Philosophy Of Law: The Fundamentals

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For a philosophy of law class this read is very comprehensive. I recommend this book for those who want to know fundamentals since this book is great covering the basic stuff on principles of law. Also, in comparison to Dworkin and other philosophers of law, Murphy does a great job explaining difficult things in very easy way to grasp.

Very great book. I bought this for my Philosophy class and we only read minor passsages but I ended up reading the entire book. It was very interesting and required a lot of higher-level thinking which was good to have to really probe your mind.
Clear and well-organized but incredibly dull. It's too abstract and removed from the practice of the law (Murphy barely cites a dozen cases in the entire book) to hold the interest of anybody who isn't already familiar with (and interested in) the questions discussed.

This is a difficult course on its own, but the book makes it a lot easier to understand.

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