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*"The law perverted! And the police powers of the state perverted along with it! The law, I say, not only turned from its proper purpose but made to follow an entirely contrary purpose! The law become the weapon of every kind of greed! Instead of checking crime, the law itself guilty of the evils it is supposed to punish! If this is true, it is a serious fact, and moral duty requires me to call the attention of my fellow-citizens to it."*Frederic Bastiat, The Law

This begins one of the clearest explanations of liberty ever written. The Law was not written on a high academic level, nor was it meant to be. It is a simple exploration of how government challenges liberty more than any other institution. For all interested in the study of liberty, Bastiat's book is a superb resource.