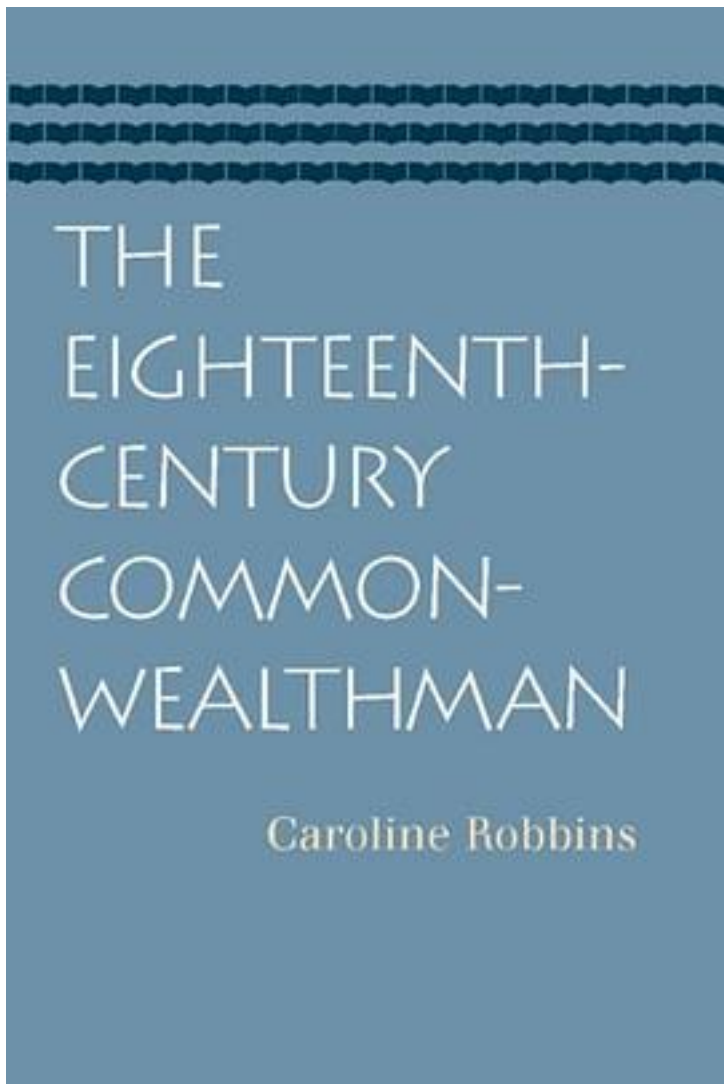


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In *The Eighteenth-Century Commonwealthman*, Robbins adeptly presents a history of these men, whose writings advocated the principles of liberty in an era when change was considered perilous.

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几经周折托JHU的希姐影印了半本。经典之作，整场“共和主义复兴运动”的第一股浪潮，启迪了包括波考克、戈登·伍德和伯纳德·贝林等一批上世纪五六十年代的英美思想史学家关注18世纪这个孕育了当代英美思想源头的辉煌时代，用“Commonwealthman”这样一个精准的词汇囊括了17世纪晚期到18世纪后半叶几乎所有英国激进思想的关键人物，篇幅之恢宏笔法之沉稳很难想想出自一位女学者之手，更是展现了思想史的无穷魅力

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