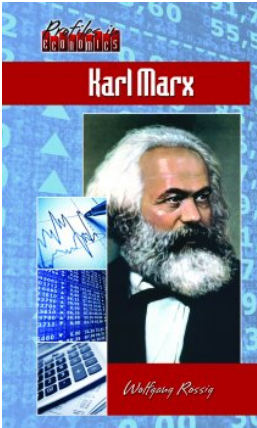


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Karl Marx.

Rössig, Wolfgang (Author)

Jan 2010. 112 p. Morgan Reynolds, library edition, \$28.95. (9781599351322). 335.4092.

From the Profiles in Economics series, this book presents the life of Karl Marx and places his social and economic theories within the useful context of his youth in a prosperous German family. Marx's studies, at university and beyond, turned from law to poetry to philosophy to social and economic theory. Though devoted to his wife and children, he was seldom able to support them without help from others. Brilliant and idealistic, if sometimes difficult, Marx developed his ideas about an egalitarian society and promoted them in influential books, newspapers, and pamphlets. Rössig provides a well-researched account of Marx's life and his work, pointing out ironies between the two but commenting on the context, meaning, and importance of writings such as *The Communist Manifesto* and *Capital*. Illustrations include period photos, paintings, prints, and documents. A time line, source notes, bibliography, and

list of Web sites are appended to this clearly written biography of Marx.

— *Carolyn Phelan*