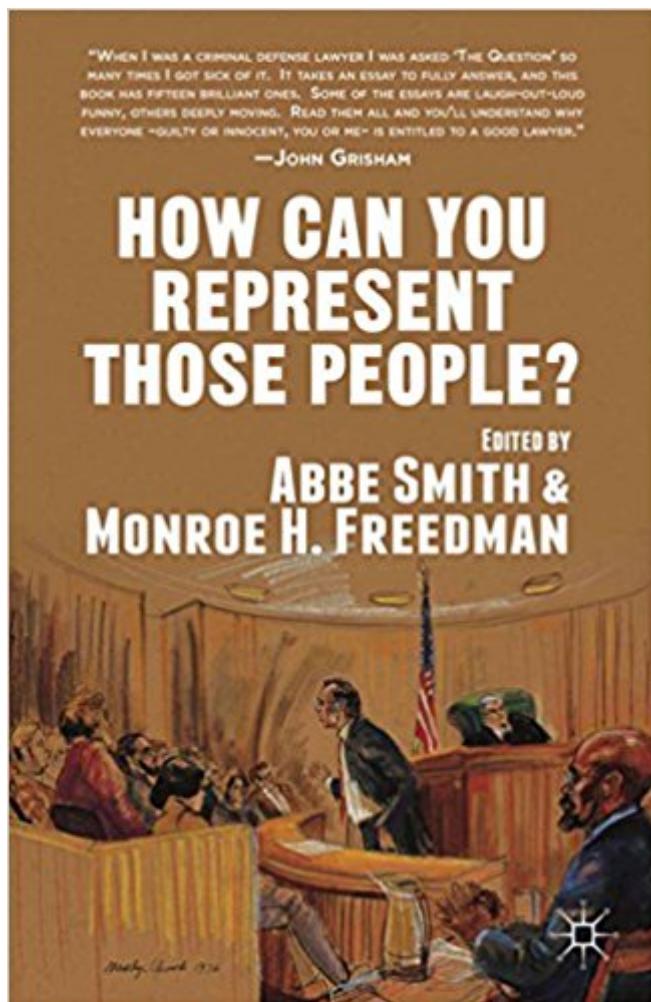


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# How Can You Represent Those People?



## **Synopsis**

How Can You Represent Those People? is the first-ever collection of essays offering a response to the 'Cocktail Party Question' asked of every criminal lawyer. A must-read for anyone interested in race, poverty, crime, punishment, and what makes lawyers tick.

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This thought provoking book is a compilation of essays from people who work as criminal defense lawyers. Each essay writer has a different reason for why they defend people accused of crimes. No matter what they say, it seemed to me that each was passionate about what they do. I enjoyed reading this book.

I didn't read it, but my daughter, a lawyer, really like it.

This collection is a great resource for renewing inspiration for those already involved in this work,

introducing someone to the world of defending people accused of crimes, or trying to convert the skeptical. The essays range from personal storytelling to philosophical argument. The editors managed to collect a wide array of subjects within the broader field of criminal defense: defending children in juvenile court, defending adults accused of lesser offenses (the minor thefts and possession charges that flood the courts), defending adults accused of seemingly unexplainable unforgivable acts, terrorists, sex offenders, and death penalty cases. All of the authors draw in one way or another on the same basic sources of inspiration, but what is most impressive about the volume is that almost all of the authors manage to move past the more common answers to the book's question and quickly get into more nuanced and interesting explanations of their work. The authors have used this book as an opportunity to put down on paper and preserve in one place lifetimes of thought, not just on the court system but on the state of American culture as seen through the eyes and tragedies of its most desperate, vulnerable, and misunderstood people. I am a public defender and reading this book over the past few weeks after coming home from a hostile environment at the courthouse has been a great reminder of why the work is worthwhile even when it feels like there is no way to win the day to day battle: part of the job is to bear witness to the ordinary injustices of the legal system, remember them, share them with whoever will listen, and the ones who won't listen - until we outnumber them. The editors and authors of this volume have done just that.

If anyone is thinking of going to law school, then this book is a must-read beforehand. If you are sitting on the fence, this book will help you get off the fence. If you are committed to being a lawyer to be of service, this book will inspire you even more than you already are! If you are not a lawyer and not even considering being one, this book will help you understand what makes some lawyers tick. Highly recommended!

I am a law student interested in studying white collar criminal law. The perspectives in this book were fascinating, and I definitely recommend it to anybody interested in practicing criminal law. Also, I heartily recommend this book to non-lawyers as well - so often, nobody asks defense attorneys for their side of the story. Before you bash these lawyers, you should read what they have to say. You might just change your mind.

This collection of essays is written by some of the best criminal defense lawyers representing the poor and accused. The writings provide keen insight and understanding of their shared passion.

More important, the reader learns or is reminded of the value of human life, freedom from imprisonment, and the supreme importance of constitutional rights. You will also learn about the egregiously broken "justice" system. Now readers will know the legacy of John Adams, who defended the British in Colonial America, and Clarence Darrow remains strong and has standard-bearers. Buy it now. Every lawyer and student who wants to do more than shuffle papers and help the rich get more will know they're right.

As a law student, it was an interesting read and great reading for down time. It shows a different perspective of the criminal justice system I haven't heard about.

It is easy to see one side of the coin, but this book helps present the other side of the coin. It shows why public defenders are necessary to the criminal justice system.

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