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EDITOR'S NOTE

Book reviews are as versatile a tool as has ever been devised. They can critique or compliment a book, and often do both. They discuss prevailing theory while remaining free of theoretical dogma. Most crucially, they invite us to enrich ourselves with the texts they preview. The publication of book reviews in traditional law reviews provides an academic flavor, but the main course is still the quality and character of the books being reviewed.

This volume examines texts that engage an array of topics. Some discuss rights protections for the precious privileges that are often controversial yet still distinctly American. Texts on legal mechanics suggest where our government is headed, while texts on U.S. history look back on how far we have come. Some of the books reviewed discuss whether and how judges should defy unjust laws, even if sworn to uphold them. Race in America has always been a crucial and compelling issue, and it has inspired several books reviewed herein. Of course, constitutional law and politics feature heavily in this volume. They are topics about which legal minds never run out of things to say.

I hope this volume can inform a broad audience on the virtues of the books reviewed. I thank all of our many contributors this year, as well as Sandy Levinson and Mark Graber for their ongoing commitment to excellence.

—Jason McVicker
Editor in Chief
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