

The Power of Politicians

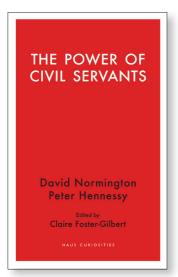
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The Power of Parliament is an account of Tessa Jowell's experience of entering politics and making effective sense of her role. Here, with Frances D'Souza, she gives fascinating insights into the workings of Parliament, the successful development of policy into legislation and also her interior life: how she protected herself against the morally corrosive force of power-seeking, what inspired her and what troubled her. The result is a masterclass in how to be a good politician. *The Power of Parliament* not only offers a case study of the life and work of a politician, but also attends to deeper questions about what is morally and emotionally demanded of our political class — exposed as they are to the corrosive effects of having to seek and retain power — and of the institution of Parliament itself, in the face of public hostility and indifference.

Tessa Jowell was an English Labour Party politician and was secretary of state for Culture, Media and Sport between 2001 and 2007. **Frances D'Souza** is a British scientist and Lord Temporal. **Claire Foster-Gilbert** is a member of the British Medical Association's Medical Ethics Committee and the McDonald Centre for public theology and ethics, Oxford.



The Power of Civil Servants

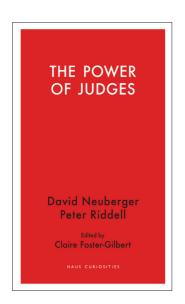
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The Power of Whitehall provides rich and informative observations about the nature of the Civil Service, its values and effectiveness, what threatens it and how it should continue to adapt to a changing world. David Normington and Peter Hennessy address themes such as the importance of politicians trusting civil servants and the difficulties that arise when they don't; the role of special advisers and the extent to which they are a threat to the minister–civil servant relationship; and the effects of select committees and the media. Civil servants are now exposed to the public in unprecedented ways, with both negative as well as positive consequences. *The Power of Whitehall* is an accessible introduction to the life of the civil servant as well as the Civil Service itself.

Peter Hennessy spent 20 years in journalism and was a regular presenter of BBC Radio 4's *Analysis.* He is the author of numerous works on British history. **David Normington** served as the permanent secretary of the Department for Education and Skills and then of the Home Office.



The Power of Judges

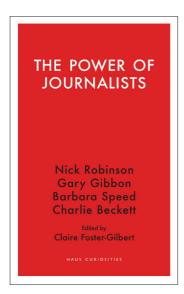
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The role of the Supreme Court has often been portrayed as incomprehensible to the vast majority of the public, while judges might be seen as a caste apart from society. *The Power of Judges* tried to defy this logic, exploring the fundamental concept of justice and explaining in a simple way the main functions of the courts, the challenges they face and the complexity of the judicial system. David Neuberger and Peter Riddell lead the reader through a vast array of subjects such as the relationships between morality and law and between Parliament and the judiciary. They explain the effects of cuts in legal aid and try to shed light on complex and controversial issues like the matter of assisted dying, the complex balance of dealing with mass terrorism while protecting personal liberty, the validity of an unwritten constitution, and the robustness of the legal system today.

David Neuberger was President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom from 2012 to 2017. **Peter Riddell** is a journalist and Commissioner for Public Appointments.



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Journalism has the vital function to defend and promote truth in public discourse. And yet the news media has never been under so much pressure to move away from this critical role into more partial campaigns or commercial public relations. Here four of the UK's foremost experts introduce us to the role of the journalist as truth-teller as well as interpreter of controversial facts. The authors draw from their own work to reflect on the necessity of maintaining an impartial and independent public information service and protecting quality information from the mounting pressure exerted by political parties and the business world. The role of new technology is also taken into consideration as the explosion of social media generates trends that threaten good quality journalism and contribute to the collapse of its traditional business model.

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