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"This is a MAGNIFICENT book. You don't have to look much beyond the list of contributors to realize that Skyler Collins has put together an all star cast of libertarians. I didn't have to read most of this book in order to give it my very strong recommendation. Why not? Because I had already long ago enjoyed many of the all time classics of libertarianism and economic good sense contained within its covers. Buy one book for yourself as a reference to our philosophy, and another dozen for twelve of the people you most want to convert to the freedom philosophy." - **Walter Block**, professor of economics at Loyola University New Orleans, and author of *Defending the Undefendable*, and several other books and essays on liberty and economics.

"There is no more appealing social vision than that of a world organized on the basis of peaceful, voluntary cooperation. In *Everything Voluntary*, Skyler Collins has collected essays by a variety of thinkers—including well-known libertarian theorists and others who deserve wider recognition—committed to enlarging our understanding of the nature of such a society and the paths we might take to reach it. The essays here are especially noteworthy because of the breadth of their focus: discussions of religion and child-rearing rarely figure in libertarian conversations—though they should do so much more often—but Collins has ensured that those interested in thinking about these topics will have lots of food for thought. *Everything Vountary* is well worth the time of anyone who cares about realizing the ideal of peaceful, voluntary cooperation." - **Gary Chartier**, author of *The Conscience of an Anarchist*, co-editor of *Markets Not Capitalism*, and Associate Dean at La Sierra University.

“The ideals that each person pursues in their life, such as prosperity, liberty, health, morality, and wisdom, can only properly be achieved through peaceful means. Any amount of unjust coercion to achieve these goals tarnishes whatever brilliance they might have otherwise had. Frédéric Bastiat once observed that the state is the great fiction by which we each try to live at one another’s expense. Our ideal, then, should be its opposite: the individual pursuit of excellence only through peaceful means, and its promotion only through persuasion. Skyler Collins’ new book compiles a variety of helpful and thought-provoking essays to help the reader ponder how to remove coercion from their lives and live peacefully. Anybody will benefit from considering its content, but more importantly society as a whole will benefit from its concepts being implemented and encouraged.” - **Connor Boyack**, author of *Latter-day Liberty, a Gospel Approach to Government and Politics*, and chapter coordinator of the Utah Tenth Amendment Center.

“I loved the range and scope of this freedom anthology that Skyler Collins has created. For those who wonder about where voluntaryism begins and ends, this book shows that it encompasses practically everything - hence the title. The various articles within shed lots of light on many key topics, including the roots of coercion found in education and parenting. As noted, it’s here that the seeds of a peaceful and prosperous stateless society will be sown. The reader will encounter many libertarian classics as well as many articles that aren’t so well-known, but are nonetheless tremendously insightful. Some of the writers don’t explicitly advocate a stateless society and reveal faulty premises at times, but one will find much common ground in their overall promotion of human freedom. Ultimately, this book explains why all our lives are immensely enriched by applying voluntaryist principles.” - **Wes Bertrand**, author of *The Psychology of Liberty* and the CompleteLiberty.com podcast.

“Skyler Collins has assembled a great panoply of voluntaryist literature for the curious reader. From the basics of ethics to the details of parenting, these collected essays have the potential to change your entire perspective on life itself — for the better!” - **Norman Horn**, PhD in chemical engineering, founder and chief editor of *LibertarianChristians.com*, and blogger at *The Libertarian Standard*.