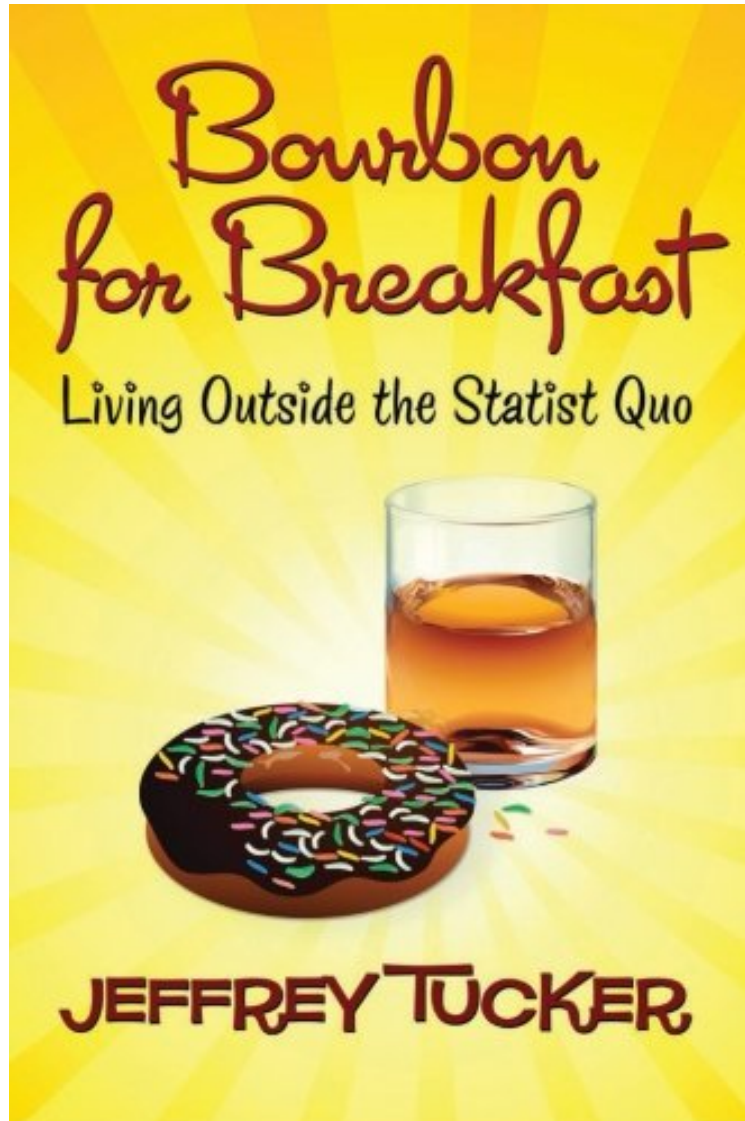


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Jeffrey A. Tucker, Jeffrey Tucker : Bourbon for Breakfast: Living Outside the Statist Quo before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bourbon for Breakfast: Living Outside the Statist Quo:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not for the un-initiated.By Shane C. PruyneThree 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. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Anarchy Pure and Simple By Jett Cheek 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 humously 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. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fun insightful read By Brian 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.

Bourbon for Breakfast: Living Outside the Statist Quo 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 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. He writes about the glories of commerce, the horrors of jail, the joy of private life, and defends a kind of aristocratic radicalism in times of increasingly restricted choices. The "problem" with Jeffrey Tucker is that he has been flying under the Austro-libertarian radar for all too long. A tireless worker, but mostly a behind-the-scenes man (apart from his magnificent turn as Nathaniel Branden in Murray Rothbard's play, "Mozart was a Red"), he has in the past made numerous public contributions from time to time. But now with the publication of Bourbon for Breakfast: Living Outside the Statist Quo, a compilation of many and all of them magnificent shorter writings, he will no longer be able to hide his light under the proverbial bushel. This book makes a very important contribution to both of his twin loves, libertarian political philosophy and Austrian economics. What he has to say about the economics of water, commerce, technology, police, and jails, are alone worth way more than the price of admission (the book, in keeping with his principles, is available for free on the web, but I urge you to buy as many copies as you can and give them to your friends and family members). But perhaps his unique contribution to our freedom movement is that he combines these insights of his written in the tradition of Mises, Rothbard and Hazlitt with some very important thoughts on health, manners, food and other such cultural matters. All too many of us (I am as guilty of this as anyone) write and speak as if all there were to life is economics and politics. Not Jeff Tucker, not by a long shot. So, do read him, and carefully, on these two subjects, the core of our philosophy. But, also, study what he has to say about culture. In some ways, these insights of his are just as important. - Walter Block, Loyola University, New Orleans From federalized showerheads to the libertarian Jetsons, Jeffrey Tucker has written a funny and important book about state meddling, and the possibility of pure freedom. Read Bourbon for Breakfast, and give a copy to everyone you know. It's a smart,

subversive, and devastatingly effective case for liberty. - Llewellyn H. Rockwell, Jr., Chairman of the Mises Institute and editor of LewRockwell.com