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Cold War Oxford University Press, USA
For decades, a great number of Americans saw Alger Hiss as an innocent victim of McCarthyism--a distinguished diplomat railroaded by an ambitious Richard Nixon. And even as the case against Hiss grew over time, his dignified demeanor helped create an aura of innocence that outshone the facts in many minds. Now G. Edward White deftly draws together the countless details of Hiss's life--from his upper middle-class childhood in Baltimore and his brilliant success at Harvard to his

later career as a self-made martyr to McCarthyism--to paint a fascinating portrait of a man whose life was devoted to perpetuating a lie. White catalogs the evidence that proved Hiss's guilt, from Whittaker Chambers's famous testimony, to copies of State Department documents typed on Hiss's typewriter, to Allen Weinstein's groundbreaking investigation in the 1970s. The author then explores the central conundrums of Hiss's life: Why did this talented lawyer become a Communist and a Soviet spy? Why did he devote so much of his life to an extensive public campaign to deny his espionage? And how, without producing any

new evidence, did he convince many people that he was innocent? White offers a compelling analysis of Hiss's behavior in the face of growing evidence of his guilt, revealing how this behavior fit into an ongoing pattern of denial and duplicity in his life. The story of Alger Hiss is in part a reflection of Cold War America--a time of ideological passions, partisan battles, and secret lives. It is also a story that transcends a particular historical era--a story about individuals who choose to engage in espionage for foreign powers and the secret worlds they choose to conceal. In White's skilled hands, the life of Alger Hiss comes to illuminate both of those themes.

U.C. Davis Law Review

Oxford University Press
On August 3, 1948,
"Time" magazine editor
Whittaker Chambers
made a stunning
allegation before the
House Un-American
Activities Committee:
Alger Hiss, former high-
ranking State Department
official, had served with
him in the Communist
underground. Hiss's
defense was the gripping
story of its day, and the
question of his guilt
remains an enigma. This
book provides fascinating
insights into the case and
into the American political
life of the 1930s and
1940s. of photos.

American Studies

Association Simon and
Schuster
Integrates the diverse
details of Alger Hiss's life--
from his upper middle-
class upbringing and
Harvard success to his
role as a martyr to
McCarthyism--to present
intriguing evidence that
Hiss, contrary to popular
opinion, was indeed a
Soviet spy, limning a
remarkable portrait of a
man whose life was
devoted to perpetuating a
lie.

*Great Events from
History: 1904-1972* ABC-
CLIO

The most detailed study
of Soviet military-
industrial espionage

during the 1930s, 1940s,
and 1950s--spying aimed
specifically at acquiring
restricted information and
materials relating to
American industry,
technology, and science.

Perjury ABC-CLIO

This collection of essays
seeks to demonstrate the
relevance of history to
contemporary
constitutional law by
focusing on two themes.
One is the emergence of a
historical turn in
constitutional decisions
and commentary, with
historically oriented
methodologies playing
and increased role in the
analysis of constitutional
issues. The other is the
contribution those
methodologies can make
to the exploration of a
variety of current topics,
such as the role of
scrutiny levels decisions
in the Supreme Court's
constitutional cases, the
increased importance of
international law rules,
practices and norms in
American courts, the
emergence of the terms
"center" and "centrist" as
descriptive labels for the
Court and justices, the
internal powers of the
Chief Justice of the United
States, and the distinctive
jurisprudential orientation
of the Rehnquist Court.
Taken together, the
essays make the claim

that since there is a
strong link between
history and the analysis of
legal issues, that analysis
can be enhanced through
the felicitous use of
methodologies derived
from the study of history.
"This multi-faceted work
effectively demonstrates
the manifold ways in
which constitutional law
can be studied through a
historical lens." -- Harvard
Law Review "White is a
scholar with impressive
knowledge and insight
about jurisprudential
history, and he has
provided a valuable
service to the community
of constitutional scholars
and other interested
readers by making his
recent work accessible in
a single volume." -- Law &
Politics Book Review "This
is a fine collection of
essays on the Constitution
and the Supreme Court by
a very distinguished
scholar... Summing Up:
Highly recommended." --
CHOICE Magazine
Current Publications in
Legal and Related Fields
Harvard University Press
Law has played a central
role in American history.
From colonial times to the
present, law has not just
reflected the changing
society in which legal
decisions have been
made-it has played a
powerful role in shaping

that society, though not always in positive ways. Eminent legal scholar G. Edward White—author of the ongoing, multi-volume *Law in American History*—offers a compact overview that sheds light on the impact of law on a number of key social issues. Rather than offer a straight chronological history, the book instead traces important threads woven throughout our nation's past, looking at how law shaped Native American affairs, slavery, business, and home life, as well as how it has dealt with criminal and civil offenses. White shows that law has not always been used to exemplary ends. For instance, a series of decisions by the Marshall court essentially marginalized Amerindians, indigenous people of the Americas, reducing tribes to wards of the government. Likewise, law initially legitimated slavery in the United States, and legal institutions, including the Supreme Court, failed to resolve the tensions stirred up by the westward expansion of slavery, eventually sparking the Civil War. White also looks at the expansion of laws regarding property rights, which were vitally

important to the colonists, many of whom left Europe hoping to become land owners; the evolution of criminal punishment from a public display (the stocks, the gallows) to a private prison system; the rise of tort law after the Civil War; and the progress in legal education, moving from informal apprenticeships and lax standards to modern law schools and rigorous bar exams. In this illuminating look at the pivotal role of law in American life, White offers us an excellent first step to a better appreciation of the function of law in our society. About the Series: Oxford's Very Short Introductions series offers concise and original introductions to a wide range of subjects—from Islam to Sociology, Politics to Classics, Literary Theory to History, and Archaeology to the Bible. Not simply a textbook of definitions, each volume in this series provides trenchant and provocative—yet always balanced and complete—discussions of the central issues in a given discipline or field. Every Very Short Introduction gives a readable evolution of the subject in question, demonstrating how the subject has developed

and how it has influenced society. Eventually, the series will encompass every major academic discipline, offering all students an accessible and abundant reference library. Whatever the area of study that one deems important or appealing, whatever the topic that fascinates the general reader, the Very Short Introductions series has a handy and affordable guide that will likely prove indispensable.

Michigan Law Review

Modern Library

In a powerful new narrative, G. Edward White challenges the reigning understanding of twentieth-century Supreme Court decisions, particularly in the New Deal period. He does this by rejecting such misleading characterizations as "liberal," "conservative," and "reactionary," and by reexamining several key topics in constitutional law. Through a close reading of sources and analysis of the minds and sensibilities of a wide array of justices, including Holmes, Brandeis, Sutherland, Butler, Van Devanter, and McReynolds, White rediscovers the world of early-twentieth-century constitutional law and

jurisprudence. He provides a counter-story to that of the triumphalist New Dealers. The deep conflicts over constitutional ideas that took place in the first half of the twentieth century are sensitively recovered, and the morality play of good liberals vs. mossbacks is replaced. This is the only thoroughly researched and fully realized history of the constitutional thought and practice of all the Supreme Court justices during the turbulent period that made America modern.

AIM Report ABC-CLIO *The View from Alger's Window* is Tony Hiss's remarkable memoir of the trial and imprisonment of one of the most famous victims of the Cold War witch-hunts: his father. Tony Hiss was seven years old when Whittaker Chambers first accused Alger Hiss of passing secrets to the Russians. For the rest of his childhood, Tony and his family experienced the cruelties and intimidations of the time. Drawing on hundreds of letters Alger sent from prison, the author counters public perceptions of Hiss and shows the fundamental decency and essential goodness of his father

and, along the way, draws a compelling portrait of an innocent man. At the same time he lets us see how adversity drew this father and son together, allowing them to achieve a closeness they might never have been able to otherwise. Beautifully written, wise, *The View from Alger's Window* sheds new light on a family, a time, an accusation, and a man whose guilt or innocence continues to inspire debate.

The Princeton University Library Chronicle Culture and Politics in the Company

The definitive biography of infamous Soviet spy Alger Hiss by a former U.S. Intelligence analyst who confirms both Hiss' guilt and how deeply the Soviets had infiltrated the government.

Alger Hiss's Looking-glass Wars Pelican Publishing

A comprehensive five-volume reference on the defining conflict of the second half of the 20th century, covering all aspects of the Cold War as it influenced events around the world. The conflict that dominated world events for nearly five decades is now captured in a multivolume work of unprecedented

magnitude—from a publisher widely acclaimed for its authoritative military and historical references. Under the direction of internationally known military historian Spencer Tucker, ABC-CLIO's *The Encyclopedia of the Cold War: A Political, Social, and Military History* offers the most current and comprehensive treatment ever published of the ideological conflict that not so long ago enveloped the globe. From the Second World War to the collapse of the Soviet Union, *The Encyclopedia of the Cold War* provides authoritative information on all military conflicts, battlefield and surveillance technologies, diplomatic initiatives, important individuals and organizations, national histories, economic developments, societal and cultural events, and more. The nearly 1,300 entries, plus topical essays and an extraordinarily rich documents volume, draw heavily on recently opened Russian, Eastern European, and Chinese archives. The work is a definitive cornerstone reference on one of the most important historical topics of our time.

Perspectives Simon and

Schuster
Integrates the diverse details of Alger Hiss's life--from his upper middle-class upbringing and Harvard success to his role as a martyr to McCarthyism--to present intriguing evidence that Hiss, contrary to popular opinion, was indeed a Soviet spy, limning a remarkable portrait of a man whose life was devoted to perpetuating a lie.

Program of the ... Annual Meeting Oxford University Press on Demand
Vol.1- includes section "Biblia, devoted to the interests of the Friends of the Princeton Library," v.11-

The Safety of the Kingdom First Glance Books
AN ALTERNATE SELECTION OF THE HISTORY BOOK CLUB AND THE MILITARY BOOK CLUB
"One of the best behind-the-scenes perspectives on Cold War espionage that I have read." -Francis Gary Powers, founder, The Cold War Museum
"When I think of George Kisevalter, I think about one of the finest public servants I have ever known. I think about honor, decency, and integrity. He served in some very important and

difficult posts, always with distinction, always making his country and the Agency proud." -George Herbert Walker Bush, president and former CIA director
George Kisevalter ran the first key Soviet agent in CIA history, Pyotr Popov, gained the U.S. its first view behind the Iron Curtain, and helped gain information from Soviet colonel Oleg Penkovsky, regarded as the most successful spy in CIA history. This top-secret information proved decisive for Kennedy during the showdown of the Cuban missile crisis. More than a biography, CIA SpyMaster is a glimpse into the mind of an espionage genius, a rare view of what it takes to "live in the black" for years at a time under a fictitious identity, torn from friends and family. It's a behind-the-scenes look at spycraft in action, from dead drops and cutoffs to multilayered ciphers, the KGB's secret "spydust," and everything in between. It is a book of ever-increasing tension and suspense, as the rising stakes of the Cold War endow every act of espionage with utmost importance. During his lifetime, George Kisevalter was awarded the Distinguished

Intelligence Medal, the highest award attainable in the CIA without giving one's life. For his work with Penkovsky, he received a Certificate of Merit with Distinction. Less than two months before his death in 1997, he was selected as one of fifty "unique contributors" in the fifty-year history of the CIA and was presented with the newly established Trailblazers Award, the only case officer ever to be so honored.

Alger Hiss's Looking-glass Wars Oxford University Press

Known as the "Great Dissenter," Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. wrote some of the most eloquent opinions in the history of the United States Supreme Court. A brilliant legal mind who served on the high court into his nineties, Holmes was responsible for some of the most important judicial opinions of the twentieth century. Now, in this superb short biography, G. Edward White offers readers a lively, informative portrait of this singular individual. The book first sketches Holmes's early years--his childhood in Boston, his undergraduate years at Harvard (which his father and both grandfathers

also attended), and his valiant service in the Civil War, during which he was severely wounded three times. After the war, Holmes went into private law practice, wrote his landmark treatise *The Common Law* in 1881, had a short tenure on the Harvard Law School faculty, and spent 20 years as a judge on the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts before being named to the U.S. Supreme Court. The author focuses on his remarkable 30-year service as a Supreme Court Justice, beginning in 1902, and details Holmes's most significant cases--*Abrams v. United States*, *Northern Securities Co. v. United States*, *Lochner v. New York*, *Schenck v. United States*, and others--which limited working hours, set a mandatory minimum wage, protected women's rights, legalized labor unions, and defined freedom of speech. These decisions--as well as *The Common Law*--are highly regarded to this day. A new volume in the *Lives and Legacy* series, this marvelous short biography offers an ideal introduction to a towering figure in American law. *History and the Constitution* Salem Press

The author of "Why the Left Hates America" reveals how members of the liberal media, as well as political and academic elites, will say virtually anything as long as it serves their ideological dogmas.

The View from Alger's Window Three Rivers Press

Whittaker Chambers is the first biography of this complex and enigmatic figure. Drawing on dozens of interviews and on materials from forty archives in the United States and abroad--including still-classified KGB dossiers--Tanenhaus traces the remarkable journey that led Chambers from a sleepy Long Island village to center stage in America's greatest political trial and then, in his last years, to a unique role as the godfather of post-war conservatism. This biography is rich in startling new information about Chambers's days as New York's "hottest literary Bolshevik"; his years as a Communist agent and then defector, hunted by the KGB; his conversion to Quakerism; his secret sexual turmoil; his turbulent decade at *Time* magazine, where he rose from the obscurity of the book-review page to

transform the magazine into an oracle of apocalyptic anti-Communism. But all this was a prelude to the memorable events that began in August 1948, when Chambers testified against Alger Hiss in the spy case that changed America. Whittaker Chambers goes far beyond all previous accounts of the Hiss case, re-creating its improbably twists and turns, and disentangling the motives that propelled a vivid cast of characters in unpredictable directions. A rare conjunction of exacting scholarship and narrative art, Whittaker Chambers is a vivid tapestry of 20th century history.

Program Oxford University Press

American Villains explores the lives, deeds and punishments of 177 of the most infamous villains of our time. What makes this set unique is that it focuses on U.S. criminals who are not generally covered in American biographical surveys. While there are many books that cover fictional villains in videogames, comic-books, and movies, few cover real villains of history in one convenient set.

Chronicles Random

House (NY)

An influential justice who refused to bow to politics and devoted his keen mind to the U.S. Supreme Court until the age of 90, Oliver Wendell Holmes (1841-1935) helped formulate some of the most progressive judicial thought in 20th-century American history. G. Edward White first sketches Holmes's early years--his childhood in Boston, undergraduate years at Harvard, and his valiant service in the Civil War, during which he was severely wounded three times. After the war, Holmes went into private law practice, wrote his landmark treatise *The Common Law* in 1881, had a short tenure on the Harvard Law School faculty, and spent 20 years as a judge on the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts before being named to the U.S. Supreme Court. The

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the personality and achievements of its subject against the backdrop of history. [The Encyclopedia of the Cold War](#) Oxford University Press This ten-volume encyclopedia explores the social history of 20th century America in rich, authoritative detail, decade by decade, through the eyes of its everyday citizens. **American Legal History: A Very Short Introduction** Oxford University Press One of the most controversial figures of this time, Alger Hiss was destined for a high governmental office, until he was accused as a Communist spy and eventually convicted--not as a spy, but of perjury. After spending four years in prison, he makes one final attempt to set the record straight. 16 pages of photos.