unions are today. American labor unions can again be viable and successful in the future, if their leaders would only be...
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