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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

With a certain inevitability, the editors cite *A Tale of Two Cities* when saying of the 1960s, "it was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Reading this varied and eclectic volume brings back often forgotten or submerged memories of the past. This is not meant, however, only for those people who lived through the '60s. Luckily, the Ungers?Irwin, a Pulitzer Prize-winning professor of history at NYU, and Debi, a journalist?have pulled together smart extracts couched in extensive contexts. For example, their look at the economy examines the influence of Michael Harrington's *The Other America* on JFK and on LBJ's "War on Poverty." Their look at Kennedy and his assassination includes both the Warren Report and Theodore White's *Life* magazine article that created the myth of Camelot. The Ungers cover the politics of the New Left (with emphasis on the Free Speech Movement, the riots at Columbia University in 1968, and the Weathermen), the New Right (featuring the John Birch Society, Billy James Hargis and Barry Goldwater) and the civil rights movement (highlighting *Brown v. Board of Education*, Bull Connor and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.). The New Feminism is analyzed in the writings of Betty Friedan, the creation of NOW and the politics of the vaginal orgasm. The Cold War gets a thorough going over, with a recap of the Bay of Pigs, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, which led to vast expansion of America's role in Vietnam. This is a book that will bring back memories for aging hippies and enlighten their progeny, who missed all the excitement.

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From Library Journal

New York University historian Irwin Unger (*The Best of Intentions*, LJ 4/1/96) and journalist Debi Unger, who with Irwin coauthored *1968: The Turning Point* (LJ 10/15/88), compile an anthology illustrating the social, cultural, and political events that made the 1960s distinctive in American history. The Ungers present nearly 60 letters, manifestos, reports, speeches, essays, articles, and court decisions (e.g., Letter to the New Left, The Great Society speech, NOW Bill of Rights, Letter from a Birmingham Jail, and The Conscience of a Conservative) arranged in 12 chapters that include "The Counterculture," "The New Feminism," "The Moon Race," and "Election '68." The Ungers succinctly explain the historical context of the documents in each chapter introduction. Given its breadth and balance but absence of a bibliography, this collection works best as an introductory survey for American history courses. Recommended for academic and larger public libraries.?Charles L. Lumpkins, Pennsylvania State Univ., College Station

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From [Booklist](#)

New York University historian Irwin Unger's *The Greenback Era* won a 1965 Pulitzer Prize; and he has collaborated with journalist spouse Debi on several twentieth-century studies and document collections. This book is the latter, gathering excerpts from documents dramatizing central realities of the '60s. The editors introduce the book, each chapter, and each document, starting with "The Economic Miracle" of '60s affluence (excerpts from a 1965 Council of Economic Advisers report and Michael Harrington's 1962 *The Other America*); supply two to seven documents on the Kennedy-Johnson administrations; and document the New Left and New Right, the civil rights movement, the counterculture, feminism, judicial activism, Vietnam and other foreign policy issues, the antiwar movement, etc. The Warren and Walker reports, five memorable Supreme Court decisions, King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," song lyrics (omitted from galley) from Bob Dylan and Grace Slick, and position statements from Ayn Rand, Abbie Hoffman, the Black Panther Party, and the Young Americans for Freedom merely suggest the collection's breadth. *Mary Carroll*

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Maria Saad:

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