

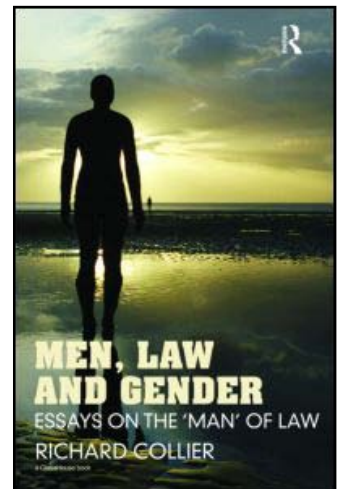
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## Men, Law and Gender

Essays on the 'Man' of Law

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