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This was an important strike by the very poor and marginalized Chicano (Mexican American) workers, supported by wider union action to boycott handling grapes and by a consumer boycott, so it has attracted widespread interest on the left. Because of the emphasis on maintaining nonviolence, especially by the leading figure Cesar Chavez, it is also well covered in books on nonviolent action.

Bardacke, Frank, [Trampling Out the Vintage: Cesar Chavez and the Two Souls of the United Farm Workers Union](#) [1], London and New York, Verso, 2011, pp. 840

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Ferris, Susan ; Sandoval, Ricardo, [The Fight for the Fields: Cesar Chavez and the Farm Workers Movement](#) [4], (Foreword by Gary Soto), New York, Harcourt Brace and Co, 1998, pp. 352

Well documented and illustrated account of movement.

Jenkins, Craig, [The Politics of Insurgency: The Farm Workers Movement in the 1960s](#) [5], New York, Columbia University Press, 1985, pp. 261

Levy, Jacques, [Cesar Chavez: Autobiography of La Causa](#) [6], New York, W.W. Norton, 1975, pp. 546

Merriman, Hardy, [Californian Grape Workers' Strike and Boycott 1965-1970](#) [7], In Sharp, [Waging Nonviolent Struggle: 20th Century Practice and 21st Century Potential](#) [8] ([A. 1.b. Strategic Theory, Dynamics, Methods and Movements](#) [9]), Boston, Porter Sargent, pp. 173-187

Orosco, José-Antonio, [Cesar Chavez and the Common Sense of Nonviolence](#) [10], Albuquerque, NM, University of New Mexico Press, 2008, pp. 160

Rosales, Francisco Arturo, [Chicano! The History of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement](#) [11], Houston TX, Arte Publico, 1997, pp. 304

Rose, Margaret, [Women Power Will Stop these Grapes: Chicana Organizers and Middle Class Female Supporters in the Farmworkers' Grape Boycott in Philadelphia, 1969-70](#) [12], Journal of Women's History, issue Winter, 1995, pp. 8-33



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Includes assessment of impact of grape pickers' strike on immigrant labour in other industries.

See also:

Marshall Ganz, [Why David Sometimes Wins: Leadership, Organisation, and Strategy in the California Farm Worker Movements](#) [14], (A. 1.b. Strategic Theory, Dynamics, Methods and Movements [15])

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