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Early Semester Assignments

Please start reading the (short) book by D. Graham Burnett, *A Trial by Jury* (Random House, New York, NY, 2001). Our initial discussion of the adjudication process will use this book as a primary example. When reading the book look for instances of imperfect rationality and think about how the legal system responds to such imperfect rationality. Of course, at this stage you are not expected to know what “rationality” means exactly. Use your intuitive notion of what it means to act rationally/irrationally.

We will not begin our discussion of *A Trial by Jury* before the second (or third) class. The first class will be devoted to an introductory exploration of rationality and imperfect rationality.