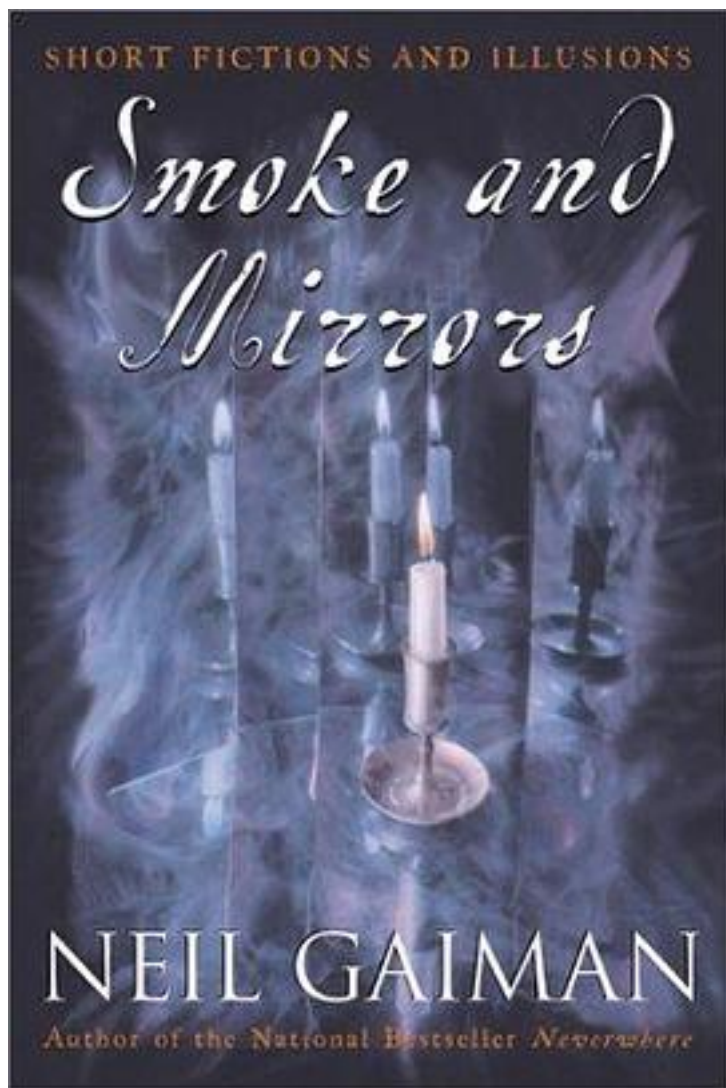


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No phrase in American letters has had a more profound influence on church-state law, policy, and discourse than Thomas Jefferson's "wall of separation between church and state," and few metaphors have provoked more passionate debate. Introduced in an 1802 letter to the Danbury, Connecticut Baptist Association, Jefferson's "wall" is accepted by many Americans as a concise description of the U.S. Constitution's church-state arrangement and conceived as a virtual rule of constitutional law. Despite the enormous influence of the "wall" metaphor, almost no scholarship has investigated the text of the Danbury letter, the context in which it was written, or Jefferson's understanding of his famous phrase. *Thomas Jefferson and the Wall of Separation Between Church and State* offers an in-depth examination of the origins, controversial uses, and competing interpretations of this powerful metaphor in law and public policy. "...this excellent collection offers a complex and nuanced introduction to a field that intersects with many others, including studies of social stratification and social movements." (Graig Willse, City University of New York). Who gets to breathe clean air? Who benefits from the cheaper products produced with dirty air? The answers, as the contributors to *Smoke and Mirrors* tell us, are sometimes as gray as the air itself. From the coal factory chimneys in Manchester in the late nineteenth century to the smog hanging over Los Angeles in the late twentieth century, air pollution has long been one of the greatest threats to our environment. In this important collection of original essays, the leading environmental scientists and social scientists examine the politics of air pollution policies and help us to understand the ways these policies have led to, idiosyncratic, effective, ineffective, and even disastrous choices about what we choose to put into and take out of the air. Offering historical, contemporary and cross-national perspectives, this volume provides a refreshing new approach to understanding how air pollution policies have evolved over time.

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"This relational worldview admits that its vision is never perfect, but always can be improved by working in relationship with others, especially when informed by an open, reflexive, and contested view of "improvement" as an idea and a process."

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