Lawyers must not be the call girls of money power. Lawyers, the officers of the court, instead of helping the court arrive at justice, derail justice at the instance of their clients. No wonder, they have been reviled from time immemorial for their unethical practices. Gandhiji learnt to regard law not as an intellectual legerdemain to make black appear white and white black, but as ‘codified ethics’. The profession of law became to him the means to enthrone justice, not to ‘entangle justice’ in the net of law.

A pathbreaking work on judicial accountability and independence. The work is remarkable for its extraordinary erudition as well as its straightforwardness. The author has the exemplary courage to speak the truth. He has not spared anyone holding everyone to account. He refuses to treat the judiciary as the holy cow and explains how the independence and accountability of judges are complimentary and complementary to each other. He holds judges accountable both for their conduct as well as for their judgements which are extra-legal. He questions judicial delays which frustrate justice under a design. If his suggestions are followed, delays will be a thing of the past. Lawyers are totally mercenary defending the indefensible in the name of right to defend, and they try to bury justice forgetting their role as the officers of the court. He has also presented beautifully how the law changes colour with the status of the party making a mockery of the right to equality. The author bemoans
that judges live in the bygone days with all the trappings of colonial power reflected in the way they are addressed ‘My Lord’. 