The rules and practices of criminal procedure assume a clean separation between the interests of the public and the interests of the lone defendant who stands accused. Even the names given to criminal prosecutions often declare this dichotomy, as in jurisdictions such as California, Illinois, and New York, which caption criminal cases *The People of the State of X v. John Doe*. Simonson puts forth a new, alternative approach to thinking about popular participation in criminal procedure, an approach that recognizes that “the people” can and do appear on both sides of the scale of justice.