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A LIFE IN MY HANDS. By J. W. Ehrlich. New York: Putnam. 1965. Pp. 5, 367. \$5.95. This autobiography presents the story of one of America's most celebrated and successful trial lawyers. Jake Ehrlich has been variously described as a superlative legal advocate, an erudite author, a rare social companion, a raconteur, and perhaps the greatest San Franciscologist of his time; a man who really and deeply understands that intricate and exotic metropolis. In this refreshingly candid and engrossing autobiography, Ehrlich discusses not only his famous courtroom cases, but his outspoken views on law and lawyers, capital punishment, censorship, politics, business reform, and a multitude of other matters.

CONTINGENT FEES FOR LEGAL SERVICES. By F. B. MacKinnon. Chicago: Aldine. 1964. Pp. 3, 246. \$6.00. The American Bar Foundation has undertaken in this book to study the controversial practice of contingent fees for legal services. The author examines and describes the historical, professional, and economic context within which the system of contingent fees has developed. In addition, there is presented a thorough review of relevant court decisions, statutes, and administrative regulations concerning fee schedules and practices. Several recently published surveys on the economics of injury litigation, as well as expert opinions on the use of contingent fees make this a necessary volume for everyone concerned with the practice or reform of the fee system.

FEAR ON TRIAL. By John Henry Faulk. New York: Simon and Shuster. 1964. Pp. 9, 398. \$6.50. This book is the story of the author's six-year battle to clear his name, a battle which culminated in the dramatic history-making trial that exposed the nature of the blacklists and helped break their grip on American life. The author tells the story as it happened. It is a historical document in which many readers will discover for the first time exactly how the blacklists established and used their power.

LAW AND LAWYERS IN THE UNITED STATES: THE COMMON LAW UNDER STRESS. By Erwin N. Griswold. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. 1964. Pp. v, 152. \$3.95. This book presents the author's lectures as delivered to an audience of English lawyers. Dean Griswold discusses the history of the development of American law, law practice, and education of lawyers in this country. In a revealing manner, the author writes about such things as the many forms of interaction and occasional conflict between federal and state law, speaking particularly of the powers given to the national government by the Commerce Clause and the willingness of the courts to uphold legislation extending its use. This succinct and eloquent series of lectures, delivered as the Hamlyn Lectures in England in 1964 under the auspices of the Hamlyn Trust, is new and informative to American readers generally and of particular interest to American lawyers.

LEGAL SYSTEM AND LAWYERS' REASONINGS. By Julius Stone. Stanford: Stanford University Press. 1964. Pp. xxiv, 454. \$10.00. Professor Julius Stone of the Law Faculty, University of Sydney, presents an analysis of logic and reasoning by lawyers and the courts of the United States and the English legal systems. This massive collection of diverse authorities on contemporary and historical jurisprudential thought is of great value to the profession.

MASTERPIECES OF LEGAL FICTION. Edited by Maximilian Koessler. New York: The Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Company. 1964. Pp. v, 862. \$12.50.

In the pages of this book there is presented an anthology of some of the finest legal fiction ever written. The selections come from the literature of many nations. Most of the items do not appear in any similar work previously published. Editor Koessler has done a masterful job of arranging the materials as closely as possible to their chronological setting in the mainstream of history.

PERSPECTIVES OF LAW: ESSAYS FOR AUSTIN WAKEMAN SCOTT. Edited by Roscoe Pound, Erwin N. Griswold, and Arthur E. Sutherland. Boston: Little, Brown and Company. 1964. Pp. vi., 381. \$10.00. This is a collection of essays done by some seventeen teachers whom Austin Wakeman Scott has taught. A scholarly accolade from his sometime students, now themselves scholars and teachers, this presentation was conceived and largely carried into being by Roscoe Pound, not alone in testimony of the affection and respect of those whose names appear on the pages of the book, but through them as testimony of all the multitude who esteem the man and the work he has done.

TREASURY OF LAW. Edited by Richard W. Nice. New York: Philosophical Library. 1964. Pp. vi., 553. \$10.00. The editor has assembled in this volume many of the meaningful and significant documents that have contributed to man's determination to govern his conduct in interpersonal and international affairs. From the Law of the Twelve Tables, which was the forerunner of Roman Law, to common law, man has attempted to establish some form of regulatory practice in dealing with specific problems of the times. Tracing the first pure law back through classical history to Solon and Lycurgus, the editor presents a whole compendium of legal documents which reflects a broad sampling of man's legal tradition.

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE HANDBOOK. Prepared by The Section of Corporation, Banking and Business Law, American Bar Association. Chicago: American Bar Association. 1964. Pp. ii., 550. \$12.50. Recognizing the need for a one volume handbook covering the entire Code, the Section of Corporation, Banking and Business Law undertook in 1963 to accumulate a number of authoritative articles which would present in one accessible place an analysis of each substantive article of the Code. Three articles, for example, are presented on Investment Securities. Considerable space is also devoted to Secured Transactions in Article 9, particularly, according to the editors, because no other article in the Code has aroused so much interest.

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