

# Thomas Paine's Rights of Man: Books That Changed the World



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★★★★☆ 4.7 out of 5

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Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
X-Ray	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 180 pages
Lending	: Enabled



Thomas Paine was a radical English-American writer, political theorist, and revolutionary. He is best known for his two pamphlets, *Common Sense* and *Rights of Man*. In these works, Paine argued for the natural rights of man, including the right to life, liberty, and property. He also criticized the British monarchy and the aristocracy, and advocated for a republic. Paine's ideas were highly influential in the American Revolution and the French Revolution.

### ***Rights of Man***

*Rights of Man* was published in two parts, with the first part appearing in 1791 and the second part in 1792. The first part of *Rights of Man* was a response to Edmund Burke's *Reflections on the Revolution in France*,

which had criticized the French Revolution. In *Rights of Man*, Paine defended the French Revolution and argued that the people have the right to overthrow a tyrannical government. He also criticized the British monarchy and the aristocracy, and advocated for a republic.

The second part of *Rights of Man* was a more systematic treatment of Paine's political philosophy. In this part, Paine argued that all men are created equal and that they have certain natural rights, including the right to life, liberty, and property. He also argued that government is a social contract between the people and the government, and that the government is responsible for protecting the people's rights.

### **Influence of *Rights of Man***

*Rights of Man* was a bestseller in both Europe and America. It was translated into many languages and it had a profound influence on political thought. Paine's ideas helped to inspire the American Revolution and the French Revolution, and they continue to influence political thought today.

*Rights of Man* is a powerful and influential work of political philosophy. Paine's arguments for the natural rights of man are still relevant today, and his ideas continue to inspire people around the world.

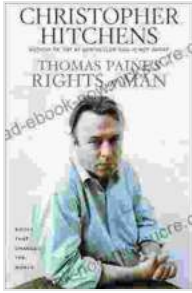
### **Additional Resources**

\* [Rights of Man by Thomas Paine](#) \* [Thomas Paine by History.com](#) \*  
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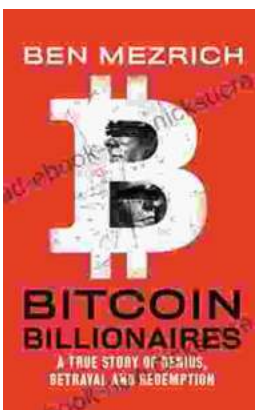


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