



Antitrust Economics on Trial: A Dialogue on the New Laissez-Faire (Hardback)

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Princeton University Press, United States, 2016. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Is it the central purpose of American antitrust policy to encourage decentralization of economic power? Or is it to promote consumer welfare? Is there a painful trade-off between market dominance and economic efficiency? What is the proper role of government in this area? In recent years the public policy debate on these core questions has been marked by a cacophony of divergent opinions--theorists against empiricists, apostles of the new learning against defenders of the traditional structure-conduct-performance paradigm, laissez-faire advocates against interventionists. Utilizing a distinctively innovative format, Walter Adams and James Brock examine these issues in the context of a courtroom dialogue among a proponent of the new learning (Chicago School), a prosecuting attorney, and a U.S. district judge. In contrast to bloodless scientific treatises or ideologically inspired polemical tracts, this book lays bare the central arguments in the debate about free-market economics and the latent assumptions and disguised terminology on which those arguments are based. The dialogue is both gripping and entertaining--designed by the authors to be reminiscent at times of the Theater of the Absurd. Originally published in...

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