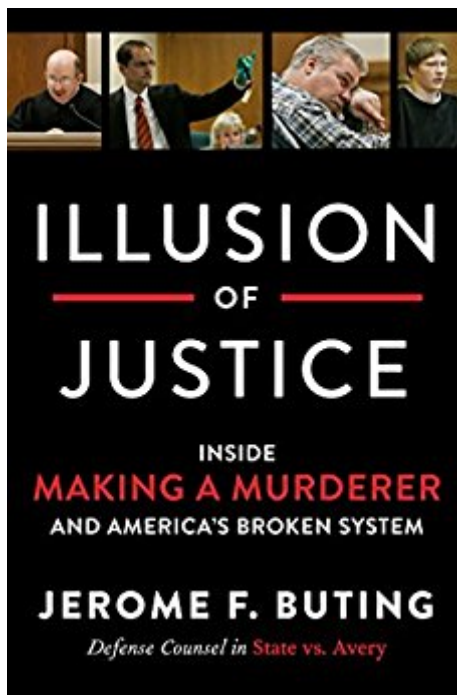




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# Illusion Of Justice: Inside Making A Murderer And America's Broken System



## Synopsis

Interweaving his account of the Steven Avery trial at the heart of *Making a Murderer* with other high profile cases from his criminal defense career, attorney Jerome F. Buting explains the flaws in America's criminal justice system and lays out a provocative, persuasive blue-print for reform. Over his career, Jerome F. Buting has spent hundreds of hours in courtrooms representing defendants in criminal trials. When he agreed to join Dean Strang as co-counsel for the defense in *Steven A. Avery vs. State of Wisconsin*, he knew a tough fight lay ahead. But, as he reveals in *Illusion of Justice*, no-one could have predicted just how tough and twisted that fight would be—or that it would become the center of the documentary *Making a Murderer*, which made Steven Avery and Brendan Dassey household names and thrust Buting into the spotlight. Buting's powerful, riveting boots-on-the-ground narrative of Avery's and Dassey's cases becomes a springboard to examine the shaky integrity of law enforcement and justice in the United States, which Buting has witnessed firsthand for more than 35 years. From his early career as a public defender to his success overturning wrongful convictions working with the Innocence Project, his story provides a compelling expert view into the high-stakes arena of criminal defense law; the difficulties of forensic science; and a horrifying reality of biased interrogations, coerced or false confessions, faulty eyewitness testimony, official misconduct, and more. Combining narrative reportage with critical commentary and personal reflection, Buting explores his professional and personal motivations, career-defining cases—including his shocking fifteen-year-long fight to clear the name of another man wrongly accused and convicted of murder—and what must happen if our broken system is to be saved. Taking a place beside *Just Mercy* and *The New Jim Crow*, *Illusion of Justice* is a tour-de-force from a relentless and eloquent advocate for justice who is determined to fulfill his professional responsibility and, in the face of overwhelming odds, make America's judicial system work as it is designed to do.

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There are fire in his words. It's a cathartic experience to read this book.

Anyone interested in justice in the U.S. should read this. Compelling insights from inside the defense...As riveting as any bestseller...

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Good read. Good to know that there's still good guys out there...

What a wonderful lawyer and human being .Well written .Restored my faith in lawyers

Interesting to hear the lawyers view of how the trial progressed.

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Thank you Mr. Buting for a well written, incredibly detailed book about the Avery Case and all of its legal questions, landmines, and casualties. You do not need to believe in the innocence or guilt of Steven Avery to understand the gravity of any person's situation who has been charged with a serious crime in our modern day judicial system. This book demonstrates in every thought, word, and deed of Mr. Buting the professionalism, respect, and high regard he holds our criminal justice system and the people who participate in same. Mr. Buting's personal story and struggles and the

kind and gracious manner in which he treats all people with whom he interacts--lawyer or defendant, friend or stranger--should be a lesson to us all. And more importantly, a reminder to everyone subject to the laws of the United States: that we are presumed innocent until proven guilty--and not the other way around. An interesting and well balanced book about this fascinating Avery case. With, thankfully, no cheap shots at opposing counsel, just an interesting and compelling story.

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