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and the role of courts in shaping the law. In eight chapters, he follows the historical debate on these issues and others through different generations and movements in American legal thought—formalism, realism, positivism—to critical legal studies and postmodern theory. The perfect read for anyone looking for a primer on legal reasoning, *Sharpening the Legal Mind* demystifies the debates and approaches to thinking like a lawyer that profoundly influence the rule of law in our lives.

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