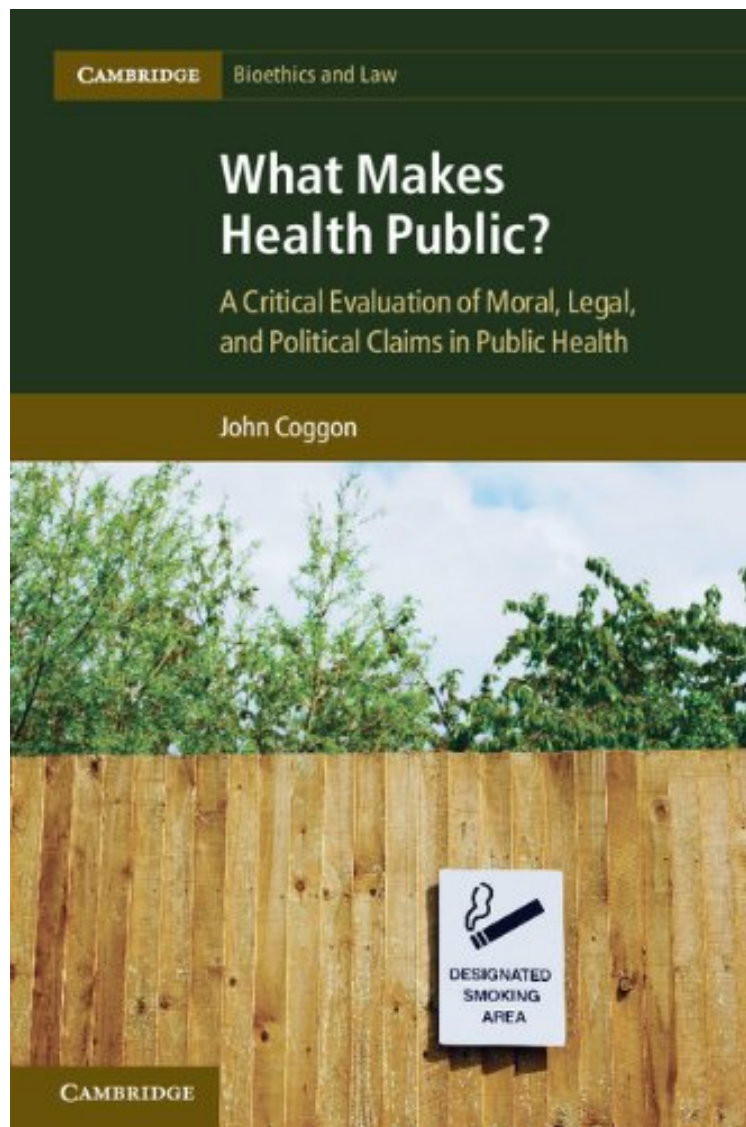


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"... Coggon's achievement is substantial. What Makes Health Public? provides a carefully argued examination of the normative bases for public health policies." Wendy E. Parmet, Medical Law About the Author John Coggon is a research fellow in the School of Law, University of Manchester. His research focuses principally on legal, moral and political issues relating to health and welfare. He was the winner of the 2006 Mark S. Ehrenreich Prize in Healthcare Ethics Research, awarded by the Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics at the University of Southern California, in conjunction with the International Association of Bioethics. From 2007 to 2010 he held a British Academy postdoctoral fellowship.