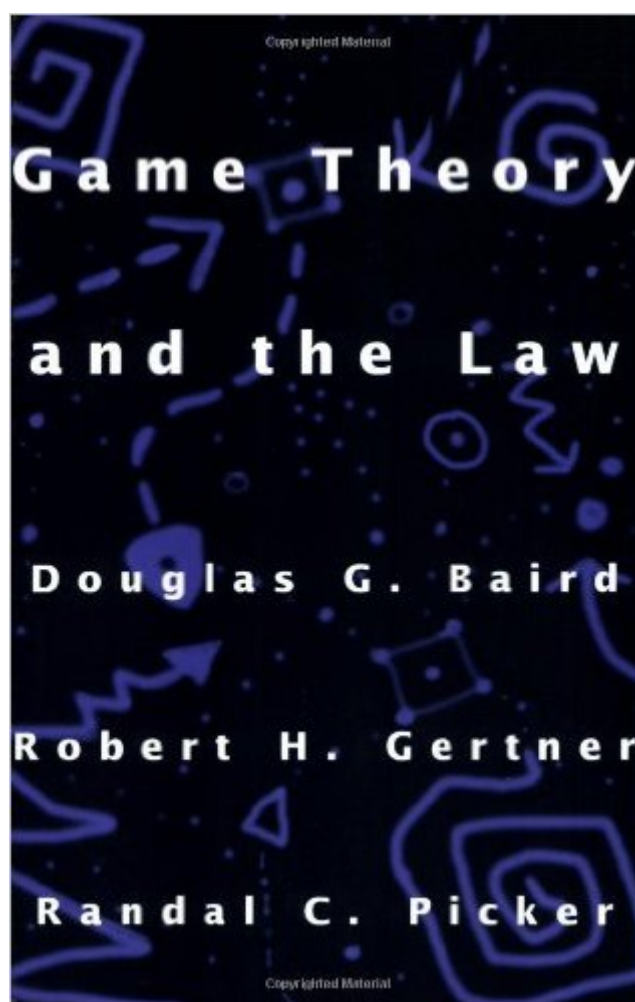


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Synopsis

This book promises to be the definitive guide to the field. It provides a highly sophisticated yet exceptionally clear explanation of game theory, with a host of applications to legal issues.

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This book popularizes and extends a new approach (non-cooperative game theory) to the economic analysis of law. Readable and concise, this book is a must for students and scholars wishing to understand the ways in which legal rules can be usefully modeled as non-cooperative games. As a professor in the discipline, I am awed by the important and brilliant scholarship presented in this book with superb skill.

The problem I had with this book is the manner with which it was written. It was written in a very assuming way, as if the authors believed you know what they are talking about; this was awfully pretentious, since it's meant to be an introduction as opposed to an improvement on prior knowledge. Also, there were VERY confusing transitions. For instance, they would mention something they were going to talk about, deviate and go off tangent for a few pages, then start again on the topic with no clean modulation. Varian has a few chapters in his Microeconomics book that makes many (but not all) of the same points as this book, only he does it in a more illustrative, easy to follow, and even exciting manner.

If you are a lawyer with some maturity as a practitioner, and you have had a formal course in game

theory in a quantitative discipline, you will be bored reading this book and likely will gain very little. You are better off studying common knowledge and epistemic game theory.

I have been very interested in game theory, and am working on the LSAT to go to law school, and so upon seeing the book I thought it would be interesting to read. I was right. It really helped me to understand some concepts that I hadn't thought of before, and gave me a different way to look at things.

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