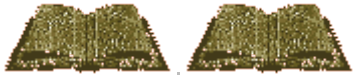
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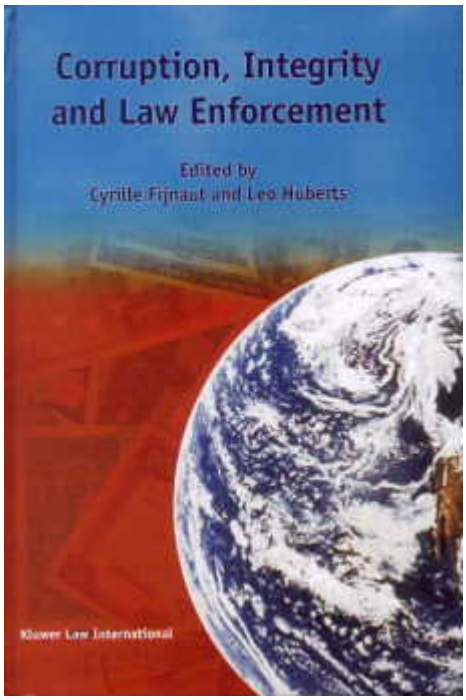
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What a pleasant surprise in finding a textbook that addresses current events and holds the readers interest as it takes you through the international quest to define, detect, prosecute, and punish those responsible for corrupting and reducing trust in business and government activities affecting us all. I was turning pages to find out how different countries and jurisdictions handle the ever-present problem of corruption. This books truly gives an international review of the attempts to curb corruption that undermines the trust of the public.

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The thirty-page introduction by the editors lists each chapter and section and describes what each author accomplishes. The introduction is a wonderful review of the entire book and sets the stage for the reader as the book opens our awareness into the intricate problems associated with corruption. This type of introduction also prepares the reader for an around the world tour experience that lies ahead. My eyes were open by the lists on pages six and seven as several countries were rated by their world standings in corruption.

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Part VII (Chapters twenty through twenty-five) explains the international fight against corruption and how countries are working together to control corruption and prosecute international criminals involved in corruption cases.

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