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# Debating Democracy: A Reader In American Politics



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This book is exactly what the teacher wanted, although the language is kind of confusing, the book is used by the professor to get the class talking about certain issues. awesome book.

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