Despised – Why the Modern Left Loathes the Working Class by Paul Embery ~ book recommendation

This isn't a review, it's a recommendation of a book I think raises some very pertinent points, and more importantly offers some solutions.

Paul Embery is born and bred in Dagenham, which was Essex in my childhood but which, since 1965 is now part of Greater London. Most of his family live or lived in Dagenham. His family were originally from the East End, his wife's people were from India. He became a fire-fighter, an energetic member of the Fire Brigade Union and most recently a full-time official of that union.

Regular readers may recall that my family also originated in the East End and that I used to live in Dagenham (but only for 10 years, although family and friends are still there) so much of what he describes I know, and from my own experiences and observations I can confirm that he is true and accurate.

one of the signatories to an open letter calling on airlines to refuse to transport murderers, rapists and drug dealers back to their homes in Jamaica after they had served their sentences.

She is in the news again this week accusing Julie Burchill of Islamophobia for asking a reasonable question about the behaviour of Mohammed, and orchestrating a fuss such that Miss Burchill's publisher has Socialist Resistance has pounced on his use of the words, in separate form, 'rootless' and 'cosmopolitan'. Most notably in the section where he describes those of us from Somewhere, as distinguished from those from

Anywhere.

Stalin used a phrase, in Russian I would imagine, or maybe Georgian and translated into Russian as an antisemitic insult, and that phrase has been translated into English as ‘rootless cosmopolitans’.

Paul Embery uses words meaning rootless, and he uses the very word ‘cosmopolitan’ so, according to Socialist Resistance he is at best naïve or historically blind to use a Stalinist euphemism for anti-Semitism. So the left will stand up for Jews when it suits. Which is usually when weaponizing the anti-nazi movement; harking back to the Anti-nazi league which members went on to join Antifa and Black-bloc.

University of Manchester student magazine says Paul Embery’s arguments are convincing and that his general diagnosis, while lacking the bite of George Orwell, is sound.

One of the more hurtful criticisms came from a former fire-fighter who described him as a devout