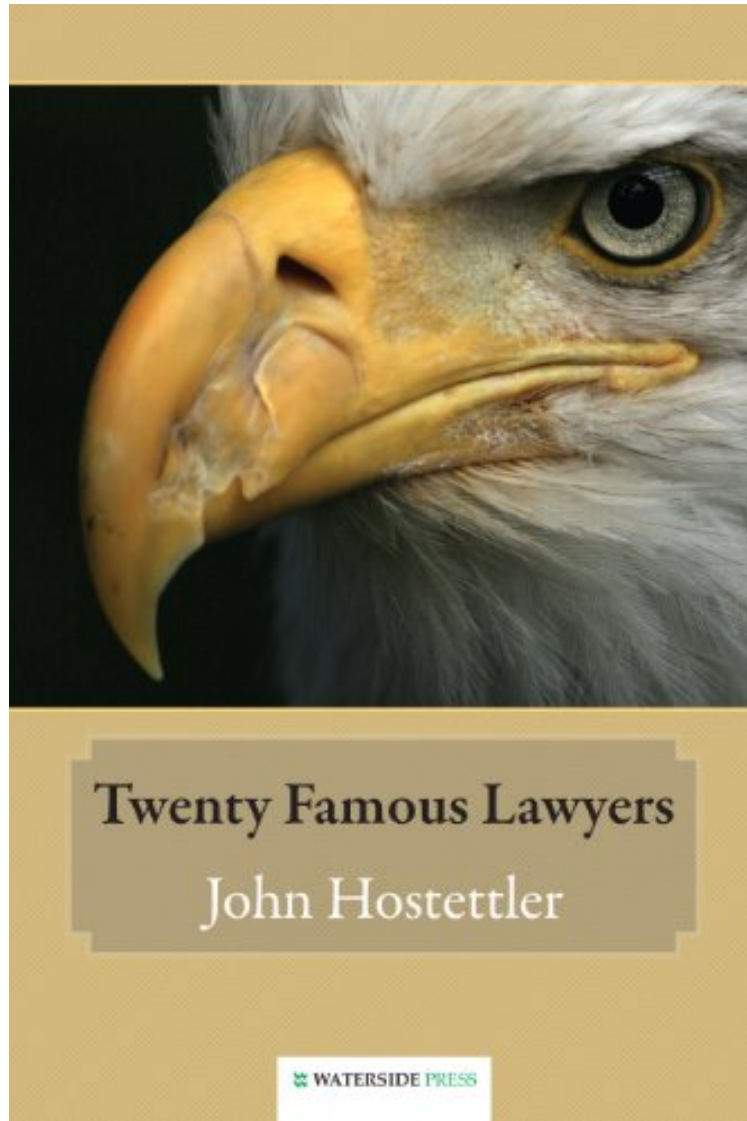


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Whether you are a lawyer or not, this latest book from John Hostettler, author of Garrows Law, will

provide you with a riveting read. As the author explains, the book is made up of short portrayals of outstanding lawyers; most good if not superb, some not so good. The connecting link between them is fame, if not notoriety. This engaging catalogue of legal eagles from this and previous centuries, indeed millennia includes three American presidents, namely Jefferson, Adams and Lincoln, and Rome's greatest lawyer and senator Marcus Tullius Cicero. The book starts with a chapter on Clarence Darrow -- he of the infamous monkey trial and the Leopold and Loeb murder case. Apparently, (we didn't know this) he won 99 out of 100 murder cases during his career, with his combination of expert knowledge and uncanny ability to mesmerize judges and juries, often reducing them to tears. Darrow is considered to have been the greatest lawyer in American history. But nonetheless, the book's compass points inevitably to England and to such legal luminaries as Sir Edward Marshall Hall -- and in the 20th and 21st centuries, Helena Kennedy QC and Shami Chakrabati. Speaking of female lawyers, famous or not, author John Hostettler points out intriguingly, that women were excluded from the legal profession until 1919 (horrors!) when, following their spectacular and often self-sacrificial contributions to the war effort during the Great War, the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act was enacted. This pivotal piece of legislation abolished all the then restrictions on the admission of women into the professions. Such illuminating insights fill the pages of this quite absorbing book from the well-known biographer of Sir William Garrow. The selection of these 20 famous names is by no means complete (it could not be otherwise). But individually and collectively, these mini-biographies reveal the continually evolving story of the law -- the high profile cases -- the legal principles -- and the interpretation and application of justice across cultures and across historical periods. This, say the publishers at Waterside Press is a kaleidoscope of information about the world of lawyers. We would add that it provides a wealth of anecdote, not to mention entertainment for lawyers everywhere and indeed anyone interested in the inspiring and often startling and controversial history of the law. The publication date is 2013.

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