**Illinois Labor History Bibliography**

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**Haymarket**

Adelman, William. *Haymarket revisited: a tour guide of labor history sites and ethnic neighborhoods connected with the Haymarket Affair*. Chicago: Illinois Labor History Society, 1979

This slim walking tour guide book provides background on dozens of locations related to the events at Haymarket.

Foner, Philip S. *The Autobiographies of the Haymarket Martyrs*, Pathfinder Press, 1969.

A collection of the Haymarket martyrs histories, told in their own words.

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This short history traces the history Haymarket in Chicago, and their connection to the holiday celebrated by workers around the world.

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A very readable history of the Haymarket, providing background to that fateful day starting with the rise of the labor movement after the Civil War and the struggle for the eight-hour day.

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An anthology of hundreds of primary sources relating to the Haymarket including speeches and posters, along with writings of some of the foremost labor historians about the importance of Haymarket.

**Mother Jones**

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A comprehensive book on the life and legacy of labor activist Mother Jones.

Jones, Mary Harris, *The Autobiography of Mother Jones,* Charles H. Kerr, 1996.

The story of Mother Jones, told in her own words.

Orear, Les, *Mother Jones and the Union Miners Cemetery in Mount Olive,* ILHS, 2002.

A look at the life of Mother Jones and the story of the miner’s cemetery in Mount Olive, Illinois, includes many pictures.

**Packinghouse Workers**

Barrett, James R. *Work and Community in the Jungle: Chicago’s Packinghouse Workers, 1894-1922,* University of Illinois Press, 1987.

An exploration of the packing house workers of Chicago and the neighborhoods they called home.

Halpern, Rick, *[Down on the Killing Floor, Black and White Workers in Chicago's Packinghouses, 1904-1954](http://www.illinoislaborhistory.org/ccp8/index.php?app=ecom&ns=prodshow&ref=KillingFloor" \o "Down on the Killing Floor, Black and White Workers in Chicago's Packinghouses, 1904-1954 - Rick Halp)*[, University of Illinois Press, 1997](http://www.illinoislaborhistory.org/ccp8/index.php?app=ecom&ns=prodshow&ref=KillingFloor" \o "Down on the Killing Floor, Black and White Workers in Chicago's Packinghouses, 1904-1954 - Rick Halp)

[A detailed study of the relationship between race relations and unionization in Chicago’s meatpacking industry.](http://www.illinoislaborhistory.org/ccp8/index.php?app=ecom&ns=prodshow&ref=KillingFloor" \o "Down on the Killing Floor, Black and White Workers in Chicago's Packinghouses, 1904-1954 - Rick Halp)

Halpern and Horowitz, Meatpackers: An Oral History of Black Workers and Their Struggles, Monthly Review Press, 1999.

Selected interviews from members of the United Packinghouse Workers of America, including Chicago.

Horowitz, Roger, *Negro and White, Unite and Fight! A Social History of Meatpacking, 1930-90,* University of Illinois Press, 1997.

The history of the effort to bring unionization to the meatpacking industry including Chicago.

**Pullman**

Adelman, William J., ***Touring Pullman,* Illinois Labor History Society, 1977.**

This slim walking tour guide book includes background on multiple sites in historic Pullman, and excerpts from the writings and speeches of several key figures in the Pullman Strike of 1894.

Popke, David Ray, *The Pullman Case: The Clash of Labor and Capital in Industrial America,* University Press of Kansas, 1999.

This succinct book traces the important court cases resulting from the Pullman Strike of 1894, and examines how this labor event became a key turning point in US labor history.

Tye, Larry, ***Rising from the Rails: Pullman Porters and the Making of the Black Middle Class,* Holt Paperbacks, 2005.**

**A very readable book that tells the history of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters union and their importance to labor and Civil Rights history.**

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The story of Lucy Parsons and her involvement in Chicago workers’ fight against poverty and hunger, and for the eight-hour day.

Ashby, Steven K, and Hawking, C.J., *Staley: The Fight for a New American Labor Movement*, University of Illinois Press, 2009.

Examining the recent labor history of a strike that took place in the 1990s in Decatur, Illinois.

Clark, Claudia, *Radium Girls: Women and Industrial Health Reform, 1910-1935,* University of North Carolina Press, 1997.

This book tells the history of women workers fight for workplace safety in Ottawa, Illinois.

Cohen, Lizabeth. *Making a New Deal: Industrial Workers in Chicago, 1919-1939.* Oxford University Press, 1990.

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Innis-Jimenez, *Steel Barrio: The Great Mexican Migration to South Chicago, 1915-1940,* NYU Press, 2013

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Pacyga, Dominic, *Polish Immigrants and Industrial Chicago: Workers on the South Side, 1880-1922*. University of Chicago Press, 2003.

A history of four decades of Polish-American workers in industrial Chicago.

Tintori, Karen, *Trapped: The 1909 Cherry Mine Disaster*, Altria Books, 2003

The history of the most deadly coal mining disaster in Illinois History.