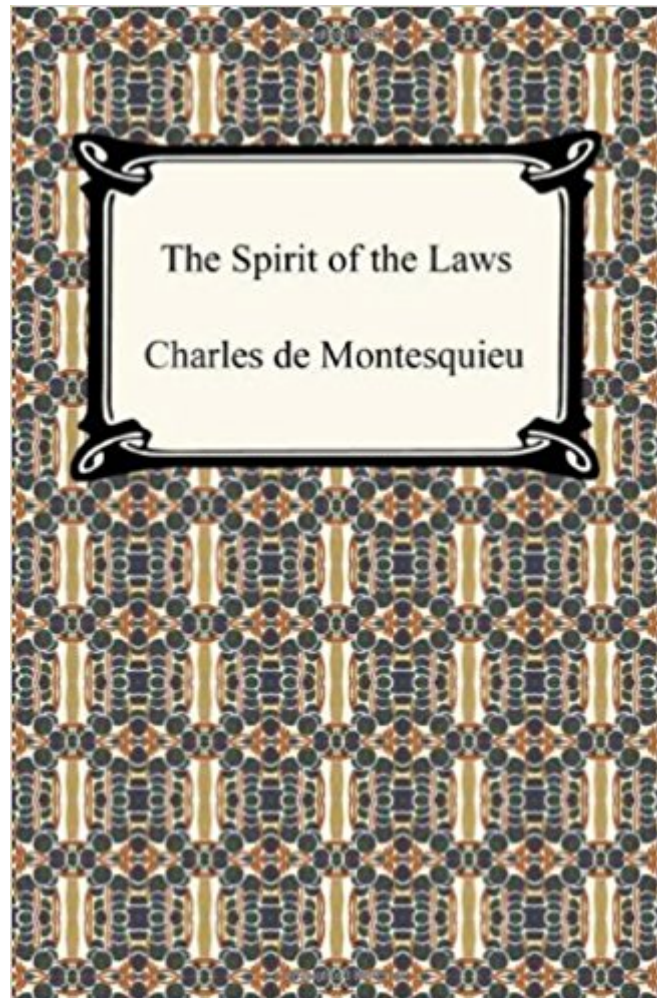




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# The Spirit Of The Laws



## Synopsis

This treatise on political theory, originally published anonymously in 1748, has become one of the most influential works of political science ever written. French philosopher Charles-Louis de Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu wrote this piece under the inspiration of such political theorists as René Descartes, Nicholas de Malebranche, and Niccolò Machiavelli. The ideas laid forth by Montesquieu in this work, especially that of balancing power among branches of government, had a prominent influence on the American Constitution, although at the time of its publication was subject to censorship. Over twenty years in the making, "The Spirit of Laws" considers a vast range of political topics including: the preservation of civil liberties, taxation, slavery, commerce, the role of women, crime and punishment, religion, education, morality and the law, and other matters of political, sociological, and anthropological importance. Undoubtedly, it has become one of the most emulated and highly-regarded treatises on political law ever written.

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I purchased this very important book as an MP3 audiobook and I can honestly say that on such an important book as this the choice of Wanda McCaddon to narrate this book was a very big mistake.

I am not alone in my views when I say that this woman has been the most difficult narrator I have ever had to listen to. Her voice is whining, irritating and penetrating and I was astonished to read that she has narrated well over six hundred titles for major book audio publishers. I so wish to continue listening to this MP3 audiobook, but the narrator is making it extremely difficult for me to achieve this, more than five minutes at a time make this listening project very painful. Tragically this set contains two MP3's which means one has to listen to this terrible narrator for at least 22 and half hours. I contacted Blackstone audio with regards to this issue, advising them to listen and at least provide their opinion, but I have had no response. Guess they do not care. It would have been much better read by a man, or anybody other than Wanda. Very disappointing. Wanda obviously can pronounce the most difficult of names easily but her narration sends one into insanity.

Montesquieu was one of the great philosophers who impacted the writings of the US Constitution and bill of rights for separation of powers; without separation of powers there would be tyranny. Really love this book...great for research and better understanding of Montesquieu.

I hadn't realized that this was a facsimile of the original (not sure if that was posted or not). Regardless, this is a beautiful book and the old English print is a something that takes some time to get used to, but well worth it in the end. Seems more original and "pure" without some academic bloviating with his introduction.

Montesquieu give a decent view of the law that many of the founding fathers would have been familiar with. Therefore, I find it to be good reference material.

This was a gift for a friend. They enjoyed it very much.

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