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"THIS," says the author, "is a book about America. . . . It is merely a statement by a middle-class American, based on what he has seen in the course of an ordinary life and what he has read in intervals not devoted to the literary studies that are his professional concern."

Granville Hicks is the author of *The Great Tradition* and *John Reed, the Making of a Revolution*. He likes this America which he knows and in which his people have lived for generations. But he is very much interested in the people who he suspects "feel no positive affection" for their native land—"the underprivileged," who have little reason to like America, who "lack patriotism because they don't share in America's greatness." What Mr. Hicks would like to do is to convince these people—some eighty percent of the population of the United States—that "even if they haven't much of a stake in America as it is, they have a tremendous stake in America as it might be."

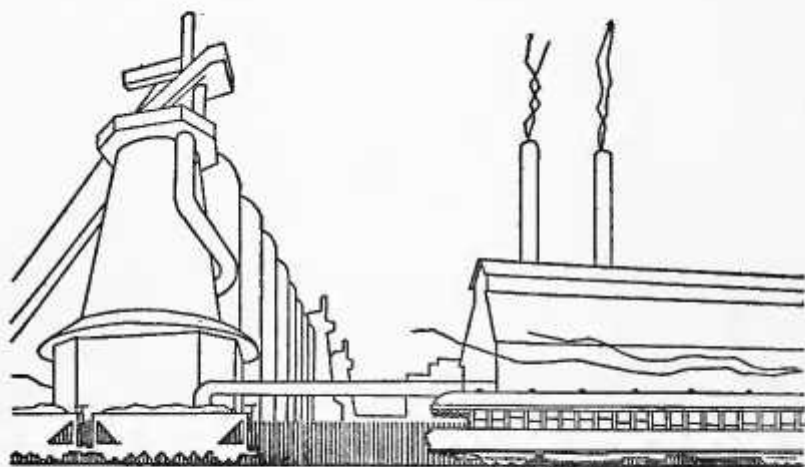
On their behalf he addresses himself to what he calls the "middle middle class"—the ten or twelve million people who are economically situated much as the author is. He hopes that they will hear what he has to say because he believes that "there is much that we could accomplish if we worked together."

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