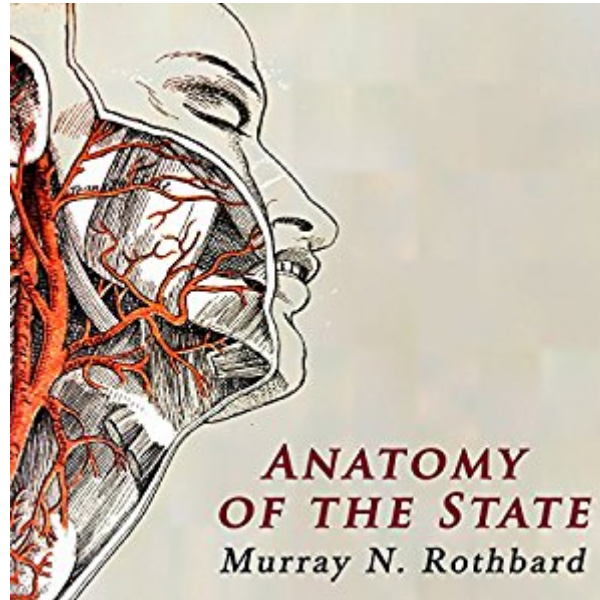




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Murray Rothbard was known as the state's greatest living enemy, and this book is his most powerful statement on the topic. He explains what a state is and what it is not. He shows how it is an institution that violates all that we hold as honest and moral, and how it operates under a false cover. He shows how the state wrecks freedom, destroys civilization, and threatens all lives and property and social wellbeing, all under the veneer of "good intentions".

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Customer Reviews

In this day and age of the deep state, we all begin to wonder what it is all about. Mr. Rothbard starts with fundamentals and shows us where we need the state, AND WHERE WE DON'T NEED IT. Individual freedom for all is the objective. It starts with the individual. Each individual works to supply himself and his family. Without government at all levels taking huge chunks of each individual's wealth, we could all happily supply ourselves. The government cannot give to any person except what it has first stolen from others i.e. taxed. Who knows what great things we might have if the government had not stepped in front and taxed. Even items like roads could be worked out without government -- if the government had not stepped in front and seized OUR wealth. There is plenty to think about in this short book.

You think your president really, truly represents you and has your best interests in mind? You think that by voting you make a difference? You think that the government should take care of the economy, health care, and every possible aspect of your life? If so, think again or you will be in for a

big surprise if you haven't realized it as of now. If you already had intuitions about the parasitic, and fundamentally flawed nature of government but still couldn't grasp it in its horrific totality then this is the book you need to read. Murray Rothbard came to me, or I came to him after years of admiring and following Ron Paul's speeches and ideas. After reading anatomy of the state and other works from Rothbard, now I see where many of Ron Paul's ideas originate. They come from Rothbard, and Rothbard's ideas, at the same time, originate in Mises' interpretation of life in the world throughout the lens of Austrian Economics and individualism. If you identify yourself with Ron Paul, libertarianism, individualism and classical liberalism, then this is a book you need to read to know what we, as a civilization, are currently facing in the form of tyrannical governments, corrupt politicians and despotic ruling elites. Rothbard deconstructs many of those vague ideas and uncertain images we have about how things are and how things should be, to provide us with, instead, a very clear target of what's wrong in this world and how we can respond to those who threaten our freedom to think, do, and be. I highly recommend this book. But be warned, if you decide to go ahead and read it, your views on humanity and your own perspective of reality will be forever changed and there will be no coming back. And that, in this case, will always be good news, as keeping things the way we are will doom us all eventually,

An enlightening read. Short, to the point, and full of powerful arguments. I've found pamphlet style books like this are some of the most fun to read. Rothbard starts out strong and just keeps going - couldn't put it down. Some interesting ideas on the nature of government are brought forth and he presents them with his signature irrefutable rationale that leaves you smiling at the end of each chapter. It took about 45 minutes to read and left me hungry for more... it's kind of like a tasty little appetizer of Rothbard's other works. Quite satisfied with the purchase.

I was reminded of the foolish choice of the Hebrews, who gave up nearly half a millennium of liberty under the Hebrew Republic, for "a king like the other nations". Daniel Elazar makes the claim that only then, and at America's founding did real liberty make a brief appearance. Hayek also called for a fourth branch of government to act as the lawyer's law, with the role of checking the Supreme Court when it strays from the Law in the Constitution. Ultimately, we do choose our "king", investing in the state our own flawed and misguided views of God, Nature, and Man.

"Anatomy of the State" by Murray Rothbard is a bold attempt at unmasking the bureaucratic machine, an attempt which the author remarkably succeeds in. Quoting many leading scholars in the

field, and at the same time appealing to the fundamental principles of common sense among his audience, Rothbard gets his point across in a clear and sound way. The state, he argues, is nothing more than a band of criminals that hold a monopoly on crime, including theft (taxes), and murder (military). Further, the author outlines various methods employed by the state to uphold its status of legitimacy and inevitability. This book, written by one of the most prominent opponents of governmental acquisition of power in the 20th century, is an essential read for all liberty-loving independent citizens. It challenges the very notion of state as a necessary means of self-determination of nations, and instead places the human being, with all his or her indelible rights, at the foundation and the top of society. It is a truly humanistic manifesto with a powerful message and a conversational tone.

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