

# TEENAGE REBELS

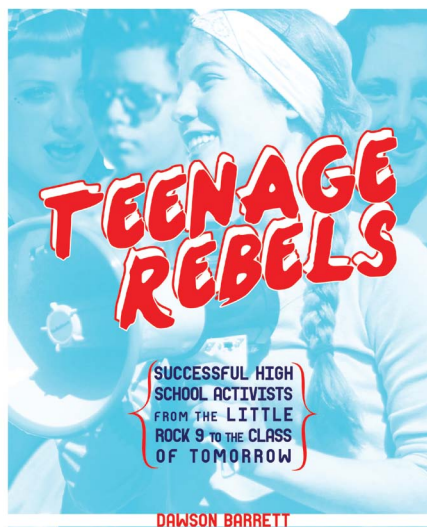
Successful High School Activists from the Little Rock 9 to the Class of Tomorrow BY DAWSON BARRETT

“It’s nothing new that high school students are left out of the political process. They’ve even been left out of most histories of student movements, which focus on colleges—although they led many brave battles in the face of fire hoses in Birmingham and rifles in Johannesburg. In this lucid book, Dawson Barrett corrects that omission. Hopefully these stories will inspire a new generation to fight for their future and not settle for the present. Climate change, unemployment, inequality, all these injustices are stealing from the future.” —**Tom Hayden, activist and author**

“As someone who became active in high school—protesting the Vietnam War, fighting for Black Power, demanding more rights for students—I was thrilled with the publication of this work. It reminds the reader of the proud tradition of progressive student activism and that, far from being limited to college students, it has been a phenomenon crossing many age, gender, racial and ethnic boundaries.” —**Bill Fletcher, Jr., writer/activist; author of “They’re Bankrupting Us”**

“Unlabeled and under-the-radar, teenagers create their political identities in Dawson Barrett’s stories of young people successfully fighting the power. Righteous and inspiring!”

—**Jennifer Baumgardner, author of Manifesta, Grassroots, and Look Both Ways**



“The timing of Dawson Barrett’s *Teenage Rebels* couldn’t be better. Now that standardized testing has been abolished, and Congress has diverted \$500 billion per year to public education from the defense and homeland security budgets, and from taxes on the prison-industrial complex, we will finally have free, engaging, quality education for all American kids.”

—**Senator Andy Bichlbaum (D-New Virginia)**

*Teenage Rebels* provides a glimpse into the laws, policies, and political struggles that have shaped the lives of American high school students over the last one hundred years. Through dozens of case studies, Dawson Barrett recounts the strikes, marches, and picket lines of teens all over the US as they demand better textbooks, start recycling programs, and protest the censorship of student newspapers. Using historically influenced artwork and accessible writing, this book is for anyone who has ever challenged the rules and wished for a better world.

- 1) Young people often lack relatable models for how to act on their feelings.
- 2) Demonstrates a long history of teenage rebellion in the United States that has aimed to make high school life more humane and just.
- 3) Shows how a variety of policies, laws, and social struggles have shaped present-day public education and the rights of American students.

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**An inspiration and quick read for young people to understand the historical stories of how teenagers have successfully changed the world.**



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