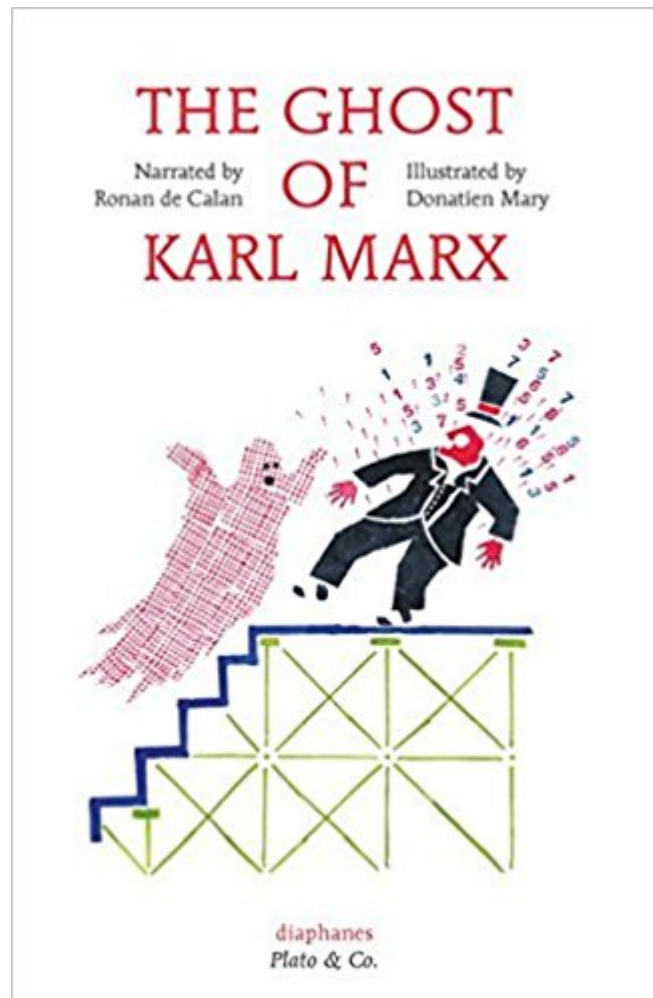




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This is a small book with great graphics. It can be read to or by a child that reads. It explains what capitalism is and how it exploits working people. Of course the explanation is taken from Marx’s economic theories. It could actually educate an adult as well as a young person. This is the only book I’ve encountered that was written to explained basic marxism to a child.

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