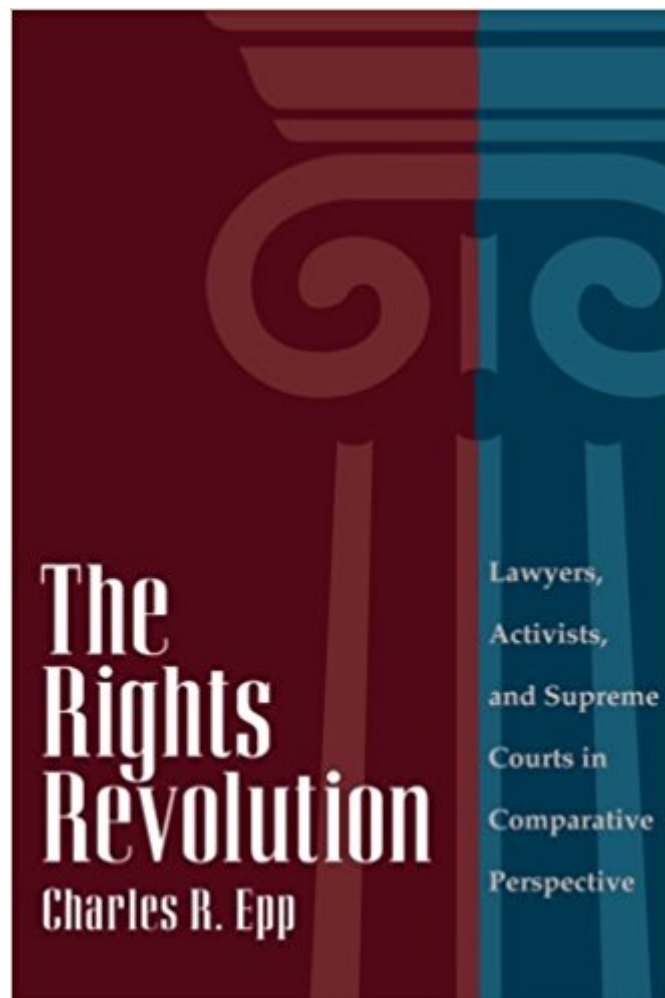




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Charles Epp's landmark book brings a necessary focus on public interest stakeholders in the judicial system. Epp argues that while judicial attention to rights is a necessary condition to a rights revolution, it is not sufficient. Countries need NGOs and civil society groups that can mobilize the

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