

A GUIDE TO READING MURRAY ROTHBARD

Introductory

For people who haven't read Rothbard and want a basic grasp of his monetary economics, *What Has Government Done to Our Money?* is the best place to start. *The Case Against the Fed* is fundamental for an understanding of America's most dangerous economic institution. *For a New Liberty* is a popular but comprehensive presentation of libertarianism. *Anatomy of the State* presents Rothbard's view of the state as predatory. *Making Economic Sense* applies Rothbardian insights to an immense number of economic issues.

Economics

Rothbard's masterwork in economic theory is *Man, Economy, and State*. He applied the Austrian theory of the business cycle to understanding the 1929 depression in *America's Great Depression. An Austrian Perspective on the History of Economic Thought* is a remarkable two-volume history of economics that ranges widely in the history of ideas. *The Mystery of Banking* is a textbook that presents monetary theory with unrivaled clarity. *A History of Money and Banking in the United States: The Colonial Era to World War II* displays Rothbard's mastery of the entire field of American economic history.

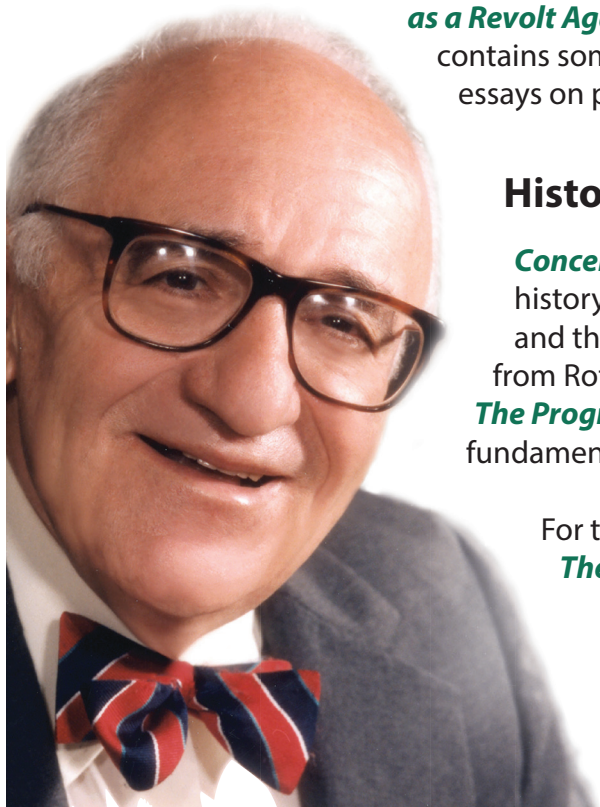
Ethics and Political Theory

Power and Market applies praxeology to ethics and analyzes the various types of intervention in the free market. *The Ethics of Liberty* is Rothbard's grounding of libertarianism in ethical theory and an account of legal problems of a libertarian society. *Egalitarianism as a Revolt Against Nature and Other Essays* contains some of Rothbard's most important essays on political theory.

History

Conceived in Liberty is a four-volume history of the American colonial period and the American Revolution, written from Rothbard's libertarian perspective. *The Progressive Era* is vital for the understanding of a period that fundamentally changed the nature of the American political system.

For those who want a sampling of Rothbard in one volume, *The Rothbard Reader* is excellent.



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