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by Upton Sinclair (1878-1968)

Published in 1917, *King Coal* exposes the grim working conditions in the coal mining industry in the western United States in the early 20th century. As in his earlier work *The Jungle*, Sinclair expresses his socialist viewpoints from the perspective of a single protagonist, Hal Warner, caught up in the schemes and plots of the oppressive American capitalist system. The book itself is based on the 1914-1915 Colorado coal strikes. (*Wikipedia*)

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Pennsylvania, by M. A. Kleckner (before 1885)



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