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1 David Howell, Dianne Kirby and Kevin Morgan (eds.), *John Saville: Commitment and History. Themes from the Life and Work of a Socialist Historian* (London: Lawrence & Wishart, 2011). John Saville was one of the leading socialist academics of his generation, and one of the most influential figures in British labour history. He was born John Stamatopoulos. His father was a Greek engineer who died during World War I. He lectured at Hull University for nearly 40 years and was a member of the British Communist Party and the Communist Party's Historians' Group until 1956. In partnership with E. P. Thompson, he then launched an opposition journal, the *New Reasoner* (soon to become the *New Left Review*). From 1964, most of his political writing was to be published in the *Socialist Register*, an annual volume to co-edited for some decades with Ralph Miliband. His major works are the *Dictionary of Labour Biography*, of which he was able to complete the first ten volumes (1972-2000), and the three volumes of *Essays in Labour History* (1961, 1971, 1977) co-edited with Asa Briggs.