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Poisoned - Jeff Benedict 2013-05-14

Presents an account of the E. coli outbreak involving hamburger meat from the Jack in the Box fast food chain, including coverage of the subsequent lawsuit and interviews with executives, researchers, lawyers, and the victims' families.

The Volunteer - D. H. Jonathan 2016-06-22

Comments from an earlier draft of The "Volunteer", which was formerly posted as a serial on Literotica.com: "I really enjoyed your story and was most impressed in the way that you described Dani's progression through her project. It was refreshing to read about being naked in public without the act being sexual and I suppose typifies the outlook held by naturists. Well done..." - Literotica user tompo296 "I enjoyed reading your story, and appreciated how the ending showed how Dani had been changed by her experience. I liked how you showed the awkwardness and embarrassment of Dani's situation but still provided a mostly safe environment for her to have her experiences. Thank you!" - Jessica Tang Von Harper, author of Candlelight City "This story was not only well written but had something worthwhile to say. It was very interesting to try to understand the subtleties of how Dani felt about nudity." - Literotica user reader_3634 "Read all 17 chapters over the last few days. Couldn't get enough of it." - Literotica reader ikaiser "Words fail me...- I have just read one of the best stories I have ever seen here on Literotica! Please please please continue with Dani's further

adventures..." - Literotica reader The_Rat_in_the_Hat Many people dream of being at work or school only to realize that they are either naked or in nothing but their underwear. For university student Danielle Keaton, this dream is about to become her reality. Facing the consequences of a severe lack of judgement, she is forced to make a choice: either give up her scholarships and her plan for graduating from college debt-free, or volunteer to be the test subject in a unique sociological study that will leave her naked and vulnerable to the entire university and eventually the world.

Not in a Tuscan Villa - John Petralia 2013-08

Newly retired and looking for more than a vacation, John and Nancy Petralia intrepidly pack a few suitcases and head to the "perfect" Italian city for a year. Within days their dream becomes a nightmare. After residing in two Italian cities, negotiating the roads and health care, discovering art, friends, food and customs, the Petralias learn more than they anticipate -- about Italy, themselves, what it means to be American, and what's important in life.

Legal Research and Writing - Ted Tjaden 2010

"Legal Research and Writing, Third Edition" seeks to explain the practical skills needed for print and online legal research and for legal writing. It provides a current and comprehensive look at the topic, consolidating information on legal research and writing into one handy, easy-to-use resource. The book is written for both seasoned practitioners,

seeking to add the latest sources and techniques to their research arsenals, and for beginning law students who face a bewildering array of information. It includes chapters on legal research malpractice, the acquisition of research resources, and knowledge management. In addition, it covers searching the new platforms of the major proprietary online legal databases, the increasing digitization of legal materials, and the Web 2.0. "Legal Research and Writing" is the most up-to-date book of its kind available in Canada today.

Funeral Wars - Jonathan Harr 2001

'I'm just a country boy, ' says Willie Gary when he addresses a jury. 'If I just talk in plain, ordinary talk, you won't hold that against me, will you?' The son of migrant corn-pickers, Gary is one of America's most successful lawyers: diamond-encrusted Rolex, private Gulfstream jet. In *Funeral Wars*, Jonathan Harr follows Gary's most notorious case, a contract dispute between rival funeral parlours. This is the bizarre story of how Gary turns that dispute into a multi-million-dollar morality play. Above all, though, it is his story, that of a simple Southern boy whose life has taken on the contours of legend

A Civil Action - Jonathan Harr 2011-08-10

This true story of an epic courtroom showdown, where two of the nation's largest corporations were accused of causing the deaths of children from water contamination, was a #1 national bestseller and winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. Described as "a page-turner filled with greed, duplicity, heartache, and bare-knuckle legal brinkmanship by The New York Times, *A Civil Action* is the searing, compelling tale of a legal system gone awry—one in which greed and power fight an unending struggle against justice. Yet it is also the story of how one man can ultimately make a difference. Representing the bereaved parents, the unlikeliest of heroes emerges: a young, flamboyant Porsche-driving lawyer who hopes to win millions of dollars and ends up nearly losing everything, including his sanity. With an unstoppable narrative power reminiscent of Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*, *A Civil Action* is an unforgettable reading experience that will leave the reader both shocked and enlightened. *A Civil Action* was made into a movie

starring John Travolta and Robert Duvall.

Storming the Court - Brandt Goldstein 2006-12-12

Describes how, in 1992, a group of Yale law students came to the aid of three hundred Haitian men, women, and children who had won asylum in the U.S. but who, having tested positive for HIV, were forced into a Guantanamo compound and battled the Bush administration, the Justice Department, the American military, and the Supreme Court to achieve their release. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

Study Guide - SuperSummary 2019-02-14

SuperSummary, a modern alternative to SparkNotes and CliffsNotes, offers high-quality study guides for challenging works of literature. This 66-page guide for "*A Civil Action*" by Jonathan Harr includes detailed chapter summaries and analysis, as well as several more in-depth sections of expert-written literary analysis. Featured content includes commentary on major characters, 25 important quotes, essay topics, and key themes like Justice and The Value of Life.

American Courts: Process and Policy - Lawrence Baum 2012-01-01

The highly respected *AMERICAN COURTS: PROCESS AND POLICY*, by top Courts scholar Lawrence Baum, provides clear descriptions of the courts and the activities of the various courts. The Seventh Edition explains what courts do, how people within them behave, and how they relate to the rest of the political system. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The Rainmaker - John Grisham 2010-03-16

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • Grisham returns to the courtroom and weaves a riveting tale of legal intrigue and corporate greed. It's summer in Memphis. The sweat is sticking to Rudy Baylor's shirt and creditors are nipping at his heels. Once he had aspirations of breezing through law school and punching his ticket to the good life. Now he doesn't have a job or a prayer ... except for one: an insurance dispute that leaves a family devastated and opens the door for a lawsuit, if Rudy can find a way to file it. By the time Rudy gets to court, a heavyweight corporate defense team is there to meet him. And suddenly

he's in over his head, plunged into a nightmare of lies and legal maneuverings. A case that started small is exploding into a thunderous million-dollar war of nerves, skill and outright violence--a fight that could cost one young lawyer his life, or turn him into the biggest rainmaker in the land....

Legal Writing Style - Henry Weihofen 1980

Topics in this law school text include a section on writing law school and bar examinations, amplified material on sentence structure and organization, and drafting principles. The book is equally suited for use in courses that concentrate on brief-writing, emphasize formal legal documents, or concentrate on the writing of memoranda or papers similar to law review comments. Also includes chapters on forcefulness, arranging words for emphasis, Opinions, and The Jurisdictional statement.

Environmental Law Handbook - Daniel M. Steinway 2009-10-15

This Twentieth Edition references all regulatory changes made in the last two years and provides legal insight into understanding the requirements of the environmental laws. It examines all of the issues and changes that have arisen since the publication of the last edition.

Law of the Jungle - Paul M. Barrett 2015-09-22

The gripping story of one American lawyer's obsessive crusade—waged at any cost—against Big Oil on behalf of the poor farmers and indigenous tribes of the Amazon rainforest. Steven Donziger, a self-styled social activist and Harvard educated lawyer, signed on to a budding class action lawsuit against multinational Texaco (which later merged with Chevron to become the third-largest corporation in America). The suit sought reparations for the Ecuadorian peasants and tribes people whose lives were affected by decades of oil production near their villages and fields. During twenty years of legal hostilities in federal courts in Manhattan and remote provincial tribunals in the Ecuadorian jungle, Donziger and Chevron's lawyers followed fierce no-holds-barred rules. Donziger, a larger-than-life, loud-mouthed showman, proved himself a master orchestrator of the media, Hollywood, and public opinion. He cajoled and coerced Ecuadorian judges on the theory that his noble ends

justified any means of persuasion. And in the end, he won an unlikely victory, a \$19 billion judgment against Chevron--the biggest environmental damages award in history. But the company refused to surrender or compromise. Instead, Chevron targeted Donziger personally, and its counter-attack revealed damning evidence of his politicking and manipulation of evidence. Suddenly the verdict, and decades of Donziger's single-minded pursuit of the case, began to unravel. Written with the texture and flair of the best narrative nonfiction, *Law of the Jungle* is an unputdownable story in which there are countless victims, a vast region of ruined rivers and polluted rainforest, but very few heroes.

The Rule of Law - Tom Bingham 2011-07-07

'The Rule of Law' is a phrase much used but little examined. The idea of the rule of law as the foundation of modern states and civilisations has recently become even more talismanic than that of democracy, but what does it actually consist of? In this brilliant short book, Britain's former senior law lord, and one of the world's most acute legal minds, examines what the idea actually means. He makes clear that the rule of law is not an arid legal doctrine but is the foundation of a fair and just society, is a guarantee of responsible government, is an important contribution to economic growth and offers the best means yet devised for securing peace and co-operation. He briefly examines the historical origins of the rule, and then advances eight conditions which capture its essence as understood in western democracies today. He also discusses the strains imposed on the rule of law by the threat and experience of international terrorism. The book will be influential in many different fields and should become a key text for anyone interested in politics, society and the state of our world.

The Defense Lawyer - James Patterson 2021-12-20

For more than a decade, criminal lawyer Barry Slotnick never lost a case, no matter how notorious or dangerous his clients—because everyone deserves the best defense. Known for his sharp mind, sharp suits, and bold courtroom strategies, Bronx-native Barry Slotnick is known as the best criminal lawyer in the US. He calls himself “Liberty’s Last

Champion." Slotnick mediates Bette Midler's bathhouse contract and represents John Gotti, "The Dapper Don." He defends "Subway Shooter" Bernie Goetz and negotiates future First Lady Melania Trump's pre-nup. His unparalleled legal brilliance defines a profession, a city—and an era.

Law 101 - Jay Feinman 2014-08-01

In each of the first three editions of the bestselling Law 101, Jay Feinman gave readers an upbeat and vivid examination of the American legal system. Since the third edition was published in 2010, much has happened: several key Supreme Court cases have been decided, we've seen sensational criminal trials, and the legal system has had to account for the latest developments in Internet law. This fully updated fourth edition of Law 101 accounts for all this and more, as Feinman once again provides a clear introduction to American law. The book covers all the main subjects taught in the first year of law school, and discusses every facet of the American legal tradition, including constitutional law, the litigation process, and criminal, property, and contracts law. To accomplish this, Feinman brings in the most noteworthy, infamous, and often outrageous examples and cases. We learn about the case involving scalding coffee that cost McDonald's half a million dollars, the murder trial in Victorian London that gave us the legal definition of insanity, and the epochal decision of *Marbury vs. Madison* that gave the Supreme Court the power to declare state and federal law unconstitutional. A key to learning about the law is learning legal vocabulary, and Feinman helps by clarifying terms like "due process" and "equal protection," as well as by drawing distinctions between terms like "murder" and "manslaughter." Above all, though, is that Feinman reveals to readers of all kinds that despite its complexities and quirks, the law is can be understood by everyone. Perfect for students contemplating law school, journalists covering legislature, or even casual fans of "court-television" shows, Law 101 is a clear and accessible introduction to the American legal system. New to this edition: Featured analysis of: -the Obamacare case -Citizens United -the DOMA decision -the Trayvon Martin case As well as recent legal developments pertaining to: -online contracting - mortgages -police investigations -criminal sentencing

Head in the Cloud - William Poundstone 2017-06-01

Never before have we had so much information at our fingertips. You might think that we are better-informed than ever, but there's one thing we can't ask Google: 'What should I be googling?' The way we consume information in the digital age has been blamed for driving political polarisation and leaving us unable to agree on basic facts. It's also making us stupider. Personalised news feeds and social media echo chambers narrow our potential knowledge base. By now, we don't even know what we don't know. In *Head in the Cloud*, William Poundstone investigates the true worth of knowledge. An entertaining manifesto underpinned by big data analysis and illustrated by eye-opening anecdotes, it reveals the surprising benefits of broadening your horizons and provides an unnerving look at the consequences of being ill-informed.

Taking Back Eden - Oliver A. Houck 2012-06-22

Taking Back Eden is the gripping tale of an idea—that ordinary people have the right to go to court to defend their environment—told through the stories of lawsuits brought in eight countries around the world. Starting in the United States in the 1960's, this idea is now traveling the planet, with impacts not just on imperiled environments but on systems of justice and democracy. It has brought people back into the question of governing the quality of their lives. Author Oliver Houck describes the sites under contention in their place and time, the people who rose up, their lawyers, strategies, obstacles, setbacks and victories. Written for general readers, students, and lawyers alike, Taking Back Eden tells the stories of a lone fisherman intent on protecting the Hudson River, a Philippine lawyer boarding illegal logging ships from the air, the Cree Indian Nation battling for its hunting grounds, and a civil rights attorney who set out to save the Taj Mahal. The cases turn on Shinto and Hindu religions, dictatorships in Greece and Chile, regime changes in Russia, and on a remarkable set of judges who saw a crisis and stepped up to meet it in similar ways. Spontaneously, without communication among each other, their protagonists created a new brand of law and hope for a more sustainable world.

The Rule of Five - Richard J. Lazarus 2020-03-10

"The gripping story of the most important environmental law case ever decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. Richard Lazarus's compelling narrative is enlivened by colorful characters, a canny dissection of courtroom strategy, and a case where the stakes are, literally, as big as the world." —Scott Turow, author of *Presumed Innocent* "There's no better book if you want to understand the past, present, and future of environmental litigation." —Elizabeth Kolbert, author of *The Sixth Extinction* The gripping inside story of how an unlikely team of lawyers and climate activists overcame conservative opposition—and their own divisions—to win the most important environmental case ever brought before the Supreme Court. When the Supreme Court announced its ruling in *Massachusetts v. EPA*, the decision was immediately hailed as a landmark. But this was the farthest thing from anyone's mind when Joe Mendelson, an idealistic lawyer working on a shoestring budget for an environmental organization no one had heard of, decided to press his quixotic case. In October 1999, Mendelson hand-delivered a petition to the Environmental Protection Agency asking it to restrict greenhouse gas emissions from new cars. The Clean Air Act had authorized the EPA to regulate "any air pollutant" that could reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health. But could something as ordinary as carbon dioxide really be considered a harmful pollutant? And even if the EPA had the authority to regulate emissions, could it be forced to do so? Environmentalists urged Mendelson to stand down. Thinking of his young daughters and determined to fight climate change, he pressed on—and brought Sierra Club, Greenpeace, NRDC, and twelve state attorneys general led by Massachusetts to his side. This unlikely group—they called themselves the Carbon Dioxide Warriors—challenged the Bush administration and took the EPA to court. *The Rule of Five* tells the story of their unexpected triumph. We see how accidents, infighting, luck, superb lawyering, and the arcane practices of the Supreme Court collided to produce a legal miracle. An acclaimed advocate, Richard Lazarus reveals the personal dynamics of the justices and dramatizes the workings of the Court. The final ruling, by a razor-thin 5-4 margin, made

possible important environmental safeguards which the Trump administration now seeks to unravel.

Agent Orange on Trial - Peter H. Schuck 1987

Recounts the courtroom confrontation between millions of ex-soldiers, the chemical industry and the federal government, from the first stirrings of the lawyers in 1978 to the court plan to distribute a record two-hundred-million-dollar settlement in 1985

The Buffalo Creek Disaster - Gerald M. Stern 2008-05-06

The "suspenseful and completely absorbing story" (San Francisco Chronicle) of how survivors of the worst coal-mining disaster in history triumphed over corporate irresponsibility—written by the young lawyer who took on their case and won. One Saturday morning in February 1972, an impoundment dam owned by the Pittston Coal Company burst, sending a 130 million gallon, 25 foot tidal wave of water, sludge, and debris crashing into southern West Virginia's Buffalo Creek hollow. It was one of the deadliest floods in U.S. history. 125 people were killed instantly, more than 1,000 were injured, and over 4,000 were suddenly homeless. Instead of accepting the small settlements offered by the coal company's insurance offices, a few hundred of the survivors banded together to sue.

Henry Ford And The Jews - Neil Baldwin 2001-12-03

Describes how Henry Ford promoted his anti-Semitic views in "The Dearborn Independent" and other publications and examines the response of the Jewish community in America as well as Ford's impact on the spread of anti-Semitism in Europe before World War II.

Introduction to U.S. Law, Policy, and Research-An Environmental Perspective - Peter M. Bower 2019-07-10

This book offers an interdisciplinary experiential study of environmental law unlike the typical environmental law textbook. Expanding beyond case studies, statutes, and rules, this book provides a unique, process-oriented introduction to law and legal research and its use in environmental policy and decision-making.

The Appeal - John Grisham 2008

When a judge returns a shocking verdict against a chemical company

accused of dumping toxic waste in a small Mississippi town, the company's billionaire owner seeks to influence the appeal process by using his money to "buy" a seat on the state Supreme Court.

Civil Procedure - Linda J. Silberman 2017-04-28

Using the Socratic method, *Civil Procedure: Theory and Practice*, Fifth Edition helps students develop strategic, critical thinking with introductory text, examples, and hypotheticals that equip them for the challenges of practice. Sophisticated, yet straightforward, the text strikes an important balance by providing clear exposition while requiring work to achieve deeper insights. An opening chapter gives an overview of the entire process, using real pleadings and discovery materials in the landmark *N.Y. Times v. Sullivan* case. The innovative "Anatomy of a Litigation" case study chapter systematically leads students from pleadings to verdict, using leading cases to deepen the connection between the classroom and the courtroom. *Civil Procedure: Theory and Practice* covers the full range of topics, including in-depth treatment of personal and subject-matter jurisdiction, joinder, preclusion, and alternative dispute resolution.

High Tech Trash - Elizabeth Grossman 2006-05-06

The Digital Age was expected to usher in an era of clean production, an alternative to smokestack industries and their pollutants. But as environmental journalist Elizabeth Grossman reveals in this penetrating analysis of high tech manufacture and disposal, digital may be sleek, but it's anything but clean. Deep within every electronic device lie toxic materials that make up the bits and bytes, a complex thicket of lead, mercury, cadmium, plastics, and a host of other often harmful ingredients. *High Tech Trash* is a wake-up call to the importance of the e-waste issue and the health hazards involved. Americans alone own more than two billion pieces of high tech electronics and discard five to seven million tons each year. As a result, electronic waste already makes up more than two-thirds of the heavy metals and 40 percent of the lead found in our landfills. But the problem goes far beyond American shores, most tragically to the cities in China and India where shiploads of discarded electronics arrive daily. There, they are "recycled"-picked

apart by hand, exposing thousands of workers and community residents to toxics. As Grossman notes, "This is a story in which we all play a part, whether we know it or not. If you sit at a desk in an office, talk to friends on your cell phone, watch television, listen to music on headphones, are a child in Guangdong, or a native of the Arctic, you are part of this story." The answers lie in changing how we design, manufacture, and dispose of high tech electronics. Europe has led the way in regulating materials used in electronic devices and in e-waste recycling. But in the United States many have yet to recognize the persistent human health and environmental effects of the toxics in high tech devices. If Silent Spring brought national attention to the dangers of DDT and other pesticides, *High Tech Trash* could do the same for a new generation of technology's products.

Our Guys - Bernard Lefkowitz 1998-04-28

A shocking true-crime story of America's jock culture and the hidden world of unrestrained adolescent sexuality in one seemingly idyllic suburban town. In March 1989 a group of teenage boys lured a retarded girl into a basement in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, and gang-raped her. Glen Ridge was the kind of peaceful, affluent suburb many Americans dream about. The rapists were its most popular high school athletes. And although rumors of the crime quickly spread through the town, weeks passed before anyone saw fit to report it to the police. What made these boys capable of brutalizing a girl that some of them had known since childhood? Why did so many of their elders deny the rape and rally around its perpetrators? To solve this riddle, the Edgar award-winning author Bernard Lefkowitz conducted years of research and more than two hundred interviews. A New York Times Notable Book of the Year A Los Angeles Times Prize Finalist An Edgar Award Finalist

The Life of the Law - Laura Nader 2002-02-28

Nader traces the evolution of the plaintiff's role in the United States in the second half of the twentieth century and convincingly argues that the atrophy of the plaintiff's power during this period undermines democracy."

Summary of Jonathan Harr's A Civil Action - Everest Media,

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Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 Schlichtmann had a Porsche loan that was several months in arrears. He had no idea if Baybank South Shore had been paid in the last several months, but he was sure it hadn't. He called a man named James Gordon to handle his financial affairs, but he couldn't get through. #2 In the summer of 1986, Schlichtmann repossessed the Porsche of James Gordon, a lawyer, who had been involved in the trial of Anne Anderson. #3 Schlichtmann was extremely nervous about the outcome of the trial. He was afraid that if he lost, he would lose something of far greater value than money: his confidence in himself. #4 The jurors began arriving at around eight o'clock in the morning. They would conduct their deliberations in a small room at the end of the corridor, up a narrow flight of stairs. Schlichtmann would watch their every step.

A Civil Action - Jonathan Harr 2011-08-10

"The legal thriller of the decade." --Cleveland Plain Dealer Now a Major Motion Picture! In this true story of an epic courtroom showdown, two of the nation's largest corporations stand accused of causing the deaths of children. Representing the bereaved parents, the unlikeliest of heroes emerges: a young, flamboyant Porsche-driving lawyer who hopes to win millions of dollars and ends up nearly losing everything, including his sanity. A searing, compelling tale of a legal system gone awry--one in which greed and power fight an unending struggle against justice--*A Civil Action* is also the story of how one determined man can ultimately make a difference. With an unstoppable narrative power, it is an unforgettable reading experience. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Bending the Law - Richard B. Sobol 1993-06-15

Follows the legal proceedings that resulted from the A.H. Robins Company's declaration of bankruptcy, which halted thousands of lawsuits filed against Robins by women injured by its Dalkon Shield IUD

Trial by Fire - Scott James 2020-10-27

In only 90 seconds, a fire in the Station nightclub killed 100 people and injured hundreds more. It would take nearly 20 years to find out

why—and who was really at fault. All it took for a hundred people to die during a show by the hair metal band Great White was a sudden burst from two giant sparklers that ignited the acoustical foam lining the Station nightclub. But who was at fault? And who would pay? This being Rhode Island, the two questions wouldn't necessarily have the same answer. Within 24 hours the governor of Rhode Island and the local police commissioner were calling for criminal charges, although the investigation had barely begun, no real evidence had been gathered, and many of the victims hadn't been identified. Though many parties could be held responsible, fingers pointed quickly at the two brothers who owned the club. But were they really to blame? Bestselling author and three-time Emmy Award-winning reporter Scott James investigates all the central figures, including the band's manager and lead singer, the fire inspector, the maker of the acoustical foam, as well as the brothers. Drawing on firsthand accounts, interviews with many involved, and court documents, James explores the rush to judgment about what happened that left the victims and their families, whose stories he also tells, desperate for justice. *Trial By Fire* is the heart-wrenching story of the fire's aftermath because while the fire, one of America's deadliest, lasted fewer than two minutes, the search for the truth would take twenty years.

Baptized in PCBs - Ellen Griffith Spears 2014

Baptized in PCBs: Race, Pollution, and Justice in an All-American Town

Exposure - Robert Bilott 2020-07-14

"For Erin Brockovich fans, a David vs. Goliath tale with a twist" (The New York Times Book Review)—the incredible true story of the lawyer who spent two decades building a case against DuPont for its use of the hazardous chemical PFOA, uncovering the worst case of environmental contamination in history—affecting virtually every person on the planet—and the conspiracy that kept it a secret for sixty years. The story that inspired *Dark Waters*, the major motion picture from Focus Features starring Mark Ruffalo and Anne Hathaway, directed by Todd Haynes.

1998: Rob Bilott is a young lawyer specializing in helping big corporations stay on the right side of environmental laws and

regulations. Then he gets a phone call from a West Virginia farmer named Earl Tennant, who is convinced the creek on his property is being poisoned by runoff from a neighboring DuPont landfill, causing his cattle and the surrounding wildlife to die in hideous ways. Earl hasn't even been able to get a water sample tested by any state or federal regulatory agency or find a local lawyer willing to take the case. As soon as they hear the name DuPont—the area's largest employer—they shut him down. Once Rob sees the thick, foamy water that bubbles into the creek, the gruesome effects it seems to have on livestock, and the disturbing frequency of cancer and other health problems in the area, he's persuaded to fight against the type of corporation his firm routinely represents. After intense legal wrangling, Rob ultimately gains access to hundreds of thousands of pages of DuPont documents, some of them fifty years old, that reveal the company has been holding onto decades of studies proving the harmful effects of a chemical called PFOA, used in making Teflon. PFOA is often called a "forever chemical," because once in the environment, it does not break down or degrade for millions of years, contaminating the planet forever. The case of one farmer soon spawns a class action suit on behalf of seventy thousand residents—and the shocking realization that virtually every person on the planet has been exposed to PFOA and carries the chemical in his or her blood. What emerges is a riveting legal drama "in the grand tradition of Jonathan Harr's *A Civil Action*" (Booklist, starred review) about malice and manipulation, the failings of environmental regulation; and one lawyer's twenty-year struggle to expose the truth about this previously unknown—and still unregulated—chemical that we all have inside us.

A Civil Action - Jonathan Harr 1996-08-27

#1 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD WINNER • The true story of one man so determined to take down two of the nation's largest corporations accused of killing children from water contamination that he risks losing everything. "The legal thriller of the decade." —Cleveland Plain Dealer Described as "a page-turner filled with greed, duplicity, heartache, and bare-knuckle legal brinksmanship" by The New York Times, *A Civil Action* is the searing,

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A Documentary Companion to A Civil Action - Lewis A. Grossman 2006

This companion is intended to be used in conjunction with *A Civil Action*, by Jonathan Harr" and "contains a broad selection of documents from *Anderson v. Cryovac*.

The Fluoride Deception - Christopher Bryson 2011-01-04

With the narrative punch of Jonathan Harr's *A Civil Action* and the commitment to environmental truth-telling of Erin Brockovich, *The Fluoride Deception* documents a powerful connection between big corporations, the U.S. military, and the historic reassurances of fluoride safety provided by the nation's public health establishment. *The Fluoride Deception* reads like a thriller, but one supported by two hundred pages of source notes, years of investigative reporting, scores of scientist interviews, and archival research in places such as the newly opened files of the Manhattan Project and the Atomic Energy Commission. The book is nothing less than an exhumation of one of the great secret narratives of the industrial era: how a grim workplace poison and the most damaging environmental pollutant of the cold war was added to our drinking water and toothpaste.

The Lost Painting - Jonathan Harr 2005-10-25

Told with consummate skill by the writer of the bestselling, award-winning *A Civil Action*, *The Lost Painting* is a remarkable synthesis of history and detective story. An Italian village on a hilltop near the Adriatic coast, a decaying palazzo facing the sea, and in the basement,

cobwebbed and dusty, lit by a single bulb, an archive unknown to scholars. Here, a young graduate student from Rome, Francesca Cappelletti, makes a discovery that inspires a search for a work of art of incalculable value, a painting lost for almost two centuries. The artist was Caravaggio, a master of the Italian Baroque. He was a genius, a revolutionary painter, and a man beset by personal demons. Four hundred years ago, he drank and brawled in the taverns and streets of Rome, moving from one rooming house to another, constantly in and out of jail, all the while painting works of transcendent emotional and visual power. He rose from obscurity to fame and wealth, but success didn't alter his violent temperament. His rage finally led him to commit murder, forcing him to flee Rome a hunted man. He died young, alone, and under strange circumstances. Caravaggio scholars estimate that between sixty and eighty of his works are in existence today. Many others—no one knows the precise number—have been lost to time. Somewhere, surely, a masterpiece lies forgotten in a storeroom, or in a small parish church, or hanging above a fireplace, mistaken for a mere copy. Prizewinning author Jonathan Harr embarks on an spellbinding journey to discover the long-lost painting known as *The Taking of Christ*—its mysterious fate and the circumstances of its disappearance have captivated Caravaggio devotees for years. After Francesca Cappelletti stumbles across a clue in that dusty archive, she tracks the painting across a continent and hundreds of years of history. But it is not until she meets Sergio Benedetti, an art restorer working in Ireland, that she finally manages to assemble all the pieces of the puzzle. Praise for *The Lost Painting* “Jonathan Harr has gone to the trouble of writing what will probably be a bestseller . . . rich and wonderful. . . . In truth, the book reads better than a thriller. . . . If you're a sucker for Rome, and for dusk . . . [you'll] enjoy Harr's more clearly reported details about life in the city.”—The New York Times Book Review “Jonathan Harr has taken the story of the lost painting, and woven from it a deeply moving narrative about history, art and taste—and about the greed, envy, covetousness and professional jealousy of people who fall prey to obsession. It is as perfect a work of

narrative nonfiction as you could ever hope to read.”—The Economist
Invitation to Law and Society - Kitty Calavita 2010-05-15

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The Day the Earth Caved In - Joan Quigley 2009-04-14

Beginning on Valentine’s Day, 1981, when twelve-year-old Todd Domboski plunged through the earth in his grandmother’s backyard in Centralia, Pennsylvania, *The Day the Earth Caved In* is an unprecedented and riveting account of the nation’s worst mine fire. In astonishing detail, award-winning journalist Joan Quigley, the granddaughter of Centralia miners, ushers readers into the dramatic world of the underground blaze. Drawing on interviews with key participants and exclusive new research, Quigley paints unforgettable portraits of Centralia and its residents, from Tom Larkin, the short-order cook and ex-hippie who rallied the activists, to Helen Womer, the bank teller who galvanized the opposition, denying the fire’s existence even as toxic fumes invaded her home. Like Jonathan Harr’s *A Civil Action*, *The Day the Earth Caved In* is a seminal investigation of individual rights, corporate privilege, and governmental indifference to the powerless.