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Revolting New York: How 400 Years of Riot, Rebellion, Uprising, and Revolution Shaped a City

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The city that never sleeps, New York made good use of those extra waking hours to create an incomparable nightlife scene—theaters, restaurants, nightclubs—as well as nurture a citizenship that occasionally goes off the rails—protests, mobs, riots, rebellions—which isn't necessarily a bad thing when you're trying to root out corruption, make a statement about unfair labor laws, or draw some attention to democratic ideals gone wrong.

Revolting New York: How 400 Years of Riot, Rebellion, Uprising, and Revolution Shaped a City offers an extraordinary chronology of the Big Apple's willingness to fight for, well, just about anything, from Munsee Indian attacks on Dutch settlers in 1655 to slave revolts in 1712 to antiabolitionist, flour, and military-draft riots in the mid 1800s to labor and communist unrest and all manner of rabble rousing throughout the last hundred years up to Occupy Wall Street, Black Lives Matter, and early Trump protests. In all, nearly fifty incidents are profiled in this history of "New York's evolution through revolution."

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