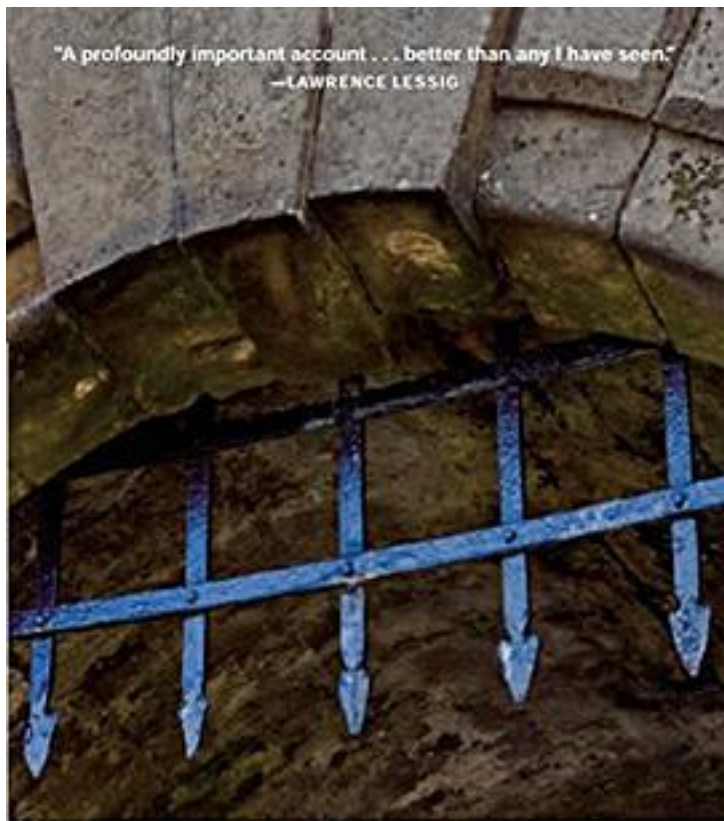


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还是再加一星。非常informative，针对IP全球化的公民社会抗争有很广的面相，穷困地区公共卫生campaign会涉及关键药物被知识产权抬价问题，印度农民和程序员会共同为open source (be it biotech or software) 抗争，这些都是建立不同阶层间连结非常具体化的机会，这可能是一个长期的公共教育和动员过程（毕竟侵犯知识产权即偷窃已经深入人心，而且发展中国家的antitrust authority没有那么强，加上新兴强国you know what又在积极利用IP这个权力工具来搅屎棍固化不平等），但是从动员framing的层面看大有可为。

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