

About the Author

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Jayne’s literary approach in his various publications depends on thorough explicative analysis, and here, in his first and only venture in legal history, he puts this approach to use in order to help clarify what actually happened during the necessarily complex first fifteen years of our

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