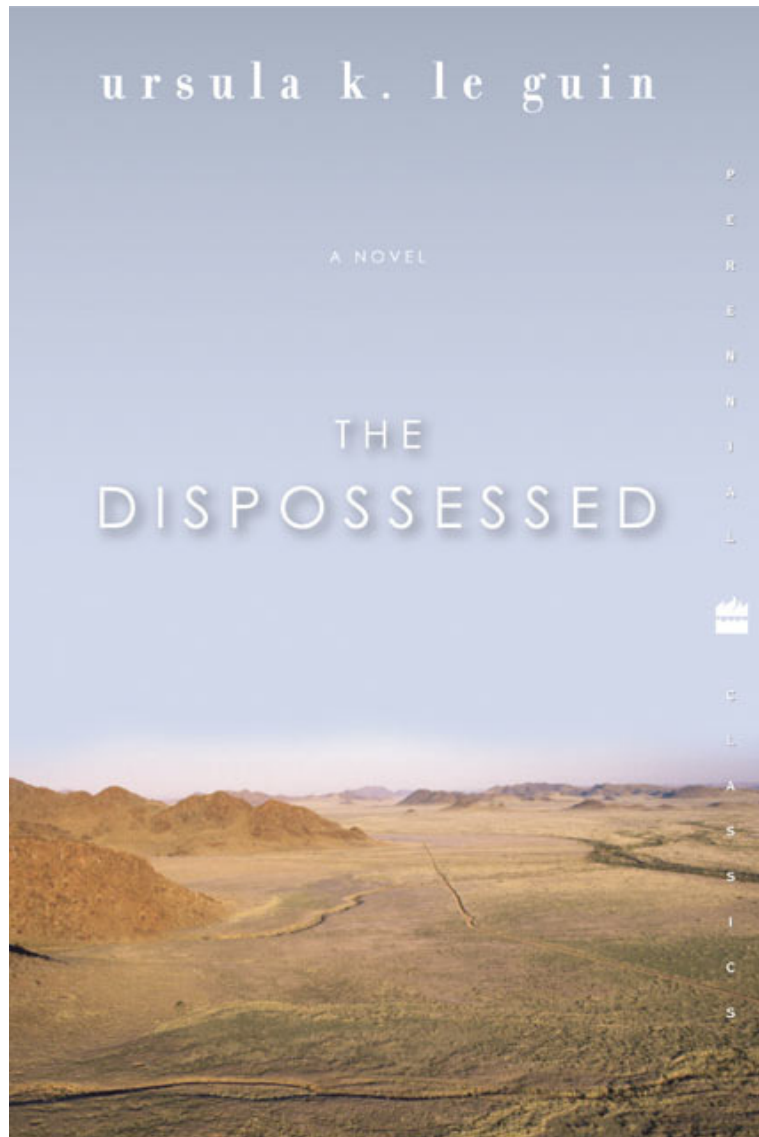


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American sociologist, prolific essayist, novelist and poet, anarchist and public intellectual, described as a 20th century Thoreau, Goodman has been cited by Le Guin as a major influence on her interest in anarchism. Goodman was a close observer of the Sixties “Revolution,” disillusioned by its excesses and nihilism. Along with psychologists Frederick Perls and Ralph Hefferkine, he pioneered the concepts of Gestalt therapy. He may have served as the model for Shevek, the protagonist in **The Dispossessed**.

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A self-described libertarian socialist and environmental activist, Bookchin started as a member of the Communist Party, rejected Marxism in favor of anarchism, and eventually

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American linguist, cognitive scientist, political dissident and self-declared anarcho-syndicalist and libertarian socialist, Chomsky has taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for 55 years and is Professor Emeritus of Linguistics at MIT. He is also an internationally renowned political dissident and activist.

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John Zerzan, an American “Green Anarchist” philosopher and activist, condemns capitalist civilization as the cumulative construction of alienation and oppression that will destroy the world. He is a leading member of the “green anarchists” who combine anarchist politics with environmental concerns. Their movement has split in recent years over tactics, as some activists have argued direct action, including violence, may be justified by events; while others emphasize the moral imperative of nonviolent resistance.

Zerzan served as editor of *Green Anarchy: An Anti-Civilization Journal of Theory and Action*, which was published by a collective in Eugene OR from 2000 to 2009. He is a contributing editor of *Anarchy: A Journal of Desire Armed*, founded in 1980 by members of the Columbia MO Anarchists League, and published biannually out of Berkeley CA since

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