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***Provides essential data on assets, investments, membership, and industry structure, and an evaluation of trends in the private pensions industry; comprehensive country profiles; and an analysis of the implications of the financial crisis for pensions policy.***

***"Federal Labor Standards Legislation Committee, Section of Labor and Employment Law, American Bar Association."***

***"We all recognize that climate change is a supremely important issue of our time, which requires both trans-national and trans-generational collaboration and shared responsibility. What we haven't yet fully appreciated, argues political philosopher Henry Shue, are the ethical considerations surrounding the fact that the next one or two decades will determine whether climate change, which already has led us to dangerous effects, will surge into inescapably disastrous effects.***

***The people alive today thus represent a pivotal generation in human history. For the past two centuries humans have undermined our climate at an increasing rate, in ways that the present generations are the first to fully understand, and the last to be able to reverse. But our responsibility for decisive and immediate action rests on three special features of the relation of our present to the future, that many have failed to realize (1) future generations face dangers greater than ours even if we act robustly, (2) the worsening dangers for future generations are currently without limit, and (3) a less robust effort by us is likely to allow climate change to pass critical tipping points for severely worse and potentially unavoidable future dangers. Shue, a renowned scholar of ethics, politics and international relations who has been studying the ethics of climate change for the last two decades, guides us through what our ethical responsibilities to others are, both across the world but especially over time, and what those commitments require us to do in addressing the climate change crisis, now and forcefully"--***  
***Women in today's advanced capitalist societies are encouraged to "lean in." The media and government champion women's empowerment. In a cultural climate where women can seemingly have it all, why do so many successful professional women—lawyers, financial managers, teachers, engineers, and others—give up their careers after having children and become stay-at-home mothers? How do they feel about their decision and what do their stories***

***tell us about contemporary society? Heading Home reveals the stark gap between the promise of gender equality and women's experience of continued injustice. Shani Orgad draws on in-depth, personal, and profoundly ambivalent interviews with highly educated London women who left paid employment to take care of their children while their husbands continued to work in high-powered jobs. Despite identifying the structural forces that maintain gender inequality, these women still struggle to articulate their decisions outside the narrow cultural ideals that devalue motherhood and individualize success and failure. Orgad juxtaposes these stories with media and policy depictions of women, work, and family, detailing how—even as their experiences fly in the face of fantasies of work-life balance and marriage as an egalitarian partnership—these women continue to interpret and judge themselves according to the ideals that are failing them. Rather than calling for women to transform their feelings and behavior, Heading Home argues that we must unmute and amplify women's desire, disappointment, and rage, and demand social infrastructure that will bring about long-overdue equality both at work and at home.***

***Labor and the Class Idea in the United States and Canada***

***A Theory in Ethics and Epistemology***

***Adventures in Philosophy with My Kids***

***Workers' Control in Theory and Practice***

***Organized Labour and the Charter of Rights and***

## ***Freedoms***

### ***From Slavery to the Cooperative Commonwealth***

Artificial intelligence-enabled digital platforms collect and process data from and about users. These companies are largely self-regulating in Western countries. How do economic theories explain the rise of a very few dominant platforms? Mansell and Steinmueller compare and contrast neoclassical, institutional and critical political economy explanations. They show how these perspectives can lead to contrasting claims about platform benefits and harms. Uneven power relationships between platform operators and their users are treated differently in these economic traditions. Sometimes leading to advocacy for regulation or for public provision of digital services. Sometimes indicating restraint and precaution. The authors challenge the reader to think beyond the inevitability of platform dominance to create new visions of how platforms might operate in the future.

How GDP came to rule our lives—and why it needs to change Why did the size of the U.S. economy increase by 3 percent on one day in mid-2013—or Ghana's balloon by 60 percent overnight in 2010? Why did the U.K. financial industry show its fastest expansion ever at the end of 2008—just as the world ' s financial system went into meltdown? And why was Greece ' s chief statistician charged with treason in 2013 for apparently doing nothing more than trying to accurately report the size of his country ' s economy? The answers to all these questions lie in the way we define and measure

national economies around the world: Gross Domestic Product. This entertaining and informative book tells the story of GDP, making sense of a statistic that appears constantly in the news, business, and politics, and that seems to rule our lives—but that hardly anyone actually understands. Diane Coyle traces the history of this artificial, abstract, complex, but exceedingly important statistic from its eighteenth- and nineteenth-century precursors through its invention in the 1940s and its postwar golden age, and then through the Great Crash up to today. The reader learns why this standard measure of the size of a country's economy was invented, how it has changed over the decades, and what its strengths and weaknesses are. The book explains why even small changes in GDP can decide elections, influence major political decisions, and determine whether countries can keep borrowing or be thrown into recession. The book ends by making the case that GDP was a good measure for the twentieth century but is increasingly inappropriate for a twenty-first-century economy driven by innovation, services, and intangible goods. The book recasts the concept of estrangement as 'reason in an unreasonable form', traces its development in writings of Kant, Hegel, and Marx, supplies a game-theoretic reconstruction of it, and assesses its significance for a critical understanding of John Rawls's philosophy.

For centuries we've believed that work was where you learned discipline, initiative, honesty, self-reliance--in a word, character. A job was also, and not incidentally,

the source of your income: if you didn't work, you didn't eat, or else you were stealing from someone. If only you worked hard, you could earn your way and maybe even make something of yourself. In recent decades, through everyday experience, these beliefs have proven spectacularly false. In this book, James Livingston explains how and why Americans still cling to work as a solution rather than a problem--why it is that both liberals and conservatives announce that "full employment" is their goal when job creation is no longer a feasible solution for any problem, moral or economic. The result is a witty, stirring denunciation of the ways we think about why we labor, exhorting us to imagine a new way of finding meaning, character, and sustenance beyond our workaday world--and showing us that we can afford to leave that world behind.

Politics at Work

Ask a Manager

A Manual for Private Sector Employers and Employees

Creating Order in Economic and Social Life

The Logic of Estrangement

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*More than forty years have passed since Congress, in response to the Civil Rights Movement, enacted sweeping antidiscrimination laws in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968. As a signal achievement of that legacy, in 2008, Americans elected*

their first African American president. Some would argue that we have finally arrived at a postracial America, but *The Imperative of Integration* indicates otherwise. Elizabeth Anderson demonstrates that, despite progress toward racial equality, African Americans remain disadvantaged on virtually all measures of well-being. Segregation remains a key cause of these problems, and Anderson skillfully shows why racial integration is needed to address these issues. Weaving together extensive social science findings--in economics, sociology, and psychology--with political theory, this book provides a compelling argument for reviving the ideal of racial integration to overcome injustice and inequality, and to build a better democracy. Considering the effects of segregation and integration across multiple social arenas, Anderson exposes the deficiencies of racial views on both the right and the left. She reveals the limitations of conservative explanations for black disadvantage in terms of cultural pathology within the black community

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and explains why color blindness is morally misguided. Multicultural celebrations of group differences are also not enough to solve our racial problems. Anderson provides a distinctive rationale for affirmative action as a tool for promoting integration, and explores how integration can be practiced beyond affirmative action. Offering an expansive model for practicing political philosophy in close collaboration with the social sciences, this book is a trenchant examination of how racial integration can lead to a more robust and responsive democracy. "An examination of strategies for effective organizing"--

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\* Our summary is short, simple and pragmatic. It allows you to have the essential ideas of a big book in less than 30 minutes. \*By reading this summary, you will discover why most American companies can be considered dictatorships, but also, how to remedy this. \*You will also discover : how the

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market economy was developed along with the democratic notions of freedom and equality; how this economy was designed to work with a majority of individual entrepreneurs; how the explosion of wage-labour following the industrial revolution undermined these ideals; that the corporation now exercises a dictatorial type of power over the employees, at least in the United States; what alternatives make it possible to combine market economy and individual liberties. \*Elizabeth Anderson teaches philosophy at the prestigious Princeton University, where she focuses on social issues and the challenge of equality. Her book transcribes two lectures given in 2015, and presents the originality of then giving a voice to her opponents, in order to nourish her own reflection. His deliberately provocative remarks revolve around two main ideas. \*On the one hand, Anderson observes that the market, designed to be liberating, is today proving to be a source of oppression for many employees. The company functions like a private government, which constrains them in a

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way they would not tolerate from a democratic state. On the other hand, she points out that this issue is largely underestimated, even denied in political and academic discourse. \*Buy now the summary of this book for the modest price of a cup of coffee!

*A History of America in Ten Strikes  
Heading Home*

*Responsible Belief*

*The Color of Law: A Forgotten History  
of How Our Government Segregated  
America*

*How Employers Rule Our Lives (and Why  
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*Elizabeth Anderson: Private government:  
how employers rule our lives (and why  
we don't talk about it) [Rezension]*

**One of Christian Science Monitor's 10 best books of May "This amazing new book . . . takes us on a journey through classic and contemporary philosophy powered by questions like 'What do we have the right to do? When is it okay to do this or that?' They explore punishment and authority and sex and gender and race and the nature of truth and knowledge and the existence of God and the meaning of life and Scott just does an incredible job."**

**—Ryan Holiday, *The Daily Stoic* Some of the**

**best philosophers in the world gather in surprising places—preschools and playgrounds. They debate questions about metaphysics and morality, even though they've never heard the words and perhaps can't even tie their shoes. They're kids. And as Scott Hershovitz shows in this delightful debut, they're astoundingly good philosophers. Hershovitz has two young sons, Rex and Hank. From the time they could talk, he noticed that they raised philosophical questions and were determined to answer them. They re-created ancient arguments. And they advanced entirely new ones. That's not unusual, Hershovitz says. Every kid is a philosopher. Following an agenda set by Rex and Hank, Hershovitz takes us on a fun romp through classic and contemporary philosophy, powered by questions like, Does Hank have the right to drink soda? When is it okay to swear? and, Does the number six exist? Hershovitz and his boys take on more weighty issues too. They explore punishment, authority, sex, gender, race, the nature of truth and knowledge, and the existence of God. Along the way, they get help from professional philosophers, famous and obscure. And they show that all of us have a lot to learn from listening to kids—and thinking with**

**them. Hershovitz calls on us to support kids in their philosophical adventures. But more than that, he challenges us to join them so that we can become better, more discerning thinkers and recapture some of the wonder kids have at the world. Why are unions weaker in the US than in Canada, two otherwise similar countries? This difference has shaped politics, policy, and levels of inequality. Conventional wisdom points to differences in political cultures, party systems, and labor laws. But Barry Eidlin's systematic analysis of archival and statistical data shows the limits of conventional wisdom, and presents a novel explanation for the cross-border difference. He shows that it resulted from different ruling party responses to worker upsurge during the Great Depression and World War II. Paradoxically, US labor's long-term decline resulted from what was initially a more pro-labor ruling party response, while Canadian labor's relative long-term strength resulted from a more hostile ruling party response. These struggles embedded 'the class idea' more deeply in policies, institutions, and practices than in the US. In an age of growing economic inequality and broken systems of political representation, Eidlin's analysis offers**

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*insight for those seeking to understand these trends, as well as those seeking to change them.*

*Why our workplaces are authoritarian private governments—and why we can't see it One in four American workers says their workplace is a "dictatorship." Yet that number almost certainly would be higher if we recognized employers for what they are—private governments with sweeping authoritarian power over our lives. Many employers minutely regulate workers' speech, clothing, and manners on the job, and employers often extend their authority to the off-duty lives of workers, who can be fired for their political speech, recreational activities, diet, and almost anything else employers care to govern. In this compelling book, Elizabeth Anderson examines why, despite all this, we continue to talk as if free markets make workers free, and she proposes a better way to think about the workplace, opening up space for discovering how workers can enjoy real freedom.*

*This book reconstructs how a group of nineteenth-century labor reformers appropriated and radicalized the republican tradition. These "labor republicans" derived their definition of freedom from a long tradition of political*

**theory dating back to the classical republics. In this tradition, to be free is to be independent of anyone else's will - to be dependent is to be a slave.**

**Borrowing these ideas, labor republicans argued that wage laborers were unfree because of their abject dependence on their employers. Workers in a cooperative, on the other hand, were considered free because they equally and collectively controlled their work. Although these labor republicans are relatively unknown, this book details their unique, contemporary, and valuable perspective on both American history and the organization of the economy.**

**GDP**

**Why We Have a Moral Responsibility to Slow Climate Change Right Now**

**How to Navigate Clueless Colleagues, Lunch-Stealing Bosses, and the Rest of Your Life at Work**

**Why Not Socialism?**

**Health and Safety Needs of Older Workers**

**Why Americans Are Proud to Pay Taxes**

*A wide-ranging look at the allure and changing significance of work. With seductions, misunderstandings, and misinformation everywhere, this immensely readable book calls for a new contract--with ourselves. Drawing from history, mythology, literature, pop culture, and practical experience, Ciulla probes the many meanings of work or its meaninglessness and asks: Why are*

*so many of us letting work take over our lives and trying to live in what little time is left? What has happened to the old, unspoken contract between worker and employer? Why are young people not being disloyal when they regularly consider job-changing? Employers can't promise as much to workers as before. Is that because they promise so much to stockholders? Why are there mass layoffs and "downsizing" in a time of unequaled corporate prosperity? And why are the most common lies in business about satisfactory employee performance? The traditional contract between employers and employees is over. This thoughtful and provocative study shows how to replace it by the one we make with ourselves.*

*A dazzling group biography of the early twentieth-century thinkers who transformed the way the world thought about math and science Inspired by Albert Einstein's theory of relativity and Bertrand Russell and David Hilbert's pursuit of the fundamental rules of mathematics, some of the most brilliant minds of the generation came together in post-World War I Vienna to present the latest theories in mathematics, science, and philosophy and to build a strong foundation for scientific investigation. Composed of such luminaries as Kurt Gö and Rudolf Carnap, and stimulated by the works of Ludwig Wittgenstein and Karl Popper, the Vienna Circle left an indelible mark on science. Exact Thinking in Demented Times tells the often outrageous, sometimes tragic, and never boring stories of the men who transformed scientific thought. A revealing work of history, this landmark book pays tribute to those who dared to reinvent knowledge from the ground up.*

*What we believe and what we do not believe has a great impact on what we do and fail to do. Hence, if we want to act responsibly, we should believe responsibly. However, do we have the kind of control over our beliefs that such responsibility for our beliefs seems to require? Do we have certain obligations to control or influence our beliefs on particular occasions? And do we*

*sometimes believe responsibly despite violating such obligations, namely because we are excused by, say, indoctrination or ignorance? By answering each of these questions, Rik Peels provides a theory of what it is to believe responsibly. He argues that we lack control over our beliefs, but that we can nonetheless influence our beliefs by performing actions that make a difference to what we believe. We have a wide variety of moral, prudential, and epistemic obligations to perform such belief-influencing actions. We can be held responsible for our beliefs in virtue of such influence on our beliefs. Sometimes, we believe responsibly despite having violated such obligations, namely if we are excused, by force, ignorance, or luck. A careful consideration of these excuses teaches us, respectively, that responsible belief entails that we could have failed to have that belief, that responsible belief is in a specific sense radically subjective, and that responsible belief is compatible with its being a matter of luck that we hold that belief.*

*The book is the only legal reference manual that covers the issue of guns in the workplace in full detail. It includes legal policies, disciplinary procedures, crisis control, no firearms policies, court tests, use of lethal force, self-defense and practical applications.*

*Why Full Employment Is a Bad Idea*

*The Imperative of Integration*

*OECD Private Pensions Outlook 2008*

**SUMMARY - Private Government: How Employers Rule Our Lives (And Why We Don't Talk About It) By Elizabeth Anderson**

**The Promise and Betrayal of Modern Work**

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A surprising and revealing look at what Americans really believe about taxes Conventional wisdom holds that Americans hate taxes. But the conventional wisdom is wrong. Bringing together national survey data with in-

depth interviews, Read My Lips presents a surprising picture of tax attitudes in the United States. Vanessa Williamson demonstrates that Americans view taxpaying as a civic responsibility and a moral obligation. But they worry that others are shirking their duties, in part because the experience of taxpaying misleads Americans about who pays taxes and how much. Perceived "loopholes" convince many income tax filers that a flat tax might actually raise taxes on the rich, and the relative invisibility of the sales and payroll taxes encourages many to underestimate the sizable tax contributions made by poor and working people. Americans see being a taxpayer as a role worthy of pride and respect, a sign that one is a contributing member of the community and the nation. For this reason, the belief that many Americans are not paying their share is deeply corrosive to the social fabric. The widespread misperception that immigrants, the poor, and working-class families pay little or no taxes substantially reduces public support for progressive spending programs and undercuts the political standing of low-income people. At the same time, the belief that the wealthy pay less than their share diminishes confidence that the political process represents most people. Upending the idea of Americans as knee-jerk opponents of taxes, Read My Lips examines American taxpaying as an act of political faith. Ironically, the depth of the American civic commitment to taxpaying makes the failures of the tax system, perceived and real, especially potent frustrations.

New York Times Bestseller • Notable Book of the Year

• Editors' Choice Selection One of Bill Gates' "Amazing Books" of the Year One of Publishers Weekly's 10 Best Books of the Year Longlisted for the National Book Award for Nonfiction An NPR Best Book of the Year Winner of the Hillman Prize for Nonfiction Gold Winner • California Book Award (Nonfiction) Finalist • Los Angeles Times Book Prize (History) Finalist • Brooklyn Public Library Literary Prize This "powerful and disturbing history" exposes how American governments deliberately imposed racial segregation on metropolitan areas nationwide (New York Times Book Review). Widely heralded as a "masterful" (Washington Post) and "essential" (Slate) history of the modern American metropolis, Richard Rothstein's *The Color of Law* offers "the most forceful argument ever published on how federal, state, and local governments gave rise to and reinforced neighborhood segregation" (William Julius Wilson). Exploding the myth of de facto segregation arising from private prejudice or the unintended consequences of economic forces, Rothstein describes how the American government systematically imposed residential segregation: with undisguised racial zoning; public housing that purposefully segregated previously mixed communities; subsidies for builders to create whites-only suburbs; tax exemptions for institutions that enforced segregation; and support for violent resistance to African Americans in white neighborhoods. A groundbreaking, "virtually indispensable" study that has already transformed our understanding of twentieth-century urban history (Chicago Daily Observer), *The*

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Color of Law forces us to face the obligation to remedy our unconstitutional past.

From the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New York ' s work-advice columnist comes a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice! There ' s a reason Alison Green has been called “ the Dear Abby of the work world. ” Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don ' t know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You ' ll learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit “ reply all ” • you ' re being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate ' s loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Praise for Ask a Manager “ A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green ' s] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work. ” —Booklist (starred review) “ The author ' s friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can be widely applied to relationships in all areas of readers ' lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management,

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or anyone hoping to improve their work experience.” —Library Journal (starred review) “ I am a huge fan of Alison Green ’ s Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor. ” —Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of The No Asshole Rule and The Asshole Survival Guide “ Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way. ” —Erin Lowry, author of Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together

How Companies Turn Their Workers Into Lobbyists  
Unions in Court

Governing the Firm  
Private Government

No More Work

Motherhood, Work, and the Failed Promise of Equality

Employers are increasingly recruiting their workers into politics to change elections and public policy – sometimes in coercive ways. Using a diverse array of evidence, including national surveys of workers and employers, as well as in-depth interviews with top corporate managers, Politics atWork explains why mobilization of workers has become an appealing corporate political strategy in recent decades. The book also

assesses the effect of employer mobilization on the political process more broadly, including its consequences for electoral contests, policy debates, and political representation. In *Politics at Work*, Alexander Hertel-Fernandez shows that while employer political recruitment has some benefits for American democracy - for instance, getting more workers to the polls - it also has troubling implications for other aspects of political participation. Workers face considerable pressure to respond to their managers' political requests because of the economic power employers possess over workers. In spite of these worrisome patterns, corporate managers report that mobilization of workers is an important strategy for influencing politics. *Politics at Work* documents how companies consider mobilization of their workers to be even more effective at changing public policy than making campaign contributions or buying electoral ads. Hertel-Fernandez concludes by discussing when and why employer recruitment efforts represent

problematic violations of workers' political rights. He then reviews policy proposals that could protect workers from employer political coercion and could also win the support of majorities of Americans. By carefully examining a growing yet underappreciated political practice, *Politics at Work* contributes to our understanding of the changing workplace, as well as the ways that businesses influence politics in the United States. The book offers fresh perspectives on debates over money in politics and will be valuable to anyone interested in the connections between inequality, public policy, and American democracy.

Includes Part I of Executive Order 12674 (April 12, 1989) & 5 CFR Part 2635 Regulation (August 7, 1992).

Covers: gifts from outside sources, gifts between employees, conflicting financial interests, impartiality in performing official duties, seeking other employment, misuse of position, & outside activities. Also includes related statutory authorities.

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century, Canadian unions have scored a number of important Supreme Court victories, securing constitutional rights to picket, bargain collectively, and strike. Unions in Court documents the evolution of the Canadian labour movement's engagement with the Charter, demonstrating how and why labour's long-standing distrust of the legal system has given way to a controversial, Charter-based legal strategy. This book's in-depth examination of constitutional labour rights will have critical implications for labour movements as well as activists in other fields.

Recommended by The Nation, the New Republic, Current Affairs, Bustle, In These Times "Entertaining, tough-minded, strenuously argued." -The Nation A thrilling and timely account of ten moments in history when labor challenged the very nature of power in America, by the author called "a brilliant historian" by The Progressive magazine Powerful and accessible, A History of America in Ten Strikes challenges all of our contemporary assumptions around labor, unions, and

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American workers. In this brilliant book, labor historian Erik Loomis recounts ten critical workers' strikes in American labor history that everyone needs to know about (and then provides an annotated list of the 150 most important moments in American labor history in the appendix). From the Lowell Mill Girls strike in the 1830s to Justice for Janitors in 1990, these labor uprisings do not just reflect the times in which they occurred, but speak directly to the present moment. For example, we often think that Lincoln ended slavery by proclaiming the slaves emancipated, but Loomis shows that they freed themselves during the Civil War by simply withdrawing their labor. He shows how the hopes and aspirations of a generation were made into demands at a GM plant in Lordstown in 1972. And he takes us to the forests of the Pacific Northwest in the early nineteenth century where the radical organizers known as the Wobblies made their biggest inroads against the power of bosses. But there were also moments when the movement was crushed by corporations and the government; Loomis

helps us understand the present  
perilous condition of American workers  
and draws lessons from both the  
victories and defeats of the past. In  
crystalline narratives, labor historian  
Erik Loomis lifts the curtain on  
workers' struggles, giving us a fresh  
perspective on American history from  
the boots up. Strikes include: Lowell  
Mill Girls Strike (Massachusetts,  
1830-40) Slaves on Strike (The  
Confederacy, 1861-65) The Eight-Hour  
Day Strikes (Chicago, 1886) The  
Anthracite Strike (Pennsylvania, 1902)  
The Bread and Roses Strike  
(Massachusetts, 1912) The Flint Sit-  
Down Strike (Michigan, 1937) The  
Oakland General Strike (California,  
1946) Lordstown (Ohio, 1972) Air  
Traffic Controllers (1981) Justice for  
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Age

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The Market as God

Exact Thinking in Demented Times  
Standards of Ethical Conduct for  
Employees of the Executive Branch

Nasty, Brutish, and Short

Why our workplaces are authoritarian private

governments—and why we can't see it One in four

American workers says their workplace is a

"dictatorship." Yet that number probably would be

even higher if we recognized most employers for what

they are—private governments with sweeping

authoritarian power over our lives, on duty and off.

We normally think of government as something only

the state does, yet many of us are governed far

more—and far more obtrusively—by the private

government of the workplace. In this provocative and

compelling book, Elizabeth Anderson argues that the

failure to see this stems from long-standing confusion

These confusions explain why, despite all evidence to

the contrary, we still talk as if free markets make

workers free—and why so many employers advocate

less government even while they act as dictators in

their businesses. In many workplaces, employers

minutely regulate workers' speech, clothing, and

manners, leaving them with little privacy and few

other rights. And employers often extend their

authority to workers' off-duty lives. Workers can be

fired for their political speech, recreational activities,

diet, and almost anything else employers care to

govern. Yet we continue to talk as if early advocates of

market society—from John Locke and Adam Smith to

Thomas Paine and Abraham Lincoln—were right when

they argued that it would free workers from

oppressive authorities. That dream was shattered by the Industrial Revolution, but the myth endures. Private Government offers a better way to talk about the workplace, opening up space for discovering how workers can enjoy real freedom. Based on the prestigious Tanner Lectures delivered at Princeton University's Center for Human Values, Private Government is edited and introduced by Stephen Macedo and includes commentary by cultural critic David Bromwich, economist Tyler Cowen, historian Ann Hughes, and philosopher Niko Kolodny. Mirroring a worldwide phenomenon in industrialized nations, the U.S. is experiencing a change in its demographic structure known as population aging. Concern about the aging population tends to focus on the adequacy of Medicare and Social Security, retirement of older Americans, and the need to identify policies, programs, and strategies that address the health and safety needs of older workers. Older workers differ from their younger counterparts in a variety of physical, psychological, and social factors. Evaluating the extent, causes, and effects of these factors and improving the research and data systems necessary to address the health and safety needs of older workers may significantly impact both their ability to remain in the workforce and their well being in retirement. Health and Safety Needs of Older Workers provides an image of what is currently known about the health and safety needs of older

workers and the research needed to encourage social policies that guarantee older workers a meaningful share of the nation's work opportunities.

The anthrax incidents following the 9/11 terrorist attacks put the spotlight on the nation's public health agencies, placing it under an unprecedented scrutiny that added new dimensions to the complex issues considered in this report. *The Future of the Public's Health in the 21st Century* reaffirms the vision of *Healthy People 2010*, and outlines a systems approach to assuring the nation's health in practice, research, and policy. This approach focuses on joining the unique resources and perspectives of diverse sectors and entities and challenges these groups to work in a concerted, strategic way to promote and protect the public's health. Focusing on diverse partnerships as the framework for public health, the book discusses: The need for a shift from an individual to a population-based approach in practice, research, policy, and community engagement. The status of the governmental public health infrastructure and what needs to be improved, including its interface with the health care delivery system. The roles nongovernment actors, such as academia, business, local communities and the media can play in creating a healthy nation. Providing an accessible analysis, this book will be important to public health policy-makers and practitioners, business and community leaders, health advocates, educators and journalists.

From the first stock markets of Amsterdam, London, and New York to the billions of electronic commerce transactions today, privately produced and enforced economic regulations are more common, more effective, and more promising than commonly considered. In *Private Governance*, prominent economist Edward Stringham presents case studies of the various forms of private enforcement, self-governance, or self-regulation among private groups or individuals that fill a void that government enforcement cannot. Through analytical narratives the book provides a close examination of the world's first stock markets, key elements of which were unenforceable by law; the community of Celebration, Florida, and other private communities that show how public goods can be bundled with land and provided more effectively; and the millions of credit-card transactions that occur daily and are regulated by private governance. *Private Governance* ultimately argues that while potential problems of private governance, such as fraud, are pervasive, so are the solutions it presents, and that much of what is orderly in the economy can be attributed to private groups and individuals. With meticulous research, Stringham demonstrates that private governance is a far more common source of order than most people realize, and that private parties have incentives to devise different mechanisms for eliminating unwanted behavior. *Private Governance* documents numerous examples of

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Stringham discusses why private governance has economic and social advantages over relying on government regulations and laws, and explores the different mechanisms that enable private governance, including sorting, reputation, assurance, and other bonding mechanisms. Challenging and rigorously-written, *Private Governance* will make a compelling read for those with an interest in economics, political philosophy, and the history of current Wall Street regulations.

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designed to work with a majority of individual entrepreneurs; how the explosion of wage-labour following the industrial revolution undermined these ideals; that the corporation now exercises a dictatorial type of power over the employees, at least in the United States; what alternatives make it possible to combine market economy and individual liberties. Elizabeth Anderson teaches philosophy at the prestigious Princeton University, where she focuses on social issues and the challenge of equality. Her book transcribes two lectures given in 2015, and presents the originality of then giving a voice to her opponents, in order to nourish her own reflection. His deliberately provocative remarks revolve around two main ideas. On the one hand, Anderson observes that the market, designed to be liberating, is today proving to be a source of oppression for many employees. The company functions like a private government, which constrains them in a way they would not tolerate from a democratic state. On the other hand, she points out that this issue is largely underestimated, even denied in political and academic discourse. \*Buy now the summary of this book for the modest price of a cup of coffee!

Is socialism desirable? Is it even possible? In this concise book, one of the world's leading political philosophers presents with clarity and wit a compelling moral case for socialism and argues that the obstacles in its way are exaggerated. There are times, G. A.

Cohen notes, when we all behave like socialists. On a camping trip, for example, campers wouldn't dream of charging each other to use a soccer ball or for fish that they happened to catch. Campers do not give merely to get, but relate to each other in a spirit of equality and community. Would such socialist norms be desirable across society as a whole? Why not? Whole societies may differ from camping trips, but it is still attractive when people treat each other with the equal regard that such trips exhibit. But, however desirable it may be, many claim that socialism is impossible.

Cohen writes that the biggest obstacle to socialism isn't, as often argued, intractable human selfishness--it's rather the lack of obvious means to harness the human generosity that is there. Lacking those means, we rely on the market. But there are many ways of confining the sway of the market: there are desirable changes that can move us toward a socialist society in which, to quote Albert Einstein, humanity has "overcome and advanced beyond the predatory stage of human development."

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