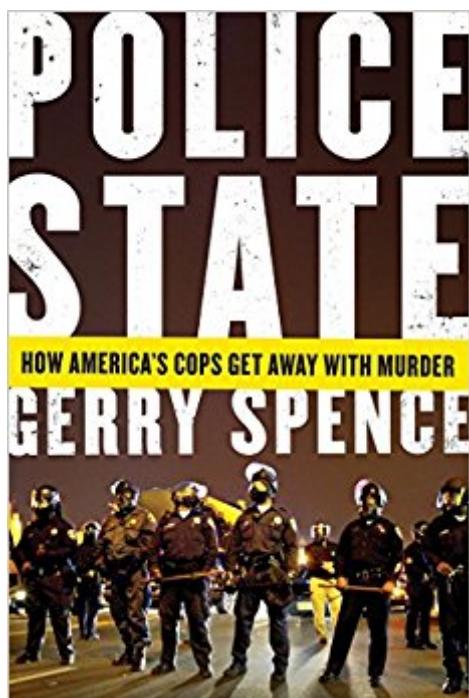


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Police State: How America's Cops Get Away With Murder



Synopsis

In his 60-plus years as a trial lawyer, Gerry Spence has never represented a person accused of a crime in which the police hadn't themselves violated the law. Whether by covering up their corrupt dealings, by the falsification or manufacture of evidence, or by the outright murder of civilians, those individuals charged with upholding the law too often break it. The police and prosecutors won't charge or convict themselves, so the crimes of the criminal justice system are swept under the rug. Nothing changes. Police State narrates the shocking account of the Madrid train bombings: how the FBI accused an innocent man of treasonous acts they knew he hadn't committed. It details the rampant racism within Chicago's police department, which landed a teenager, Dennis Williams, on death row. It unveils the coercive efforts of two cops to extract a false murder confession from frightened, fragile Albert Hancock, along with other appalling evidence from eight of Spence's most famous cases. And it raises the question: when the people we pay to protect us instead persecute us, how can we be safe? In Police State, Spence issues a stinging indictment of the American justice system. Demonstrating that the way we select and train our officers guarantees fatal abuses of justice, he prescribes a challenging cure that stands to restore the promise of liberty and justice for all.

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GERRY SPENCE is a legendary trial lawyer who has been practicing law since 1952 and has never lost a criminal case. Spence is known for going after systems of power that victimize innocent Americans. He remains famous for his defense of Karen Silkwood, Randy Weaver, and Imelda Marcos, among many others. He lives in Wyoming where he founded the Trial Lawyers College with his wife, Imaging. Police State: How America's Cops Get Away with Murder is his eighteenth book.

There is more to this book than you might imagine. I thoroughly enjoyed Gerry's accounts of some of his biggest cases. He is tackling a tough subject here and not one that most of us want to discuss or face. In this book he shares with us his experience and offers his advice based on years and years in the court room. This book is part autobiography and part warning. I enjoyed it immensely.

This book gave a careful and thorough examination of the problems in the criminal justice system and police handling of those in the system. The research and writing of this book are meticulous. I felt the pain, the sadness and the fear in each chapter. The best part of the book is that it's based on real events and experiences. Building on these experiences, the proposed reform of the criminal justice system becomes apparent. I highly recommend this book, especially those involved or interested in the criminal justice system.

Gerry Spence is as much a master of the written word as he was an amazing defense attorney. He truly cares for those he represented. His book is an important warning to us, keeping us mindful of the dangers of allowing our liberty to disintegrate. Hopefully we are not already there...

A gift has been given to the public for 67 years, whom never lost a case defending the innocent against evil, corrupt cops, lawyers, judges, the whole damn system, whose job it is to serve "We The People".

Excellent information, arrived in a timely manner in tact

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