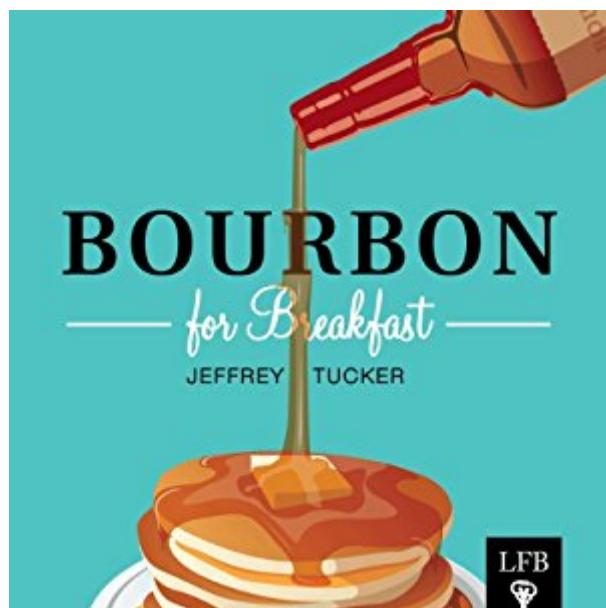


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# Bourbon For Breakfast: Living Outside The Statist Quo



## Synopsis

The state makes a mess of everything it touches, argues Jeffrey Tucker in Bourbon for Breakfast. Perhaps the biggest mess it makes is in our minds. Its pervasive interventions in every sector affect the functioning of society in so many ways, we are likely to intellectually adapt rather than fight. Tucker proposes another path: See how the state has distorted daily life, rethink how things would work without the state, and fight against the intervention in every way that is permitted. Whether that means hacking your showerhead, rejecting prohibitionism, searching for large-tank toilets, declining to use government courts, homeschooling, embracing alternative micro-cultures, watching pro-freedom movies, baking at home, maintaining manners and standards of dress, publishing without copyright, and just living outside what he calls the "statist quo", we should not lose touch with what freedom means, even in these times. The essays in Bourbon for Breakfast cover commercial life, digital media, culture, food, literature, religion, music, and a host of other issues - all from the perspective of a Misesian-Rothbardian struggling to get by in a world in which the walls of the state have been closing in. Tucker writes about the glories of commerce, the horrors of jail, and the joy of private life - and he defends a kind of aristocratic radicalism in times of increasingly restricted choices.

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## Customer Reviews

Three and a half stars. This is a collection of essays and blog-posts which really isn't my style. Please take that into account in my rating. Tucker has an interesting history tied in with the Ludwig

von Misses Institute and with Libertarian thought. Overall Tucker has a style that is much to pleased with himself, I believe that he laughs at all his own jokes... a lot! This is not a terrible condition if you are actually funny; and sometimes Tucker is, but just sometimes. There is a great deal of useful information buried in this book, I like the idea of turning up the water heater to 130 degrees (it does make a difference). I also took his advice on giving up the shaving foam for a splash of baby oil (after a week my face feels better then it has in thirty years). There is also some very interesting insight into some elements of libertarian thought that I had not considered or at least not considered enough. In all my lists of "Libertarian Fiction" I never saw Garet Garrett; but I am interested in giving him a try after Tucker's reviews and comments. I am the son of an inventor; and I have a great deal of difficulty with Tucker's views on intellectual property. His arguments against IP however are both strong and solid and I feel now that I have to give this some serious thought. I will probably also pick up "Against Intellectual Property" of course that would mean trying to find a copy of "Justifying Intellectual Property" for under \$50 as well. I do like authors that bring me new ideas and new books to read. There is a lot of good information and interesting thoughts in this book, you just need to do a lot of digging to find those buried treasures. If you are a free thinker, or already have a Libertarian bent this is an interesting read, but it is not for the un-initiated.

Too many would be libertarians have an Achilles heal when it comes to the role and function of government, each with his own perspective on what is essential and necessary. Jeffrey Tucker cuts through to the core with this collection of anecdotes and musings on the State and its overreach, exposing the lies that we have become accustomed to in our desire for justice, equity and protection. More often than not, it all ends up working against us, whether it is market regulation or law enforcement. From shower heads to stop signs and everything in between, Tucker humorously peels back the layers of the modern Nanny State and lays bare the reality that government in any form, while altruistic in its intentions, always ends up being detrimental to the very causes for which it was created.

If you like someone deciding how you can spend your money, what you should and shouldn't value, who are winners and losers, even the size of your shower head, you won't like this book. Jeffrey Tucker debunks commonly held beliefs and uses practical, everyday situations, such as trash collection, to show how expanding governments limit choice, stifle creativity and wealth creation, increase prices and lower customer service, among other deleterious effects. One of my favorite chapters looks at the writings of Mark Twain, examining how the adventures of Tom Sawyer and

Huck Finn illustrate the concept and virtue of entrepreneurship. The book covers diverse topics, all with an underlying theme advancing free markets and free association. Fun and excellent read.

A really fun read covering a lot of ground in a short amount of time. You will possibly want to dig deeper into some of the ideas and he gives a lot of great suggestions for further reading. Great for all independent thinkers. A lot of it was stuff I have read about already but there was a lot of new interesting thoughts for me. The chapter on copyright laws really got me thinking. Also I turned the heat up on my water heater immediately. Now I just need to find a new shower head.

This book is absolutely exceptional. I submit to you that there is no other book that is as enjoyable to read about a serious subject. Except It's a Jetson's World, Bourbon's, sort-of. sequel. Each chapter is a short and simple discussion of a particular marvel of the free market, or a discussion of the problems with government. I am also one of those who read it for free at mises.org, but then had to buy it so that I could give it to friends. If you want a fun book on economics or our daily way of life then this is, without a doubt, the book for you.

clearly thought out life hacks deeply rooted in principle. highly recommended, because even if you don't agree, thought provoking.

Comes across as a little curmudgeonly sometimes, and there are certainly plenty of eccentricities, but as a libertarian, this speaks to me. If you love government interference in every aspect of your life for "the greater good", then just don't read this. Or do. Maybe it'll help. :)

Jeffrey Tucker is swiftly becoming my most favorite person on the planet! After I saw his interview with Stefan Molyneux, my current favorite person on the planet, I decided to get this book. Great move on my part. If you haven't seen their interview together look it up. I could listen to those two talk for hours.

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