

If what you know about the FBI came from the mass media you will get pleasure through chagrin. By chapter and verse the Overstreets proved in story after story how I and probably you were taken for an intellectual ride.

In 1790 we had our first attorney general but not until 1870 did Congress establish our Department of Justice. The FBI was not created until 1908. Next to the Federal Reserve Board, the FBI has the most awesome power for good or evil. "The FBI in Our Society" makes me proud of our government and the FBI. It also makes me ashamed of many illiberal friends who deplore a national police but whenever their special pet projects require more than the local police, they cry out for the conversion of the FBI into a National Police Force. Before you read this exciting volume, make a guess as to the number of FBI agents, the number of new laws recently enacted which place more burdens on the FBI and then ponder why at least one attorney general demanded that FBI employees be "gentlemen."

The book, if read by newspaper editors, will make possible a sober discussion of how to use reason instead of violence.

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