

## BOOK REVIEW

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### A Review of *The Law of the Land*

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**REFERENCE:** Rembar, C., *The Law of the Land*, Simon and Schuster, New York, 1980, 423 pages, \$15.00.

Almost anyone who has attempted to explain the law and its beginnings has felt the necessity for a lucid and comprehensive book. This new and fascinating work by Charles Rembar, a New York lawyer, is such a study for lawyers and others.

Underlying Rembar's work is the fact that the ideas of the law spring directly from the historical experiences of the British people. However, he seems to skim over the influence of the various other cultures (the invaders) on British history. He does skillfully intertwine British social and intellectual histories and their impact on the law. Political problems and cultural problems are brought together in terms of time, sequence, and effect. Above all, Rembar writes so clearly and evokes such fascination that lawyers and others will find it difficult to put the book down.

Rembar's success is in his ability to place the great ideas of the law within the proper context in history. He has provided a guide to the world of legal thought and history. The book really clears the air surrounding the so-called mystery of the law. It will light up, and perhaps change, your ideas about the law.

This is one of the most fascinating and readable books on the evolution of our law that I believe has been written. How and why our present law came into being are what this book is about. It is an invaluable translation of the history of the law into well-written prose and an entertaining story of people in times gone by, of cases, kings and judges, medieval history, and life, written with a fascinating insight into the workings of the law.

All who read this book will have a better understanding both of legal history and of the values, concepts, and ideas that have given birth to our law.

Charles Rembar writes with a style all his own. He entertains and teaches at the same time. If you would like to know more about the law (I think you should) and have a good time finding out, this is the book to read.

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