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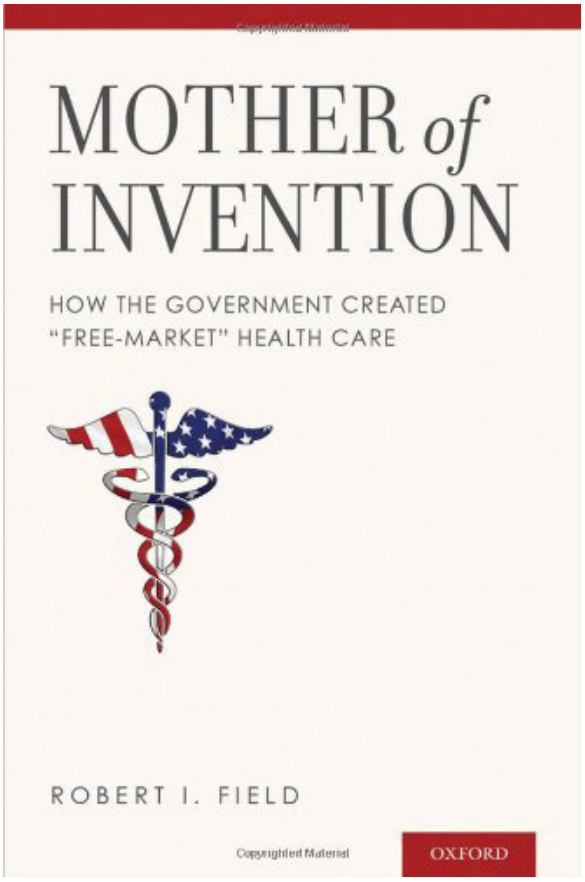
Presenting:

## Mother of Invention: How the Government Created 'Free Market' Health Care




By relying on private enterprise more than any other developed nation, American health care has all the appearances of the free-market in action. For more than a hundred years, attempts to reform this system (including President Obama's Affordable Care Act) have been met with opposition from parties warning against the stifling effect of government intervention. *Mother of Invention* traces the government's role in building four key health care sectors into the financial powerhouses they are today: pharmaceuticals, hospitals, the medical profession, and private insurance.

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