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This study explores the egalitarian policies pursued in the provinces during the radical phase of the French Revolution, but moves away from the habit of looking at such issues in terms of the Terror alone. It challenges revisionist readings of Jacobinism that dwell on its totalitarian potential or portray it as dangerously utopian.

The mainstream Jacobin agenda held out the promise of 'fair shares' and equal opportunities for all in a private-ownership market economy. It sought to achieve social justice without jeopardising human rights and tended thus to complement, rather than undermine, the liberal, individualist programme of the Revolution. The book stresses the relevance of the 'Enlightenment legacy', the close affinities between Girondins and Montagnards, the key role played by many lesser-known figures and the moral ascendancy of Robespierre. It reassesses the basic social and economic issues at stake in the Revolution, which cannot be adequately understood solely in terms of political discourse.

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CONCORDANCE FOR THE YEAR II (1793–1794)

Vendémiaire:	1 = 22 September 1793	10 = 1 October 1793	20 = 11 October 1793
Brumaire:	1 = 22 October 1793	10 = 31 October 1793	20 = 10 November 1793
Frimaire:	1 = 21 November 1793	10 = 30 November 1793	20 = 10 December 1793
Nivôse:	1 = 21 December 1793	10 = 30 December 1793	20 = 9 January 1794
Pluviôse:	1 = 20 January 1794	10 = 29 January 1794	20 = 8 February 1794
Ventôse:	1 = 19 February 1794	10 = 28 February 1794	20 = 10 March 1794
Germinal:	1 = 21 March 1794	10 = 30 March 1794	20 = 9 April 1794
Floréal:	1 = 20 April 1794	10 = 29 April 1794	20 = 9 May 1794
Prairial:	1 = 20 May 1794	10 = 29 May 1794	20 = 8 June 1794
Messidor:	1 = 19 June 1794	10 = 28 June 1794	20 = 8 July 1794
Thermidor:	1 = 19 July 1794	10 = 28 July 1794	20 = 7 August 1794
Fructidor:	1 = 18 August 1794	10 = 27 August 1794	20 = 6 September 1794
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<i>Annales hist. Révol. fr.</i>	<i>Annales historiques de la Révolution française</i>
<i>Annales révol.</i>	<i>Annales révolutionnaires</i>
Arch. dép.	Archives départementales
Arch. Guerre	Archives du Service historique de l'Armée
Arch. mun.	Archives municipales
Arch. Nat.	Archives Nationales
<i>Arch. parl.</i>	<i>Archives parlementaires des Chambres françaises</i>
Aulard, <i>Jacobins</i>	F. A. Aulard, ed., <i>La Société des Jacobins: recueil de documents pour l'histoire du club des Jacobins de Paris</i>
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Bibl. Nat.	Bibliothèque Nationale de France
<i>La Révol. fr.</i>	<i>La Révolution française</i>
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