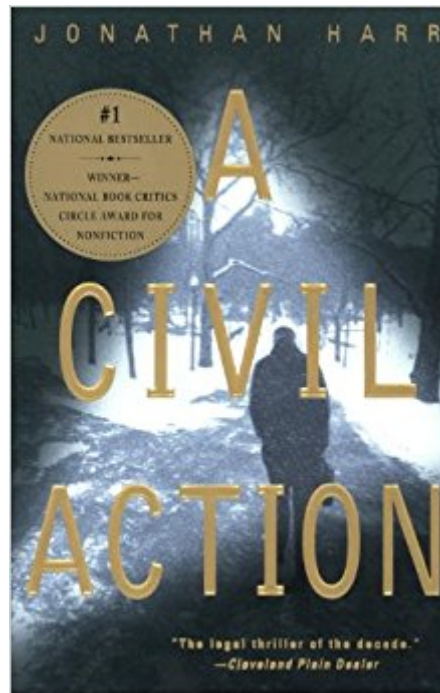




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This true story of an epic courtroom showdown, where two of the nation's largest corporations were accused of causing the deaths of children from water contamination, was a #1 national bestseller and winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. Described as "a page-turner filled with greed, duplicity, heartache, and bare-knuckle legal brinksmanship 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. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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This book provides an in-depth view into the intricacies and challenges of complex tort litigation. It is also a classic David and Goliath story, but this time Goliath wins. It does drag somewhat at times.

Not much to say about the audio. It is very clean and clear and well-produced, but also just as dull and monotonous as any other audio book. As for the book itself, it is one of the best legal, narrative-style nonfictions out there. If you want a better idea of how the legal system actually works in terms of civil procedure (particularly in mass tort cases), this is the book to get. My Civil Procedure professor in law school actually recommended that we read the book at some point during our first semester. Additionally, the book details a very interesting, engaging, heart-wrenching story, and it illustrates certain moral dilemmas sometimes faced by plaintiffs' attorneys. On a separate note, the movie is also fantastic. John Travolta and Robert Duvall are so perfect in their respective roles. Definitely check the movie out too.

Great book -- Reads like a novel, but is a true story

True story that I wish had a better ending. Also Skinner sucks. I like this book but to dragged out. Faucher also sucks. Yes, I suck at reviews I'm super hungover.

Outstanding!!!

This is a great book. The audio version does not cover all of the text, so if you want to get the full essence of the author's nuances, you should read the paper.

Harrowing tale of trial law, civil procedure, and the imperfections of our legal system introduced by the hubris and self importance of powerful individuals within this system

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