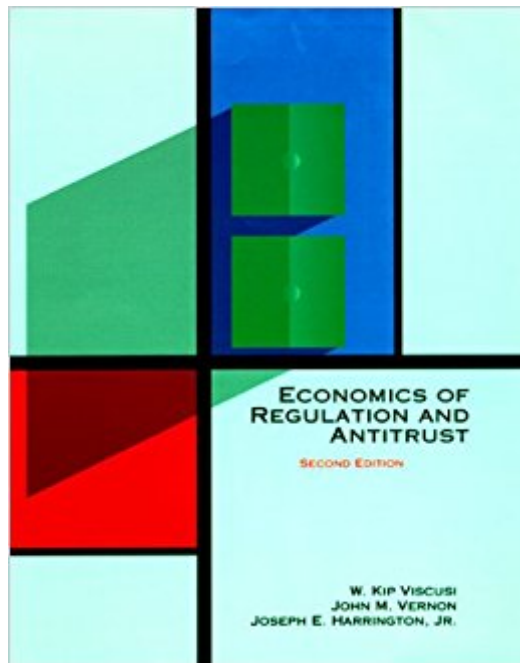




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Good coverage of main ideas, and does a good job using specific examples to illustrate the concepts. I wish it was more aware of public choice - it often assumes perfection from politicians and bureaucrats, which is the same as assuming they're not human and does a disservice to the topic. It is a big book, and it isn't formatted as well as some texts are, so readability could be better. Graphs and charts are well used, though - not overused and generally not put on separate pages from the corresponding text, so you can refer from the words to the chart without turning the page.

The product had some minor shipping problems but it was not due to the sending but instead because of UPS. The quality was great and had very minor wear and tear. Overall, the book does a phenomenal job at explaining the economics of regulation in the many different sectors throughout time. Would recommend.

The book is very dense in the theme of economic regulation, although I think it should cover

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