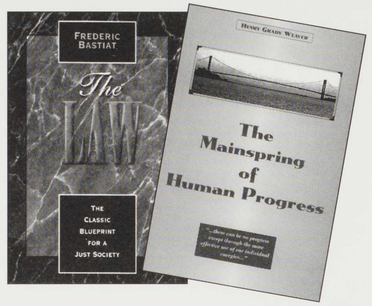
FEE Books: Classics for All Seasons



FEE offers an outstanding selection of books for readers interested in free-market economics, history, and classical-liberal philosophy—that is, in the freedom philosophy.

Recently we've reissued several noteworthy titles.

Anything That's Peaceful by Leonard E. Read is, as Edward Crane of the Cato Institute says, "a clear and compelling statement" of the freedom philosophy. John Stossel of ABC News and 20/20 says: "Leonard Read said so much, so long before any of us began to try to think clearly about it. How much better would life be if laws were simple—if people were allowed to do *Anything That's Peaceful*."

We have a handsome new edition of Frederic Bastiat's bestseller, *The Law*. This classic work contains a powerful and timeless attack on socialism. The lesson that Bastiat teaches in this wonderful book—to beware of plundering government officials—is as important today (if not more so) as it was in his day. With a new introduction by Walter E. Williams, and a foreword by Sheldon Richman, *The Law* is an even better advocate of freedom!

Finally, Henry Hazlitt's exceptionally insightful book on ethics, *The Foundations of Morality*, has been reprinted with a new introduction by noted economist Leland B. Yeager. This is a fine work for students of all ages.

In addition, we continue to offer perennial favorites, such as Henry Grady Weaver's *The Mainspring of Human Progress*. *Mainspring* is another FEE bestseller, year in and year out. Rarely will you find a better account of the history of freedom, or a clearer explanation of the conditions essential for promoting prosperity. At a time when countless voices call out for national and international regulation of financial markets, Weaver's message offers a dramatic counterpoint.

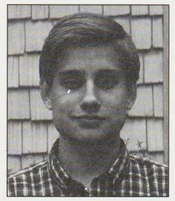
FEE's books are essential resources for any serious student of liberty. So, buy a book for yourself or someone you know. There could hardly be a better investment in the future of freedom. To explore all of our book offerings simply call us and ask for a book catalogue or visit our web site, www.fee.org, and place an on-line order.

The FEE Summer Internship Program: Working for Freedom

In order to preserve liberty tomorrow, it is critical that we educate young people today. Each summer, to help accomplish this important goal, FEE invites at least two students to spend the summer at its Irvington-on-Hudson campus to learn about freedom and to gain valuable work experience.

Interns receive useful on-the-job training by helping out with researching responsibilities, writing copy for various projects, and providing day-to-day office help to the staff.

Interns also participate in three summer seminars. In conjunction with FEE President Don Boudreaux, the interns undertake an informal reading program that exposes them to works by Milton Friedman, F.A. Hayek, Leonard Read, and Ludwig von Mises.



Jacob Huebert and Eva Pavlova Draganova, 1998 interns

This summer we were extremely fortunate to have two outstanding interns join us. Our first intern was Jacob Huebert, a sophomore at Grove City College in PA, and president of the Grove City College Libertarians. Among his many duties, Jacob revised the index of the new edition of *The Law* by Frederic Bastiat. Jacob also provided research assistance to several staff members.

Our second intern traveled much farther than Pennsylvania to join us. Eva Pavlova Draganova, a senior at the American University in Blagoevgrad, came to FEE in late May from Bulgaria. Eva was also especially helpful in compiling the list of daily quotes that now appears on our web site. Jacob and Eva were exceptional interns and equally exceptional ambassadors of liberty.

Internships are awarded on a competitive basis. Criteria for selection include strong research and writing skills, leadership potential, and a desire to learn more about the principles of a free society. If you know a student who might be interested in being one of our 1999 interns, please contact Karol Boudreaux at 1-800-452-3518 or kboudreaux@fee.org.

Annual and Trustees' Dinners: Strengthening Friendships

FEE's Annual Dinner in May, and its Fall Trustees' Dinner in October are wonderful opportunities for the FEE family of friends to come together and bring liberty to life. They also allow us to form new and valued friendships with people just discovering FEE and its work.

For those of you who attended one or both of these memorable evenings, thank you for joining us—it was a real pleasure to see you. For those of you who weren't able to join us, here's what you missed (hope to see you next year!).

John Stossel, the controversial free-market reporter for ABC News and the evening news program 20/20, gave the keynote address at our May 17, 1998, Annual Dinner. In a lively presentation full of audience participation, Stossel discussed FEE's valuable contribution to the cause of freedom. His presentation, which was based on his acclaimed television special, "Junk Science: What You Know May Not Be So," was an entertaining blend of the comic and the serious. By pointing out the many ways in which statistics are routinely misused by the media and by advocates of government intervention, Stossel gave the audience a memorable lesson in constructive skepticism. At the end of his talk, Stossel delighted the audience of 150 by holding up his personal copy of Leonard Read's book *Anything That's Peaceful*, and stating that Read was right: we should be allowed to do anything that's peaceful. Stossel and his wife, Ellen, joined FEE's guests for cocktails and dinner after the talk—a great treat for us all.

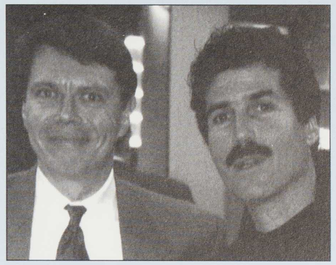
The Fall Trustees' Dinner was held on a picture-perfect autumn day, October 18, 1998. This gathering celebrated the 100th anniversary of the birth of FEE's founder, Leonard Read. Over 100 participants joined us at historic Lyndhurst Castle to enjoy the beautiful grounds and the magnificent home of 19th-century financier Jay Gould. Cocktails were served on the verandah of Gould's home, overlooking the Hudson River. Guests were able to take private tours of the house.

Over dinner in the restored Carriage House, Dr. Burt Folsom of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy brought the Robber-Baron era, and colorful figures such as Jay Gould, to life. As always, Dr. Folsom's presentation was artful and highly instructive. Listening to this raconteur was a delight.

Ed Opitz, Bettina Bien Greaves, and Roger Ream—all past FEE staff members—shared their reminiscences of Leonard Read with us. These personal insights were a special part of the evening.

Finally, our keynote speaker was Edward Crane, president of the Cato Institute. Crane discussed the contemporary freedom movement and noted Leonard Read's pivotal role in revitalizing this movement and the people who devoted their lives to defending individual liberty and the rule of law. As president of Cato, Crane is in a unique position to comment on the current state of political affairs in the U.S. He is also particularly cognizant of the importance of educating people in the principles of market economics and classical-liberal philosophy. And so it was especially inspiring to hear Crane talk of FEE's continuing relevance in spreading the freedom philosophy to young people and interested adults. Altogether, it was a marvelous evening.

On behalf of the entire FEE staff, past chairman Sally von Behren, and Lawrence W. Reed, current chairman of the Board of Trustees, thank you for attending these dinners and making them such big successes.



Don Boudreaux and John Stossel

Guests at the Annual Dinner. Left to right: Shari Gifford Alvarez, Elizabeth Ceplo, Karol Boudreaux, Don Boudreaux, Sally von Behren, and Kay Gifford

Ed Crane, president of the Cato Institute, speaker at the Fall Dinner

FEE Trustee Fred Foote and new staff member Greg Rehmke

Trustee Ethelmae Humphreys at the Fall Dinner