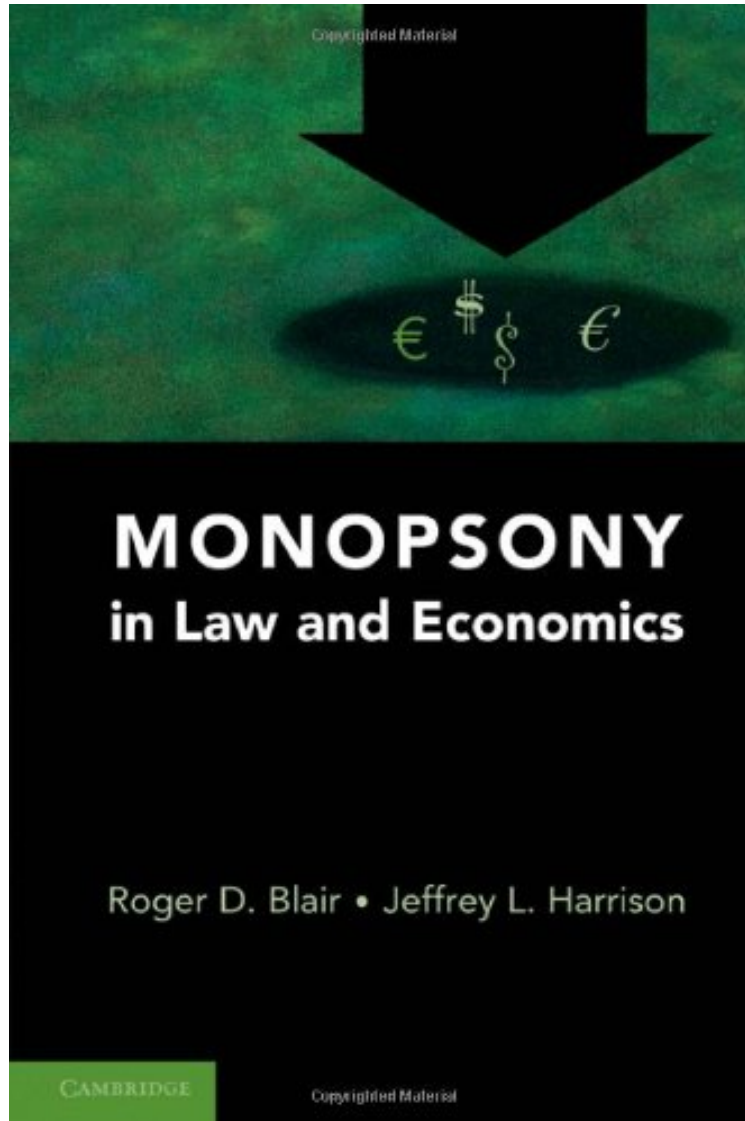


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Most readers are familiar with the concept of a monopoly. A monopolist is the only seller of a good or service for which there are not good substitutes. Economists and policy makers are concerned about monopolies because they lead to higher prices and lower output. The topic of this book is monopsony, the economic condition in which there is

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"Blair and Harrison provide a clear, approachable, and useful analysis of the economics of monopoly on the buying side of markets, a subject that is much too frequently both overlooked and misunderstood. The authors also include a comprehensive, policy-driven analysis of bilateral monopoly and show how monopsony power is exercised in a number of markets, including agriculture, sports leagues, and medical services. This excellent, well-written, and timely book should be on the shelf of every industrial organization economist as well as every competition or antitrust lawyer." - Herbert Hovenkamp, The University of Iowa

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