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Robert James Bidinotto
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Dear Bob,

It's a tremendous book! I have prepared some brief comments for your use as a cover "blurb" or publicity for the volume. Please feel free to make changes.

Bidinotto's hard-nosed, penetrating analysis of the crisis in our criminal justice system demolishes decades of liberal criminal-coddling dogma which has marked the decline of law and order in our Nation. He destroys many of the myths currently dominating the public debate on crime, "plea-bargaining is a necessary evil," "prisons don't work," or "people steal because they're poor or uneducated."

In these myth-shattering, insightful essays, Bidinotto explains how we must change the way we think about criminal behavior before we can make lasting improvements in the justice system. His book is essential reading for every citizen seeking ways to stop the bloodshed and violence on our streets.

Keep up the great work.

Sincerely yours,

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