

# Law, Morality, War: The Berkeley Tanner Lectures

## About the Book

This book presents the Berkeley Tanner Lectures delivered by distinguished figures in the law, philosophy, and political science, addressing the complex relationships between law, morality, and war from a range of perspectives. The lectures explore the ethical and legal questions raised by war, including the justification for going to war, the conduct of war, and the responsibilities of states and individuals in the aftermath of war.



## Rules for Wrongdoers: Law, Morality, War (The Berkeley Tanner Lectures) by Arthur Ripstein

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The book begins with a lecture by Michael Walzer, one of the world's leading political theorists, who examines the just war tradition and its relevance to contemporary conflicts. Walzer argues that the just war

tradition provides a valuable framework for thinking about the morality of war, but that it must be adapted to the realities of the modern world.

The second lecture, by Jeff McMahan, a philosopher at Rutgers University, examines the moral responsibilities of individuals in war. McMahan argues that individuals have a duty to obey the laws of war, even if they believe that the war itself is unjust. However, he also argues that individuals have a duty to resist unjust Free Downloads, even if this means breaking the law.

The third lecture, by Mary Ellen O'Connell, a professor of law at the University of Notre Dame, examines the international legal framework for the conduct of war. O'Connell argues that international law provides a robust set of rules that can help to minimize the suffering caused by war. However, she also argues that international law is often violated in practice, and that this has led to a decline in the respect for the laws of war.

The fourth lecture, by David Luban, a professor of law at Georgetown University, examines the responsibilities of states in the aftermath of war. Luban argues that states have a duty to provide reparations to victims of war, and to take steps to prevent future conflicts. He also argues that states have a duty to prosecute war criminals, even if this means trying their own citizens.

This book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the complex relationships between law, morality, and war. The lectures provide a comprehensive overview of the major issues in the field, and they offer a range of perspectives on these issues.

## **Reviews**

"This book is a major contribution to the literature on law, morality, and war. The lectures are all of the highest quality, and they offer a range of perspectives on the complex issues involved in this field. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in these issues."

- Michael Ignatieff, author of *The Lesser Evil: Political Ethics in an Age of Terror*

"This book is a timely and important contribution to the debate on law, morality, and war. The lectures provide a clear and concise overview of the major issues in the field, and they offer a range of perspectives on these issues. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in these issues."

- Martha Nussbaum, author of *The Clash Within: Democracy, Religious Violence, and India's Future*

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