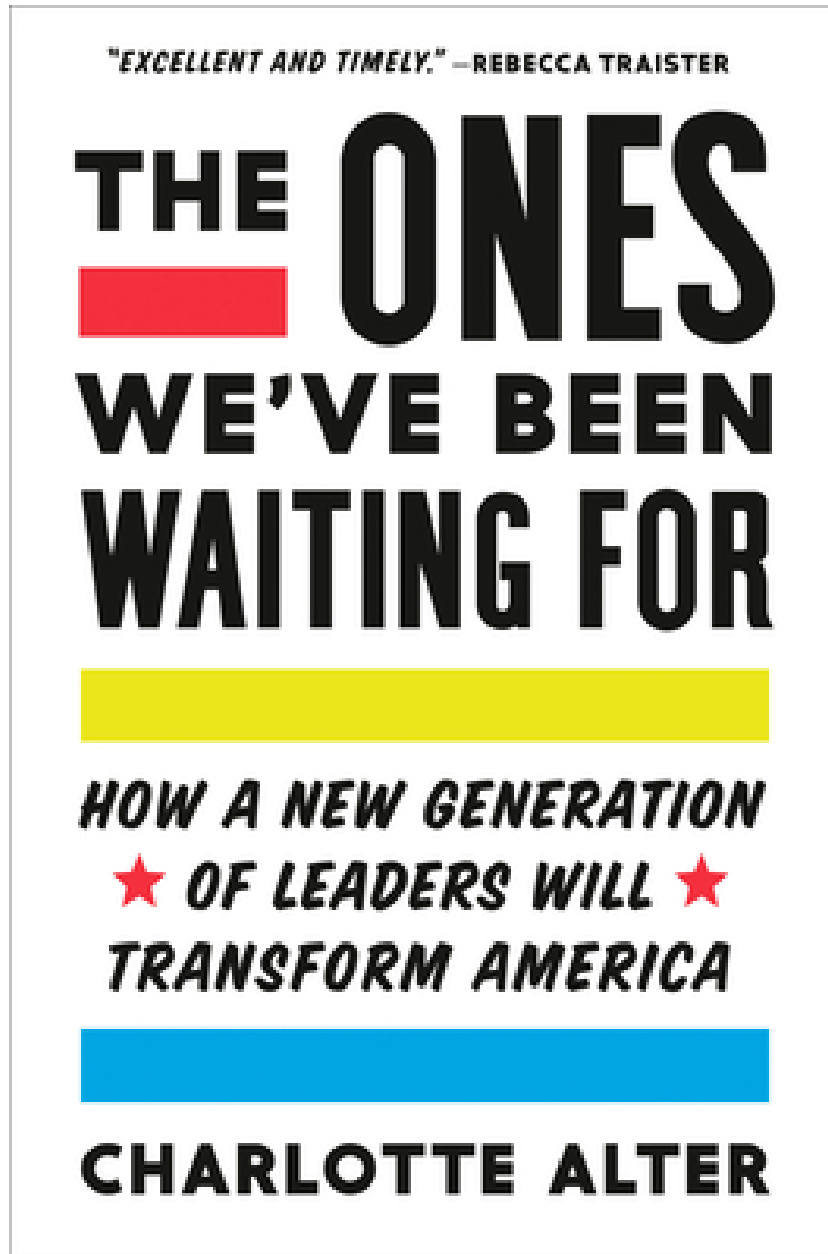


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### Charlotte Alter

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This book is about the historical forces that shaped the political leanings of the rising generation of American leaders: what millennials believe, why they believe it, and what America might look like when they're in charge.

It's a mixture of historical analysis and nonfiction narrative: Alexandria Ocasio Cortez's trip to Standing Rock, and Pete Buttigieg's coming out story, and Elise Stefanik's quest to drag the GOP into the 21st century, plus a lot of exciting young people you've never heard of who are making change in cities and towns across the country. It's also about the youth-led movements, like Occupy and Black Lives Matter, that have helped pull so many young voters to the left, and the historical factors that led to those movements.

When I pitched this, I said I wanted to write a book for people who love news but are sick of bad news. So maybe this book is for you!

## Cassandra Woyak

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Besides having a lot of insight into the government, boomers, and millennials in general, Charlotte also takes us into specific government officials. We see how they started their career and why, and what they've done so far in their career.

The last important and helpful thing for me, was reading about the Republican Party. There's so much backlash against them, however that's all I've heard is negative. I've never really heard about the differences of the party. Nor have I really paid attention to republican's agendas in congress and what their goals are. And seeing millennial republicans and what they're doing in office and their goals makes me have a deeper understanding of the party and not always tense up if I hear about someone who is a republican.

Highly recommend this book ESPECIALLY with the up coming election.

## Scott Carter

I am an old white guy who will one day rest easier in his grave if the good people that Charlotte Alter writes so ably about in her brilliant new book are running the world and saving our democracy.

## Tessa Whitehead

Alter is a brilliant, insightful, and revolutionary writer. This book is incredibly well researched and thorough with thoughtful and cutting commentary. Cannot recommend highly enough.

## Dawn

An easy, breezy read with a hopeful message in these dark political and social times where we teeter on the brink of disaster daily, and where each fresh news report brings with it responses ranging from head-shaking and muttering to outright rage and despair. But don't despair - yet! The Ones We've Been Waiting For..." offers great dollops of hope because a fresh breeze is about to blow in to town and clean things up.

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I have been raising one of these Game Changers and I didn't realize it, but I recognized my daughter in these pages. These kids are smart, tech-savvy like they were born with an extra chromosome that allows them to use social media in ways that their parents think unhealthy, but which makes perfect sense for this generation's agenda. Plus they don't care what we think about their socializing habits so get over it. Because these kids are pragmatic. They "get it." They've been dealt a hand that makes lofty notions and intellectual, angst-ridden high-mindedness obsolete; it just ain't solving anything. They are kind but practical and, at the end of the day, things need to be fixed. Wunderkinds like AOC and Buttigieg, along with a number of other new political operators, are showcased with the same energy and drive that they bring to the table and I was impressed.

I didn't intend to be because I have bought into the stereotypes: these kids are whinny, self absorbed loners, but Atler makes her case. No! This generation is Gladwell's "Tipping Point" to the future. I was particularly interested in the case made for socialism, Bernie/AOC-style. You see, I was raised in a country where democratic socialism was the ruling majority, and it wasn't so bad. Yes, there were definite problems created by the Socialist state, but over the long haul, life was pretty good. There was a cradle-to-grave social welfare safety net. There was good public housing. There were free school meals and a daily pint of milk for all children. There was free and good health care. There was a strong and robust economy and life was pleasant. My father has a different view on things and we argue frequently, especially now that he has become a card-carrying Trumper. But frankly, I think that the examples he critiques are the very issues he struggled with and had more to do with the rigid class structure that kept him locked out, than with socialism. The social program put in place to lift people up was the very thing that pulled him, and other smart kids of his age, out of poverty and into a thriving middle-class. And he has done very well for himself because of these opportunities.

I think that Americans' views of socialism slides quickly towards communism (and we know how the USA hates the Commies), and fascism. But the kind of socialism (according to Alter) that is being paraded through town these days is not that. It's more Fabian than Revolutionary. And it would be worth learning more about what Bernie and AOC and the democratic socialists are proposing, rather than continuing to believe the stereotypes. Because if there's one thing I got from this book, it's that we (The Boomers) need to rethink our stereotypes about many things. What we think they are talking about is not what they are talking about and they don't care if we don't understand what they're talking about because they're just gonna keep moving to fix all the things that previous generations (Boomers) have broken out of Capitalist greed, self-interest, and a complete disrespect for the planet we call home.

If you are tired of the same old white men who are in charge but seem to be making things worse, not better; if you are weary of Boomer shenanigans - yeah, you're smart and all, but pretty dumb with it. If you you feel tired and weary and overwhelmed by what's facing this planet - and I'm writing this as we sink deeper in to the Covid-19 Pandemic - then this is a book to read because you will quickly spot that our saving grace lies in these pages. The Calvary is coming folks. You may not like the look of it or the sound of it, but just get out of the way and let them do what needs to be done. It's their future, not ours. Boomer's time is done; the Millennials have come and they just might save the day!