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Union general, federal judge,
presidential contender, and

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cabinet officer—Walter Q. Gresham of Indiana stands as an enigmatic character in the politics of the Gilded Age, one who never seemed comfortable in the offices he sought. This first scholarly biography not only

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follows the turns of his career but seeks also to find the roots of his disaffection. Entering politics as a Whig, Gresham shortly turned to help organize the new Republican Party and was a contender for its

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presidential nomination in the 1880s. But he became popular with labor and with the Populists and closed his political career by serving as secretary of state under Grover Cleveland. In reviewing Gresham's conduct of

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foreign affairs, Charles W. Calhoun disputes the widely held view that he was an economic expansionist who paved the way for imperialism. Gresham, instead, is seen here as a traditionalist who tried to steer

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the country away from entanglements abroad. It is this traditionalism that Calhoun finds to be the clue to Gresham's career. Troubled with self-doubt, Gresham, like the Cato of old, sought strength in a return to the

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republican virtues of the Revolutionary generation. Based on a thorough use of the available resources, this will stand as the definitive biography of an important figure in American political and

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Age as the seedbed of modern America. At the end of the Civil War the leaders and citizens of the victorious North envisioned the country's future as a free-labor republic, with a homogenous citizenry, both

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black and white. The South and West were to be reconstructed in the image of the North. Thirty years later Americans occupied an unimagined world. The unity that the Civil War supposedly secured had proved ephemeral.

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The country was larger, richer, and more extensive, but also more diverse. Life spans were shorter, and physical well-being had diminished, due to disease and hazardous working conditions. Independent

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producers had become wage earners. The country was Catholic and Jewish as well as Protestant, and increasingly urban and industrial. The "dangerous" classes of the very rich and poor expanded, and

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deep differences -- ethnic, racial, religious, economic, and political -- divided society. The corruption that gave the Gilded Age its name was pervasive. These challenges also brought vigorous efforts to secure

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economic, moral, and cultural reforms. Real change -- technological, cultural, and political -- proliferated from below more than emerging from political leadership. Americans, mining their own traditions and

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these decades of disorienting change and mounting unrest, out of which emerged a modern nation whose characteristics resonate with the present day. When these activists employed the often slippery symbols of

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masculinity and femininity, they found that gendered meanings often changed with the shifting political context. Their ideas and assumptions about gender helped determine their ideologies, strategies, the fate of

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Civil War. Shaken by
economic and
technological
disruption, they sought
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results were the

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loudest, closest, most
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finally restrained this wild system, trading away participation for civility in the process. They built a calmer, cleaner democracy, but also a more distant one.

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Florence Kelley led
lives packed with drama,
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of equality, using its
considerable resources
on behalf of working
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it had not before and
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signs similar to some of
the most corrupt
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of sophisticated
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government officials,
key private-sector
interests, and out-and-
out criminals
interweave. Their main
objective: not to serve
the public but to

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maximize returns for
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to systematically undo
the Constitution and our
laws. Ultimately and
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reveals how corrupt
systems are organized,
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actors to bend the rules
so their crimes are
covered legally, how
they overtly determine
the shape of our
government, and how they
affect all levels of

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society, especially when
the corruption is
overlooked and
downplayed by the rich
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relation between the
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of political innovation at
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and the notable changes
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through the Civil Rights
movement, Americans have
long mobilized against
political, social, and
economic privilege.
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inheritance, wealth, and political preferment were treated as obnoxious and a threat to democracy. Mass movements envisioned a new world supplanting dog-eat-dog capitalism. But over

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*all types of corruption
hurt growth, nor do they
cause the same kind of
harm. Ang unbundles
corruption into four
varieties: petty theft,
grand theft, speed money,*

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*and access money. While
the first three types
impede growth, access
money - elite exchanges of
power and profit - cuts
both ways: it stimulates
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*historical lens, she
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accompanied by the
eradication of corruption,
but rather by its
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