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*William Hughes's Critical
Thinking, revised and updated*

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by Jonathan Lavery, is a comprehensive and accessible introduction to the essential skills required to make strong arguments. Hughes and Lavery give a thorough treatment of such traditional topics as

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deductive and inductive reasoning, logical fallacies, the importance of inference, how to recognize and avoid ambiguity, and how to assess what is or is not relevant to an argument. The authors also

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cover less traditional topics such as special concerns to keep in mind when reasoning about ethical matters, and how the nature of a language can affect the structure of an argument. In addition to

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covering basic concepts for analyzing and assessing arguments, the text also has two chapters that are designed to help students write argumentative essays. Last but not least, Critical Thinking

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includes a selection of logical paradoxes and puzzles that are as entertaining as they are enlightening. For the fifth edition particular attention has been paid to the needs of Canadian students and

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instructors.

Many studies during the past few decades have sought to determine whether the death penalty has any deterrent effect on homicide rates. Researchers have reached

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***widely varying, even
contradictory, conclusions.
Some studies have concluded
that the threat of capital
punishment deters murders,
saving large numbers of lives;
other studies have concluded***

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that executions actually increase homicides; still others, that executions have no effect on murder rates.

Commentary among researchers, advocates, and policymakers on the scientific

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validity of the findings has sometimes been acrimonious. Against this backdrop, the National Research Council report Deterrence and the Death Penalty assesses whether the available evidence

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provides a scientific basis for answering questions of if and how the death penalty affects homicide rates. This new report from the Committee on Law and Justice concludes that research to date on the effect

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of capital punishment on homicide rates is not useful in determining whether the death penalty increases, decreases, or has no effect on these rates. The key question is whether capital punishment is less or

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more effective as a deterrent than alternative punishments, such as a life sentence without the possibility of parole. Yet none of the research that has been done accounted for the possible effect of noncapital

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punishments on homicide rates. The report recommends new avenues of research that may provide broader insight into any deterrent effects from both capital and noncapital punishments.

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***Annotation In the US,
murderers, particularly those
sentenced to death, are usually
considered as entirely different
from the rest of us. Sociologist
Susan F. Sharp challenges
perspective by reminding us***

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that those facing a death sentence, in addition to being murderers, are brothers or sisters, mothers or fathers, daughters or sons.

Taking a unique approach that emphasizes careful reasoning,

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Capital Punishment in the USA

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***The International Library of
Essays on Capital Punishment,
Volume 1***

***The Death Penalty Debate
Argument of Edward
Livingston, Against Capital
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Christian and Secular Arguments Against Capital Punishment

The American Debate Over the Death Penalty

*A landmark dissenting opinion
arguing against the death penalty*

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Does the death penalty violate the Constitution? In Against the Death Penalty, Justice Stephen G. Breyer argues that it does: that it is carried out unfairly and inconsistently, and thus violates the ban on "cruel and unusual

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punishments" specified by the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution. "Today's administration of the death penalty," Breyer writes, "involves three fundamental constitutional defects: (1) serious unreliability,

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(2) arbitrariness in application, and (3) unconscionably long delays that undermine the death penalty's penological purpose. Perhaps as a result, (4) most places within the United States have abandoned its use." This

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volume contains Breyer's dissent in the case of Glossip v. Gross, which involved an unsuccessful challenge to Oklahoma's use of a lethal-injection drug because it might cause severe pain. Justice Breyer's legal citations have been

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edited to make them understandable to a general audience, but the text retains the full force of his powerful argument that the time has come for the Supreme Court to revisit the constitutionality of the death

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penalty. Breyer was joined in his dissent from the bench by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Their passionate argument has been cited by many legal experts — including fellow Justice Antonin Scalia — as signaling an eventual

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Court ruling striking down the death penalty. A similar dissent in 1963 by Breyer's mentor, Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, helped set the stage for a later ruling, imposing what turned out to be a four-year moratorium on executions.

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*The International Library of Essays
on Capital Punishment, Volume
1 Justice and Legal Issues* Routledge
*The Catholic Church has in recent
decades been associated with
political efforts to eliminate the
death penalty. It was not always*

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so. This timely work reviews and explains the Catholic Tradition regarding the death penalty, demonstrating that it is not inherently evil and that it can be reserved as a just form of punishment in certain cases.

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Drawing upon a wealth of philosophical, scriptural, theological, and social scientific arguments, the authors explain the perennial teaching of the Church that capital punishment can in principle be legitimate—not

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only to protect society from immediate physical danger, but also to administer retributive justice and to deter capital crimes. The authors also show how some recent statements of Church leaders in opposition to the death

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penalty are prudential judgments rather than dogma. They reaffirm that Catholics may, in good conscience, disagree about the application of the death penalty. Some arguments against the death penalty falsely suggest that

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there has been a rupture in the Church's traditional teaching and thereby inadvertently cast doubt on the reliability of the Magisterium. Yet, as the authors demonstrate, the Church's traditional teaching is a safeguard

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to society, because the just use of the death penalty can be used to protect the lives of the innocent, inculcate a horror of murder, and affirm the dignity of human beings as free and rational creatures who must be held responsible for their

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actions. By Man Shall His Blood Be Shed challenges contemporary Catholics to engage with Scripture, Tradition, natural law, and the actual social scientific evidence in order to undertake a thoughtful analysis of the current debate

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*about the death penalty.
Drawing on Old and New
Testament resources as well as
secular arguments, Gardner C.
Hanks shows that the death
penalty harms rather than helps
any quest for a just, humane*

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society. He demonstrates through research data that the death penalty is an ineffective crime-fighting tool.

Retributivism

Hidden Victims

An Eye for an Eye

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Capital Punishment

Let the Lord Sort Them

*A Catholic Defense of Capital
Punishment*

***Refusing to eradicate the
death penalty, the U.S.
has attempted to reform***

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***and rationalize capital
punishment through
federal constitutional law.
While execution
chambers remain active
in several states, Carol
Steiker and Jordan***

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Steiker argue that the fate of the American death penalty is likely to be sealed by this failed judicial experiment. This revised and updated second edition is an

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overview of capital punishment. It offers an examination of the death penalty, supported by statistics and Supreme Court cases, and followed by pro and con

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discussions. The book addresses every major issue relating to the death penalty including deterrence, racial impact, arbitrariness, its use on special populations, and

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***methods of execution.
This text challenges
students to evaluate their
beliefs and assumptions
on each of the various
issues surrounding this
controversial subject.***

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Each chapter begins with a primer of the issue to be discussed, followed by the data and critical documents necessary to make an educated assessment, and

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***concludes with essays
that offer differing
viewpoints by some of the
best minds in the country.
New material added to
the second edition
includes: updated data on***

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***deterrence ; new data and
articles on brutalization
and cost ; new cases and
articles on the death
penalty for juveniles ; new
case and articles on the
death penalty for raping a***

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***child ; and a new chapter
on methods of execution.
The true and gripping
account of the nine-year
struggle by a small band
of lawyers to abolish the
death penalty in the***

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United States. Its new edition features a 2011 Foreword by death-penalty author Evan Mandery of CUNY's John Jay College of Criminal Justice, as well as a new

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Preface by the author. The mission, plotted out over lunch in New York's Central Park in the early 1960s, seemed as impossible as going to the moon: abolish capital

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punishment in every state. The approach would fight on multiple fronts, with multiple strategies. The people would be dedicated, bright, unsure,

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***unpopular, and
fascinating. This is their
story: not only the cases
and the arguments before
courts, the death row
inmates and their victims,
the judges and politicians***

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urging law and order, this is the true account of the real-life lawyers from the inside. The United States indeed went to the moon, and a few years later the U.S. Supreme Court ruled

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***the death penalty
unconstitutional. The
victory was long-sought
and sweet, and the pages
of this book vividly let the
reader live the struggle
and the victory. And while***

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the abolition eventually became as impermanent as the nation's presence on the moon, these dedicated attorneys certainly made a difference. This is their

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***tale. As Evan Mandery
writes in his new
Foreword, "In these
pages, Meltsner lays bare
every aspect of his and
his colleagues' thinking.
You will read how they***

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handicapped their chances, which arguments they thought would work (you may be surprised), and what they thought of the Supreme Court justices who would

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***decide the crucial cases.
You will come to
understand what they
perceived to be the basis
for support for the death
penalty, and, with
Meltsner's unflinching***

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honesty, what they perceived to be the inconsistencies in their position." Mandery concludes: "It is my odd lot in life to have read almost every major book

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ever written about the death penalty in America. This is the best and the most important. Every serious scholar who wants to advance an argument about capital punishment

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in the United States--whether it is abolitionist or in favor of the death penalty, or merely a tactical assessment--cites this book. It is open and

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supremely accessible."

And the author's

***"constitutional vision was
years ahead of its time.***

His book is timeless."

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and quality digital
formatting.***

***"The Italian political and
legal thinker Cesare
Beccaria (1738-1794) is***

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***justly regarded as the
founding father of the
movement for criminal
law reform that emerged
in Europe in the mid-18th
century. His treatise, On
Crimes and Punishments***

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(1764), is a seminal text that has had an enormous and lasting influence on politicians, jurists, philosophers and theologians. In particular, his attack on the death

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***penalty has dominated
the historical and
philosophical debate.
However, an earlier
treatise that specifically
argues for the abolition of
the death penalty has***

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***recently come to light.
This is Contro la pena di
morte (1761), by
Giuseppe Pelli
(1729-1808). Pelli and
Beccaria were not in
contact and apparently***

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had no knowledge of the other's work until Beccaria's treatise appeared. Pelli's treatise was never completed and remained unpublished for 250 years. It was

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discovered in the late 1980's among the papers of the descendants of his adopted daughter, and was published in Italian in 2014. In Against the Death Penalty, Peter

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Garnsey, a historian of the Roman Empire and Italy, provides the first English translation of this important yet forgotten text. Although Beccaria attacked the whole

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criminal justice system of his time, Pelli's work was singulr in its focus on attacking on just the death penalty. As such, it was the first attack of any substance that appeared

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in Europe, and although unfinished, it is a work of considerable sophistication and depth. It is a comprehensive critique, considerably longer and more

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***thorough than that of
Beccaria. Pelli was also a
man of religious
convictions and operated
within the Catholic
tradition: for his key
arguments he drew on the***

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writings of the natural jurists, in particular Grotius and Pufendorf. Garnsey provides a substantial introduction, the bulk of which is a comparative evaluation of

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***the discussions of Pelli
and Beccaria on the death
penalty and alternative
punishments. He also
provides historical
context for the
intellectual and social***

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environment in which the two men lived and from which their works emerged. Although much has been written about Beccarria, little is known or has been written about

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Pelli's life. Garnsey reconstructs what is important for understanding his text by drawing on the massive diary Pelli left, which has also only recently become

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available. It not only sheds light on Pelli's intellectual development but provides a fascinating, extraordinarily informative, and

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***revealing day-by-day,
profoundly personal
account of a man of
letters who became a
bureaucrat in the service
of the Habsburg
Monarchy"***

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***Fighting the Death
Penalty***

***An Eyewitness Account of
the Death Penalty in the
United States***

***For and Against
The Death Penalty in***

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***American Law and
Culture***

***Readings in Ethical
Issues***

***Cesare Beccaria Against
Capital Punishment.***

Presenting and

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Evaluating his Argument

"This book explores the various trends in public opinion that influence crime prevention efforts, create public policy, and reform criminal law. It discusses three core issues: the role of free will

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and determination; the search for the root cause or causes of crime; and the effects of studying crimes versus studying criminals"--Provided by publisher. The death penalty issue has become the epitome of the

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unresolvable issue, the question which people answer on the basis of gut reactions rather than logical arguments. In the second edition of *An Eye for an Eye?* Stephen Nathanson evaluates arguments for and against the death penalty,

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and ultimately defends an abolitionist position to the controversial practice, including arguments that show how and why the death penalty is inconsistent with respect for life and a commitment to justice. A

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timely new postscript and an updated bibliography accompany the volume.

Presents the arguments of two social and political philosophers with opposing views on the topic
Experts on both side of the issue

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Speak out both for and against capital punishment and the rationale behind their individual beliefs.

The Case Against the Death
Penalty
In Twelve Essays

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Final Judgments

Peculiar Institution

Exposing the Death Penalty in 12

Essays

Capital Punishment in America

Why does the United

States, alone among

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Western democracies, still have the death penalty? It's not a new question, but David Garland provides fresh answers from a multilayered analysis...The title hints

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at the most provocative part of Garland's answer. In American history, the "peculiar institution" is slavery. Anyone who thinks its vestiges were wiped out by the Emancipation

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Proclamation or civil rights laws should read this book and think again. In 1982, Sister Helen Prejean became the spiritual advisor to Patrick Sonnier, the

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convicted killer of two teenagers who was sentenced to die in the electric chair of Louisiana's Angola State Prison. In the months before Sonnier's death,

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the Roman Catholic nun came to know a man who was as terrified as he had once been terrifying. She also came to know the families of the victims and the men whose job it

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was to execute—men who often harbored doubts about the rightness of what they were doing. Out of that dreadful intimacy comes a profoundly moving spiritual journey through

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our system of capital punishment. Here Sister Helen confronts both the plight of the condemned and the rage of the bereaved, the fears of a society shattered by

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violence and the Christian imperative of love. On its original publication in 1993, *Dead Man Walking* emerged as an unprecedented look at the human consequences of the

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death penalty. Now, some two decades later, this story—which has inspired a film, a stage play, an opera and a musical album—is more gut-wrenching than ever,

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stirring deep and life-changing reflection in all who encounter it.

Reprint of the fourth edition, which contains an additional text attributed to Voltaire. Originally

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published anonymously in 1764, *Dei Delitti e Delle Pene* was the first systematic study of the principles of crime and punishment. Infused with the spirit of the

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Enlightenment, its advocacy of crime prevention and the abolition of torture and capital punishment marked a significant advance in criminological thought,

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which had changed little since the Middle Ages. It had a profound influence on the development of criminal law in Europe and the United States.

NEW YORK TIMES EDITORS'

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CHOICE • A deeply reported, searingly honest portrait of the death penalty in Texas—and what it tells us about crime and punishment in America “If you’re one of those

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people who despair that nothing changes, and dream that something can, this is a story of how it does."—Anand Giridharadas, The New York Times Book Review WINNER OF THE J.

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ANTHONY LUKAS AWARD In 1972, the United States Supreme Court made a surprising ruling: the country's death penalty system violated the Constitution. The backlash

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was swift, especially in Texas, where executions were considered part of the cultural fabric, and a dark history of lynching was masked by gauzy visions of a tough-on-

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crime frontier. When executions resumed, Texas quickly became the nationwide leader in carrying out the punishment. Then, amid a larger wave of criminal

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justice reform, came the death penalty's decline, a trend so durable that even in Texas the punishment appears again close to extinction. In *Let the Lord Sort Them*, Maurice

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Chammah charts the rise and fall of capital punishment through the eyes of those it touched. We meet Elsa Alcala, the orphaned daughter of a Mexican American family

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who found her calling as a prosecutor in the nation's death penalty capital, before becoming a judge on the state's highest court. We meet Danalynn Recer, a lawyer who became

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obsessively devoted to unearthing the life stories of men who committed terrible crimes, and fought for mercy in courtrooms across the state. We meet death row

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prisoners—many of them once-famous figures like Henry Lee Lucas, Gary Graham, and Karla Faye Tucker—along with their families and the families of their victims. And we

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meet the executioners, who struggle openly with what society has asked them to do. In tracing these interconnected lives against the rise of mass incarceration in Texas and

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the country as a whole,
Chammah explores what the
persistence of the death
penalty tells us about
forgiveness and
retribution, fairness and
justice, history and myth.

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Written with intimacy and grace, *Let the Lord Sort Them* is the definitive portrait of a particularly American institution.

Deterrence and the Death Penalty

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Dead Man Walking
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Death Penalty
Against Capital Punishment
Should America Have
Capital Punishment? The
Experts on Both Sides Make

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Their Case

Capital Punishment in the
United States

The death penalty is
contested across modern
social, political, academic,
and legal institutions, and

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this interdisciplinary text helps readers analyze that debate. It begins with *Furman v. Georgia*, which doubles as the Supreme Court's only decision striking down the death penalty and

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as the origin of the modern American death penalty. The text explores the legal rules and moral reasoning behind the principle that the death penalty be reserved for the worst offenders, as well as

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the most uncomfortable realities of American capital punishment--the likelihood of wrongful executions and the undeniable influence of race on death penalty practice.

Discussion of law and theory

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is always supplemented with appropriate empirical studies, and is connected to the practice of lawyers on the ground. The text concludes with a glimpse to the future of the death

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penalty, and situates the increasingly exceptional American experience in an international context. This legal material is carefully presented so as to remain accessible to non-lawyers,

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and it is intended for anyone with an interest in capital punishment.

Essay from the year 2015 in the subject Law - Philosophy, History and Sociology of Law, grade: 4.00, Indiana

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University (College of Arts
and Sciences - Political
Science Department),
course: POLS-Y210 Rule of
Law, language: English,
abstract: This paper hopes to
establish the continued

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forcefulness of Cesare
Beccaria's argument against
torture and the death
penalty by reconciling its
reasoning with the societal
and legal context of the
modern day. Cesare

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Beccaria, considered one of the founding fathers of Enlightenment penology and legal theory, is perhaps most well known for his treatise *On Crime and Punishment* in which he argues against

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punitive administration of
torture and capital
punishment. This paper
analyzes the arguments
proposed by Beccaria and
reasserts their modern
relevance to contemporary

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legal conversation on the death penalty and government-administered torture. Weaknesses in Beccaria's argument such as his questionably justified causal claims on human

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behavior are examined, but ultimately found to not render his argument less sound insofar as it seeks to discredit capital punishment. Beccaria's own model of social contract theory is also

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examined and used as a basis by which to evaluate his legal claims.

Final Judgments: The Death Penalty in American Law and Culture explores the significance and meaning of

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finality in capital cases.
Questions addressed in this
book include: how are
concerns about finality
reflected in the motivations
and behavior of participants
in the death penalty system?

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How does an awareness of finality shape the experience of the death penalty for those condemned to die as well as for capital punishment's public audience? What is the

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meaning of time in capital cases? What are the relative weights according to finality versus the need for error correction in legal and political debates? And, how does the meaning of finality

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differ in capital and non-capital (LWOP) cases? Each chapter examines the idea of finality as a legal, political, and cultural fact. Final Judgments deploys various theories and perspectives to

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explore the death penalty's finality.

Against Capital Punishment develops an innovative argument against the death penalty that sidesteps questions about the morality

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of execution itself. Yost argues that the irrevocability of the death penalty calls for its abolition. In so doing, he explores the extent of legal institutions' responsibility to remedy their mistakes and

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solves the problems that
sabotage other versions of
procedural abolitionism
Critical Thinking, fifth edition
An Introduction to the Basic
Skills
Contemporary Moral

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Arguments

Debating the Death Penalty

Cruel and Unusual

Writings from the First

Abolitionists—Giuseppe Pelli

and Cesare Beccaria

Today, death sentences in the

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U.S. are as rare as lightning strikes. Brandon Garrett shows us the reasons why, and explains what the failed death penalty experiment teaches about the effect of inept lawyering, overzealous

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**prosecution, race discrimination,
wrongful convictions, and
excessive punishments
throughout the criminal justice
system.**

**From 1965 until 1980, there was
a virtual moratorium on**

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executions for capital offenses in the United States. This was due primarily to protracted legal proceedings challenging the death penalty on constitutional grounds. After much Sturm und Drang, the Supreme Court of the

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United States, by a divided vote, finally decided that "the death penalty does not invariably violate the Cruel and Unusual Punishment Clause of the Eighth Amendment." The Court's decisions, however, do not moot

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the controversy about the death penalty or render this excellent book irrelevant. The ball is now in the court of the Legislature and the Executive. Legislatures, federal and state, can impose or abolish the death penalty, within

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the guidelines prescribed by the Supreme Court. A Chief Executive can commute a death sentence. And even the Supreme Court can change its mind, as it has done on many occasions and did, with respect

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to various aspects of the death penalty itself, during the moratorium period. Also, the people can change their minds. Some time ago, a majority, according to reliable polls, favored abolition. Today, a

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**substantial majority favors
imposition of the death penalty.
The pendulum can swing again,
as it has done in the past.
In the past 15 years a host of
critical thinking books have
appeared that teach students to**

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find flaws in the arguments of others by learning to detect a number of informal fallacies. This book is not in that tradition. The authors of this book believe that while students learn to become vicious critics, they still

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continue to make the very mistakes they criticize in others. Thus, this book has adopted the approach of teaching the construction of good arguments first and then introducing criticism as a secondary skill.

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Moreover, the emphasis of the book is not on learning to name fallacies, but on being able to identify weaknesses in an argument so as to be able to construct an effective critique of that argument. The book is

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accompanied by a workbook featuring a wealth of examples to help students acquire the material.

Powerful, wry essays offering modern takes on a primitive practice, from one of our most

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widely read death penalty abolitionists As Ruth Bader Ginsburg has noted, people who are well represented at trial rarely get the death penalty. But as Marc Bookman shows in a dozen brilliant essays, the

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**problems with capital
punishment run far deeper than
just bad representation.
Exploring prosecutorial
misconduct, racist judges and
jurors, drunken lawyering, and
executing the innocent and the**

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mentally ill, these essays demonstrate that precious few people on trial for their lives get the fair trial the Constitution demands. Today, death penalty cases continue to capture the hearts, minds, and eblasts of

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progressives of all stripes—including the rich and famous (see Kim Kardashian’s advocacy)—but few people with firsthand knowledge of America’s “injustice system” have the literary chops to bring

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Enter Marc Bookman. With a
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journalistic, the veteran capital
defense lawyer and seven-time
Best American Essays “notable”
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obliged to execute
murderers. Since we lack
conclusive evidence that
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of our judicial system,
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