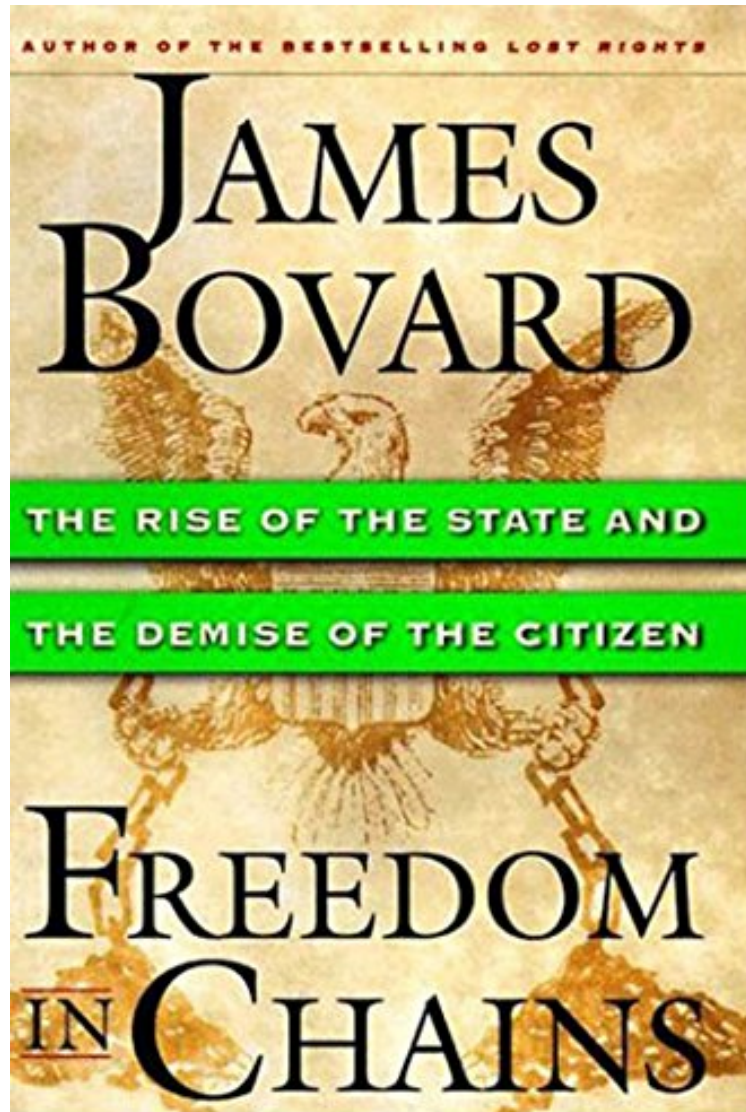


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Von James Bovard : Freedom in Chains: The Rise of the State and the Demise of the Citizen before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Freedom in Chains: The Rise of the State and the Demise of the Citizen:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent! Frightening documentation of our enslavement Von Titus Stauffer James Bovard has done it again! "Lost

Rights" was great, and so is "Freedom in Chains"! Are you hopeful that with just a wee tad more compassionate, enlightened government, we'll solve more of our problems? Do your friends think this? If so, buy this book, for yourself, or for them... You're in for some well-documented surprises! ... All I can say is, like James, I'm sick and tired of private doors being busted down in the middle of the night, that the armed goons can offer us "freedom from drugs"... whether we like it or not! Oh, so they have to surprise us, lest we flush some "evidence" down the toilet, right? Well, if the enemy really IS drugs, if this is REALLY a war on DRUGS and not on PEOPLE, then they'd be happy content to go on their way after their "enemy" is flushed down the toilet, right? But no, the enemy is really PEOPLE, not drugs. It's a war on PEOPLE and their liberties. ... Drugs, property rights, freedom of speech, freedom in general. As Bovard documents, REAL freedom (the freedom to be left alone to make our own choices) is butchered in a thousand ways, in the name of a thousand "freedom froms". "Freedom from want" means they have to make our charity choices for us, with our money, and "freedom from housing discrimination" means they have to punish us for advertising our house for sale as having a "walk in closet", for that SURELY proves we wish to discriminate against those in wheelchairs! ... If, like I, you are sick of being "freed" (falsely) by power-hungry government goons, then you want "freedom from" all their (false) "freedom froms". There is another good book I'd like to recommend to all those who are fond of James Bovard. Go see the book, "Freedom From Freedom Froms"! Free me, please free me, from all the "freedom" offered to me by the jack-booted thugs!

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Extremely readable, well written, scholarly - and scary!!!
Von Gordon C. Wilson
This book, like Bovard's earlier "Lost Rights", is an extremely well-documented and engaging book, pointing out in no uncertain terms where this country is rapidly heading. It serves as a very loud and persistent wake-up call for those who refuse to open their eyes and "smell the coffee" (so to speak) - which happens to be, at the time of this review at least, still a "legal substance" - as well as those who vehemently maintain that "It can't happen here". Bovard very skillfully points out that it very definitely CAN happen here - and it is in fact doing so even as we sleep. The ever-increasing government intrusions into our kitchens, our bedrooms and our medicine chests are no mere mirages. Our ever bloated prisons, bulging with hundreds or thousands of harmless non-criminals, accused of various victimless crimes (like for example trying to ease their pain with medical marijuana) are no mere illusion. The mass of new government laws, forms, fees, permits, and regulations are no mere nightmare. Welcome to the new Amerika! Stand up and be NUMBERED! The police state that chains its citizens even while fooling them into believing they are free is the worst type of slave state possible, and Bovard shows that we are becoming that state right at this moment. He demonstrates how our freedoms are being siphoned, conjoled, wittled, and slipped out from under our sleeping forms through such obscenities as "The War on Drugs", the FDA's stranglehold on what we may and may not consume, and various other government intrusions and invasions into our lives and our privacy. The million dollar question is whether enough Americans will wake up in time to put a stop to all this. Or is this "American Experiment in Freedom" doomed to fail after little more than 200 years? (And why are the Founding Fathers rolling over so much in their graves?) This latest of Bovard's books is, like his other books and, like the author himself, extremely engaging and entertaining, but, like them, it bears a harsh and urgent message. Read it and weep - that is while you are still able to weep without requiring a permit! Today may already be too late for us, but if we don't take immediate actions today, we will definitely have no tomorrows to call our own!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Just reread "Lost Rights" and skip this.
Von J. Davis
Repeat after me: THE IRS IS BAD. That basically sums up this book, which contains little new information from his previous ones. It's disappointing that Bovard could not find new subjects to discuss. Basically, the reader can save himself time and money by reading Lost Rights and The Fair Trade Fraud again. I don't mean to be harsh: He makes some excellent points, but they are ones we've already heard from him. Another problem I have with this book and his previous ones is that he never examines the dangers of the absolute free market he preaches. For example, OSHA and the EPA may overstep their boundaries, but what are the dangers to workers and the environment if they are rendered powerless? This is the "vice versa" pure libertarians never discuss. Nor is corporate abuse, such as random drug testing for \$7/hr jobs examined. It's fine to say government is abusive (and it often is) but private enterprise is not quite as flawless as Bovard and company would have us believe.

Kurzbeschreibung
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