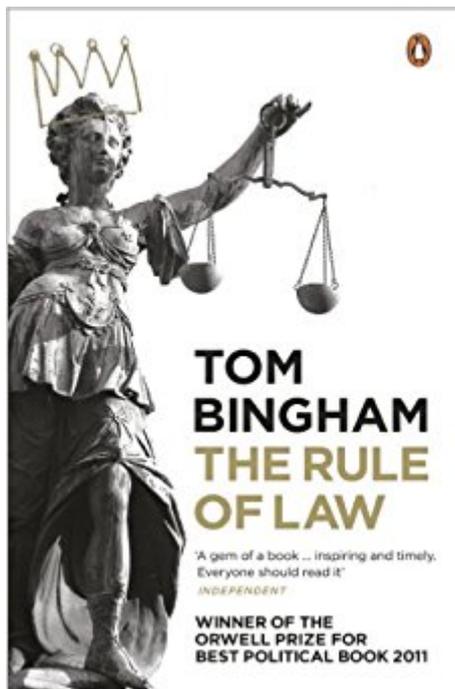


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# The Rule Of Law



## Synopsis

"The Rule of Law" is a phrase much used but little examined. The idea of the rule of law as the foundation of modern states and civilizations has recently become even more talismanic than that of democracy, but what does it actually consist of? In this brilliant short book, Britain's former senior law lord, and one of the world's most acute legal minds, examines what the idea actually means. He makes clear that the rule of law is not an arid legal doctrine but is the foundation of a fair and just society, is a guarantee of responsible government, is an important contribution to economic growth and offers the best means yet devised for securing peace and co-operation. He briefly examines the historical origins of the rule, and then advances eight conditions which capture its essence as understood in western democracies today. He also discusses the strains imposed on the rule of law by the threat and experience of international terrorism. The book will be influential in many different fields and should become a key text for anyone interested in politics, society, and the state of our world.

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Tom Bingham held office successively as Master of the Rolls, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, and Senior Law Lord of the United Kingdom, the only person ever to hold all three offices. He became a life peer, as Baron Bingham of Cornhill in the County of Powys, on becoming Lord Chief Justice in 1996. In 2005 he was appointed a Knight of the Garter, the first professional judge to be so honored. He retired in 2008, and in the same year was elected by the Institut de France as the first winner of the Prize for Law awarded by the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit

Foundation.

The longest dictionary definition I have ever read. This is an interesting, authoritative definition of what the "rule of law" means, and what its meanings entail.

As Tom Bingham had said in his preface, this book is suitable not only for lawyer but also for non-lawyer who has interested in the concept of the Rule of Law. The author traced us back through its history and origins in Part I, then described the most important elements for being the state governed by the Rule of Law in Part II, and go on about interrelationship between the Rule of Law and the International Communities in Part III. Its contents are essential with useful footnotes. The writing style is, for ordinary reader; non-lawyer, easy to follow. I highly recommend this one.

Having been a member of the International Commission of Jurists for many years and working to promote the rule of law, it is refreshing to read the works of an eminent British Judge where he attempts to codify and give some real interpretive meaning to this off abused and misunderstood concept. People in government and particularly leaders should read the book before claiming that their government is a rule of law government

This is a very scholarly and well-written book. Lord Bingham uses wonderful examples from cases and other authorities to illustrate various points. Though it is scholarly, it is interesting to read. A no nonsense approach with some humor in places. This is an excellent read for anyone interested in law and gives one an understanding of what the rule of law is and why it is important in society.

One of the most interesting books I've read (twice) and makes clear all the legal principles we're used to in the Western world and why we should not stray from those principles. It gives an explanation as to why countries that have embraced the rule of law have flourished and individual freedom is so precious. It certainly makes you more aware when politicians and bureaucrats tinker with our freedoms. Should be a school textbook.

In this book, Tom Bingham breaks down and explains the details and origins of the fundamental concepts necessary for what has become the expected norms for our modern justice system. Incisive and insightful, Bingham peppers his explanations with fascinating anecdotes from a long and illustrious career. His approach is comprehensive and direct, but pitched in terms and language

that is accessible to an educated layperson.

I needed some basics on Rule of Law, to write a good essay. I found this on , and was very useful and good to read. It has accurate concepts and historical information. - I do recommend it !!

Whilst the shipping took a bit longer than I would have preferred, it got to me nonetheless.

Understand that this book is not for someone who's looking to treat this book as a "Beginner's Course" but as a book to read to decide whether or not one wishes to pursue learning about law. I found it entertaining and a good intellectual read.

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