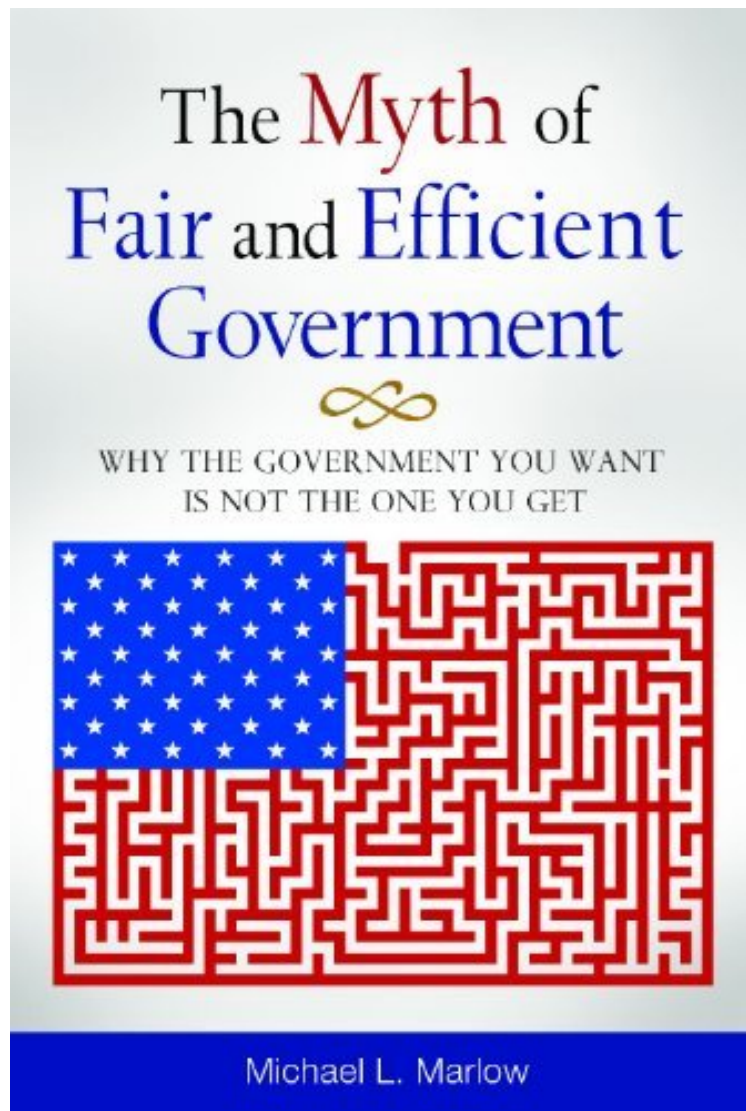


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Clear Thinking in the Muddled World of Economics By KeithWI must admit I have not read this book. However, I had professor Marlow as a graduate economics professor while attending Cal Poly as an MBA student for an Aggregate Economics class (GSB 533) in 1996. I still have my red

bound textbook which is a collection of essays on Monetary and Fiscal Economics by Professor Marlow. If this book is anything like those essays, it should be great. Marlow explains economic concepts in common sense terms and with copious data to back up his case. I do not wish to exaggerate, but Professor Marlow writes along the lines of Milton Friedman or Thomas Sowell, both in style and substance. For a great example of his writing see Professor Marlow's editorial that appeared in the WSJ on April 1, 2013 "The Skinny on Anti-Obesity Soda Laws". This is in fact what prompted me to look up this book by Professor Marlow. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good, but too verbose. By air2mud It is a good book and very informative but I think he could have made his point in about 1/3 to 1/2 the space.

Idealized views of government lead to bitterly unhappy citizens posits *The Myth of Fair and Efficient Government: Why the Government You Want Is Not the One You Get*. In fact, Michael L. Marlow says, government is the last place to look for efficiency. It is, rather, private markets that naturally drive toward efficient outcomes and it is unreasonable to expect governments to mimic those effects. This idea will startle many readers, especially given the widespread belief that private markets caused the current economic problems. The author's intention is to awaken readers to the invalidity of that assumption, to make us "pause before calling upon the government to somehow be efficient and fair in responding to the supposed collapse of private markets." To that end, this book demonstrates why romantic views of government promote a less efficient economy; why so many government programs are inefficient in practice; and why a more limited role for government is critical to reviving trust in our institutions.

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