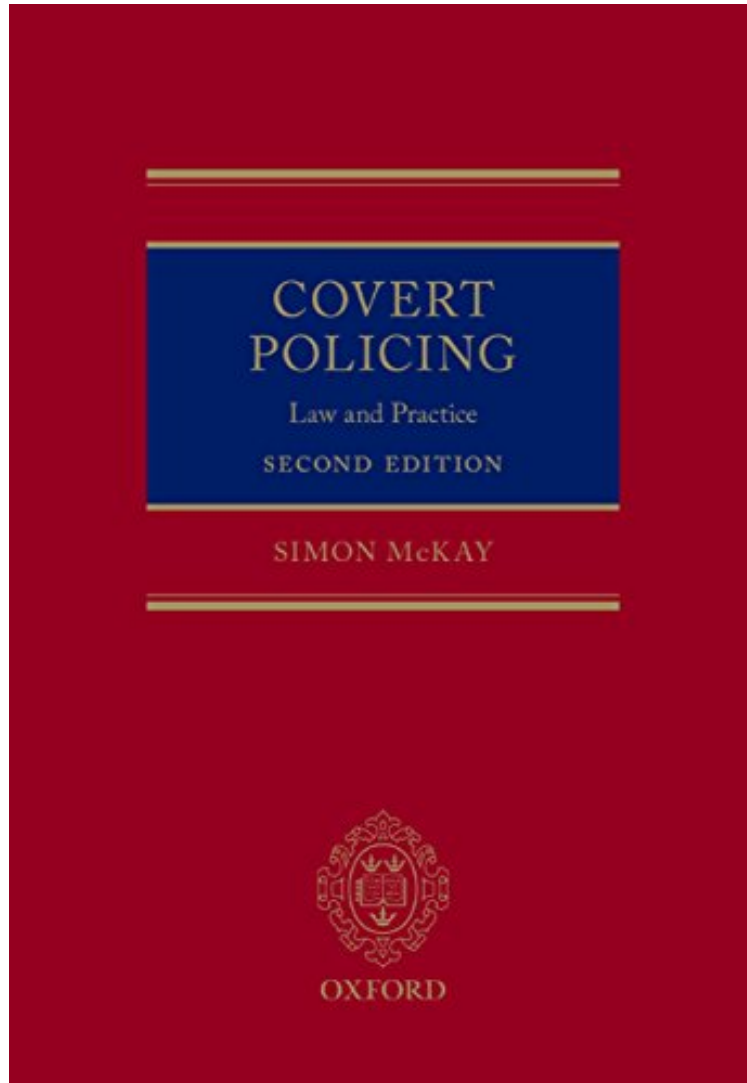


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A revealing study Von Phillip Taylor MBE COVERT POLICING: THE LEGALITIES AND ILLEGALITIES OF OUR EMERGING SURVEILLANCE SOCIETY REVEALED IN THIS NEW EDITION An appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green Chambers The title of this book refers to covert, in other words, undercover policing which inevitably encompasses the activities of the intelligence services, mainly MI5 and GCHQ. The subject matter of course is the legal framework in which these activities may be carried out. The resulting

legal landscape with its in-built tensions, controversies and conundrums is nothing if not complex, as revealed in this book now in its second edition from the Oxford University Press and written by Simon McKay. Speaking of controversies, the book contains much discussion of -- and detailed examination of RIPA -- the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, a controversial piece of legislation, anticipatory in its day and in the words of some practitioners, a disgrace. RIPA has certainly engendered some strong opinions, often unfavourable, including the criticism that under the Act, powers of surveillance given to the state are too substantial. Via references to cases throughout, accompanied by incisive commentary, the book explains what these powers are and, for the most part, views with alarm, the emergence of what might become (or has become already) the surveillance society. Discussed and examined both extensively and in illuminating detail, are issues of privacy, security, freedom of speech and human rights-based arguments. As the author Simon McKay reminds us, undercover police operations give rise to both practical, jurisprudential and philosophical questions all of which of course, should be more than a little concerning, not just for lawyers and academics, but for the public at large. How many, for instance, are not concerned by the newly acquired state powers to eavesdrop on every email transmitted. Obviously in McKay's opinion, the state has gone too far. He quotes the fairly recent statement from the Foreign Secretary that if you are a citizen of the UK and you are not doing anything wrong, then you have nothing to fear. It is difficult to avoid the resonance this has with the great writers of the past, he adds, referring with alarm to the chillingly prophetic works of Kafka, Orwell and Conrad. You might say that the book reveals the time honoured tug of war between what the state wants kept secret and what defence lawyers, not to mention investigative journalists, for example, want to ferret out. Anyone doing further research within this area of law -- which has certainly become highly topical -- will appreciate the extensive tables contained in the book, of UK legislation, statutory instruments, European directives, international instruments and codes and guidance. Paragraphs are numbered throughout for easier navigation and there is a useful index at the back. If you are a practitioner embroiled in a case (or cases) in which covert policing is a key issue (or even a peripheral one) this is an important work of reference you really do need to acquire. The date of publication is cited as at 2015.

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