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Anthony de Jasay, an independent theorist, is the author of *Social Contract, Free Ride* (1989), *Choice, Contract, Consent* (1991), *Against Politics* (1997), and *The State* (1998), also published by Liberty Fund. This new volume contains his critical analyses of the concept of justice and the social issues that surround it.



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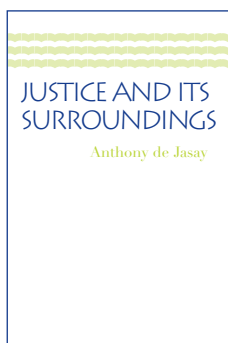
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