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"Waller's biography captures the energy, creativity, sense of humor and commitment of this original legal scholar and the nation's greatest anti-trust lawyer, who had the guts to battle the McCarthy scourge of the 1950s. Every law student should read this book about a genuine legal hero. It will give them a sense of lawyering as a noble profession."

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In this first biography of Thurman Arnold (1891-1969), Spencer Weber Waller traces Arnold's life from his birth in Laramie, Wyoming, and explores how his western upbringing later influenced his distinctive views about law and power. After studying at Princeton and Harvard Law School, Arnold practiced law in Chicago, served in World War I, and eventually returned to Laramie, where he was a prominent practitioner, mayor, and state senator in the 1920s.

As the rise of national corporations began to destroy the local businesses that were the core of his legal practice, Arnold turned to the academy, most notably at Yale Law School, where he became one of the leading spokesmen for the legal realism movement. Arnold attracted the attention of Franklin Roosevelt, who appointed him to head the Antitrust Division during the New Deal. He went on to establish Arnold, Fortas & Porter in Washington, D.C., which defended hundreds of clients accused of Communist sympathies during the McCarthy era.

Arnold was one of the few individuals who shaped twentieth-century American law in so many of its facets, and Waller honors his life and legacy with a book that is both vividly narrated and extensively researched.

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