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Prize "Absorbing.... Segregation is not  
one story but many. Luxenberg has  
written his with energy, elegance and a  
heart aching for a world without  
it."--James Goodman, The New York Times  
Book Review

Throughout her prodigious life,  
activist and lawyer Pauli Murray

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systematically fought against all arbitrary distinctions in society, channeling her outrage at the discrimination she faced to make America a more democratic country. In this definitive biography, Rosalind Rosenberg offers a poignant portrait of a figure who played pivotal roles in both the modern civil rights and women's movements. A mixed-race orphan, Murray grew up in segregated North Carolina before escaping to New York,

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where she attended Hunter College and became a labor activist in the 1930s. When she applied to graduate school at the University of North Carolina, where her white great-great-grandfather had been a trustee, she was rejected because of her race. She went on to graduate first in her class at Howard Law School, only to be rejected for graduate study again at Harvard University this time on account of her sex. Undaunted, Murray forged a

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singular career in the law. In the 1950s, her legal scholarship helped Thurgood Marshall challenge segregation head-on in the landmark Brown v. Board of Education case. When appointed by Eleanor Roosevelt to the President's Commission on the Status of Women in 1962, she advanced the idea of Jane Crow, arguing that the same reasons used to condemn race discrimination could be used to battle gender discrimination. In 1965, she became the

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first African American to earn a JSD from Yale Law School and the following year persuaded Betty Friedan to found an NAACP for women, which became NOW. In the early 1970s, Murray provided Ruth Bader Ginsburg with the argument Ginsburg used to persuade the Supreme Court that the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution protects not only blacks but also women - and potentially other minority groups - from discrimination. By that time, Murray

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was a tenured history professor at Brandeis, a position she left to become the first black woman ordained a priest by the Episcopal Church in 1976. Murray accomplished all this while struggling with issues of identity. She believed from childhood she was male and tried unsuccessfully to persuade doctors to give her testosterone. While she would today be identified as transgender, during her lifetime no social movement existed to support this identity. She

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ultimately used her private feelings of being "in-between" to publicly contend that identities are not fixed, an idea that has powered campaigns for equal rights in the United States for the past half-century.

This meticulously edited collection of pivotal documents for Civil Rights Law has been designed and formatted to the highest digital standards and adjusted for readability on all devices. This legislative collection incorporates the

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crucial democratic principles on which our identity as Americans is based. From the Declaration of Independence to the Civil Rights Act of 1968, this edition contains 40 most important decisions and acts that shaped the legal system and democracy of the USA. Contents: Declaration of Independence (1776) U.S. Constitution (1787) Bill of Rights (1791) Amendments (1792-1991) The Federalist Papers (1787-1788) Marbury vs Madison (1803) The Louisiana



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On a muggy summer day in 1892, an unassuming, well-dressed shoemaker from New Orleans named Homer Plessy bought a first-class ticket from the East Louisiana Railroad and boarded a passenger car designated whites only. But Plessy's journey was soon derailed.

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By day's end, he'd been arrested and convicted. His crime? Being black and boarding the wrong railroad car.

Plessy's act of defiance constituted a violation of the state's separate-car law, a statute designed to keep the races separated on Louisiana's public transportation systems. Over the next four years, his case would work its way through the legal system until it landed on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. To Plessy supporters, the case

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served as a signpost for America's future. Would Jim Crow statutes continue to define black and white relations in the approaching 20th century? Or would blacks be able to taste new freedom? Plessy v. Ferguson sets the scene for this benchmark case with solid background information and lively biographies of those involved. Full-color photographs, detailed footnotes, and a chronology and timeline help put the proceedings in

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context.

Race and Inequality in Jim Crow America

Separate But Equal

Separate but Equal

Slavery by Another Name

Color Blind Justice

A Study of Justice Harlan's Dissent in

Plessy V. Ferguson (1896) and the

Opinion of the Supreme Court in Oliver

Brown Et Al V. Board of Education of

Topeka, Kansas (1954)

The Life of Pauli Murray

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***More than the story of one man's case, this book tells the story of entire generations of people marked as "mixed race" in America amid slavery and its aftermath, and being officially denied their multicultural identity and personal rights as a result.***

***"Firsthand Louisiana: Primary Sources in the History of the State brings to its readers a companion to the study of Louisiana's history. Compiled for the first time in a single book, the dozens of important, interesting, devastating, and even entertaining firsthand***

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***accounts cover Louisiana's history from 1682, when Sieur de La Salle claimed the land for the French, up through recent controversies over the removal of Confederate memorial statues in the state. Edited by experts in the field of Louisiana history who saw a need for a collection of primary sources in the college history classroom, it also provides a fascinating read for non-academics who simply want to gain the perspective of the people- women, men, Native Americans, whites, African Americans, and many others-***



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***who created the state's complicated past. Gain on-the-scene views of important moments in the Bayou State. How did the initial interactions between Native Americans, French colonizers, and enslaved Africans play out? Why did colonists overthrow their own governor in 1768, and how did the Spanish Empire react? What did Louisianians say about the coming of the Civil War and its aftermath? How did the Plessy v. Ferguson decision, which originated in New Orleans, and the state Constitution of 1898***

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***set the stage for Louisiana's race relations in the twentieth-century? What effects did World War II have on the state? Closer to our own time, what can we learn from firsthand accounts about the "Race from Hell," the dangers of the "chemical corridor," and the debate over how the Civil War is remembered? Read letters, speeches, reports, diaries, and more to gain a deeper understanding of Louisiana, its peoples and cultures, and its history"--  
A 2019 NPR Staff Pick How the blinding of***

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***Sergeant Isaac Woodard changed the course of America's civil rights history On February 12, 1946, Sergeant Isaac Woodard, a returning, decorated African American veteran, was removed from a Greyhound bus in Batesburg, South Carolina, after he challenged the bus driver's disrespectful treatment of him. Woodard, in uniform, was arrested by the local police chief, Lynwood Shull, and beaten and blinded while in custody. President Harry Truman was outraged by the incident. He established the***

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***first presidential commission on civil rights and his Justice Department filed criminal charges against Shull. In July 1948, following his commission's recommendation, Truman ordered an end to segregation in the U.S. armed forces. An all-white South Carolina jury acquitted Shull, but the presiding judge, J. Waties Waring, was conscience-stricken by the failure of the court system to do justice by the soldier. Waring described the trial as his "baptism of fire," and began issuing major civil rights decisions from his***

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***Charleston courtroom, including his 1951 dissent in Briggs v. Elliott declaring public school segregation per se unconstitutional. Three years later, the Supreme Court adopted Waring's language and reasoning in Brown v. Board of Education. Richard Gergel's Unexampled Courage details the impact of the blinding of Sergeant Woodard on the racial awakening of President Truman and Judge Waring, and traces their influential roles in changing the course of America's civil rights history.***

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***Civil War officer, Reconstruction "carpetbagger," best-selling novelist, and relentless champion of equal rights--Albion Tourg?e battled his entire life for racial justice. Now, in this engaging biography, Mark Elliott offers an insightful portrait of a fearless lawyer, jurist, and writer, who fought for equality long after most Americans had abandoned the ideals of Reconstruction. Elliott provides a fascinating account of Tourg?e's life, from his childhood in the Western Reserve region of Ohio (then a***

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***hotbed of abolitionism), to his years as a North Carolina judge during Reconstruction, to his memorable role as lead plaintiff's counsel in the landmark Supreme Court case Plessy v. Ferguson. Tourg?e's brief coined the phrase that justice should be "color-blind," and his career was one long campaign to make good on that belief. A redoubtable lawyer and an accomplished jurist, Tourg?e's writings represent a mountain of dissent against the prevailing tide of racial oppression. A poignant and inspiring study in***

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***courage and conviction, Color-Blind Justice offers us an unforgettable portrayal of Albion Tourg?e and the principles to which he dedicated his life.***

***The Supreme Court, Race, and Civil Rights  
The Story of Plessy V. Ferguson, and  
America's Journey from Slavery to Segregati  
On***

***The Broken Promise of the Brown Decision  
Plessy V. Ferguson***

***A Fool's Errand***

***Jane Crow***



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The US Supreme Court is the head of the judicial branch of the federal government. It is the highest court in the land, with thousands of cases appealed to it every year. One of those history-making cases was Plessy v. Ferguson, which decided the constitutionality of "separate but equal" policies in 1896. Readers will follow this case from beginning to end, including the social and political climates that led up to it and the effects it had after the court made its ruling. Major players and key events are discussed, including Homer

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Plessy and the Citizens' Committee, and their fight against Louisiana's separate train cars law. Compelling chapters and informative sidebars also introduce Dred Scott v. Stanford, the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln, slavery, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth amendments, Reconstruction, the Freedman's Bureau, Jim Crow laws, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, the NAACP, and Brown v. Board of Education. Plessy v. Ferguson addressed segregation and racism. This landmark Supreme Court

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case changed the course of US history and shaped the country we live in. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Essential Library is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

Providing a well-rounded presentation of the constitution and evolution of civil rights in the United States, this book will be useful for students and academics with an interest in civil rights, race and the law. Abraham L Davis and Barbara Luck Graham's purpose is: to give an overview

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of the Supreme Court and its rulings with regard to issues of equality and civil rights; to bring law, political science and history into the discussion of civil rights and the Supreme Court; to incorporate the politically disadvantaged and the human component into the discussion; to stimulate discussion among students; and to provide a text that cultivates competence in reading actual Supreme Court cases.

A monumental investigation of the Supreme Court's rulings on race, From Jim Crow To

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Civil Rights spells out in compelling detail the political and social context within which the Supreme Court Justices operate and the consequences of their decisions for American race relations. In a highly provocative interpretation of the decision's connection to the civil rights movement, Klarman argues that Brown was more important for mobilizing southern white opposition to racial change than for encouraging direct-action protest. Brown unquestioningly had a significant impact--it brought race issues to public

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attention and it mobilized supporters of the ruling. It also, however, energized the opposition. In this authoritative account of constitutional law concerning race, Michael Klarman details, in the richest and most thorough discussion to date, how and whether Supreme Court decisions do, in fact, matter.

Following the Civil War, feelings were mixed about the freedoms that Lincoln had granted to African American citizens through his Emancipation Proclamation. A group in Louisiana decided to challenge a

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state law that required companies to have railway cars separated by race. They orchestrated a situation in which a “white-looking” black man would sit in the “white only” part of the train and announce he was “colored.” In a landmark decision that supported the racist feelings in some areas of the country following the Civil War, the effort to secure equal rights at this time failed. The book provides insight into the details of the case and also includes questions to consider, primary source documents, and a

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chronology.

A Civil Rights Milestone and Its Troubled Legacy

Plessy v. Ferguson: Segregation and the Separate but Equal Policy

A Novel

Plessy v. Ferguson

Traveling Black

Separate

A Massively Collaborative Open U.S.

History Textbook, Vol. 1: To 1877

***The notorious Supreme Court decision Plessy v.***



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*Ferguson made state-sanctioned racial segregation the law of the land in the United States in 1896. While the Civil Rights movement and subsequent Supreme Court decisions in the twentieth century did much to mitigate its effects, its consequences reverberate in ways large and small today. This special volume of RSF revisits the legacy of the decision on its 125th anniversary to consider the connection between constitutionally imposed segregation, institutionalized white supremacy, and enduring racial inequality. Edited by John A. Powell, Samuel L. Myers, and Susan T. Gooden - eminent scholars in constitutional law, economics, and public*

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*administration respectively - the volume includes contributions from an interdisciplinary roster of experts, each offering fresh insights on the doctrine of "Separate but Equal" as it relates to citizenship, colorism, and civil rights in the United States. The contributors grapple with a central overarching question: How is it that a court decision from 125 years ago still has such an enduring impact on racial disparities? John A. Powell provides a nuanced overview of the legal context of the case to show that segregation was not only about separating people by race but was primarily about preserving White supremacy. The wide latitude for*

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*judicial interpretation granted to judges means that who decides matters, and today, just as much as in 1896, the justices sitting on the Supreme Court matter. If the views of Justice Harlan - the lone dissenter in Plessy - had prevailed, U.S. jurisprudence would look very different today. Thomas J. Davis discusses how control over personal identity lay at the heart of Plessy, and how its denial of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms reverberates today. From sex and marriage to adoption, gender recognition, employment, and voting, persistent discrimination turns in various degrees on state authority to define, categorize, and deny freedom of*

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*personal identity. To ensure personal autonomy in such domains requires the continual reevaluation of U.S. law to recognize the freedom of individuals to define and express their own identities. Looking at enduring educational impact of "Separate but Equal," which was not entirely rectified by the 1954 decision outlawing school segregation in Brown v. Board of Education, Dania V. Francis and William A. Darity, Jr., link today's ongoing within-school segregation to the legacy of racialized tracking born from White resistance to desegregation. They demonstrate how a short-term, concerted effort to increase the number of Black high*

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*school students taking advanced courses could lead to long-term benefits in closing the educational achievement gap and eliminating institutionalized segregation within our schools. Plessy rightfully stands as one of the continuing stains on the history of our country in its ambivalence and unwillingness to address White dominance. This issue of RSF both corrects and expands the narrative around the Plessy decision, and provides important lessons for addressing the nation's continuing racial travails. It is ideal for use by scholars, community leaders, and policy makers alike. Examines the landmark 1896 Supreme Court case*

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*upholding the legality of racial segregation in private businesses, with a look at its context and consequences.*

**NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD**

**WINNER** • *A deep and compassionate novel about a young man who returns to 1940s Cajun country to visit a black youth on death row for a crime he didn't commit. Together they come to understand the heroism of resisting. A "majestic, moving novel ... an instant classic, a book that will be read, discussed and taught beyond the rest of our lives" (Chicago Tribune), from the critically acclaimed author of A Gathering of Old Men and The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman.*

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*"The purpose of this paper is to examine Harlan's dissent in the Plessy case in depth and to delve into the real meaning behind Warren's opinion in the Brown case. This is a grey area in the study of civil rights brushed over quickly in classrooms but something which requires more in-depth study to truly be understood for effective teaching of the Civil Rights movement"--Page 4-5.*

*The Legacy and Lessons of Plessy*

*The Constitutional Doctrines of Justice Harlan*

*Streetcar Boycotts and African American Citizenship in the Era of Plessy V. Ferguson*

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*The Story of John Marshall Harlan, America's Judicial Hero*

*An Inspiring Response to the "Separate-But-Equal" Supreme Court Decision that Divided America*

*The re-enslavement of black americans from the civil war to World War Two*

*A Lesson Before Dying*

In 1892, a Louisiana resident of mixed racial heritage, Homer Plessy, challenged the state's segregation of train cars by boarding a white train car in New Orleans. Plessy's case would go to the Supreme Court, where the "separate but equal"



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doctrine, which enabled the enforcement of discriminatory laws for decades to come, was cemented. In this book, students will explore primary sources from events surrounding the case, analyze the use of precedent in setting legal standards, and assess the social and cultural impact of key judicial rulings. Students will understand not only the context for racial segregation policies but also the equality movements these policies inspired through their injustice.

The “superb” (The Guardian) biography of an American who stood against all the forces of Gilded

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Age America to fight for civil rights and economic freedom: Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan. They say that history is written by the victors. But not in the case of the most famous dissenter on the Supreme Court. Almost a century after his death, John Marshall Harlan's words helped end segregation and gave us our civil rights and our modern economic freedom. But his legacy would not have been possible without the courage of Robert Harlan, a slave who John's father raised like a son in the same household. After the Civil War, Robert emerges as a political leader. With Black people

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holding power in the Republican Party, it is Robert who helps John land his appointment to the Supreme Court. At first, John is awed by his fellow justices, but the country is changing. Northern whites are prepared to take away black rights to appease the South. Giant trusts are monopolizing entire industries. Against this onslaught, the Supreme Court seemed all too willing to strip away civil rights and invalidate labor protections. So as case after case comes before the court, challenging his core values, John makes a fateful decision: He breaks with his colleagues in fundamental ways, becoming

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the nation's prime defender of the rights of Black people, immigrant laborers, and people in distant lands occupied by the US. Harlan's dissents, particularly in Plessy v. Ferguson, were widely read and a source of hope for decades. Thurgood Marshall called Harlan's Plessy dissent his "Bible"—and his legal roadmap to overturning segregation. In the end, Harlan's words built the foundations for the legal revolutions of the New Deal and Civil Rights eras. Spanning from the Civil War to the Civil Rights movement and beyond, *The Great Dissenter* is a "magnificent" (Douglas Brinkley) and

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“thoroughly researched” (The New York Times) rendering of the American legal system’s most significant failures and most inspiring successes. Buy a new version of this book and receive access to the video series that accompanies the text hosted on CasebookConnect.com. This multimedia platform combines a book and video series that will change the way you study constitutional law. An Introduction to Constitutional Law teaches the narrative of constitutional law as it has developed over the past two centuries. All students—even those unfamiliar with American history—will learn the essential

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background information to grasp how this body of law has come to be what it is today. An online library of sixty-three videos brings the Supreme Court's one hundred most important decisions to life. These videos are enriched by photographs, maps, and even audio from the Supreme Court. The book and videos are accessible for all levels: law school, college, high school, home school, and independent study. Students can read and watch these materials before class to prepare for lectures or study after class to fill in any gaps in their notes. And, come exam time, students can binge-watch the entire

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canon of constitutional law in about twelve hours. To receive access to the video series you must purchase a new version of the book.

From the Pulitzer Prize–winning scholar, a timely history of the constitutional changes that built equality into the nation's foundation and how those guarantees have been shaken over time. The Declaration of Independence announced equality as an American ideal, but it took the Civil War and the subsequent adoption of three constitutional amendments to establish that ideal as American law. The Reconstruction amendments abolished slavery,

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guaranteed all persons due process and equal protection of the law, and equipped black men with the right to vote. They established the principle of birthright citizenship and guaranteed the privileges and immunities of all citizens. The federal government, not the states, was charged with enforcement, reversing the priority of the original Constitution and the Bill of Rights. In grafting the principle of equality onto the Constitution, these revolutionary changes marked the second founding of the United States. Eric Foner's compact, insightful history traces the arc of these pivotal



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amendments from their dramatic origins in pre–Civil War mass meetings of African-American “colored citizens” and in Republican party politics to their virtual nullification in the late nineteenth century. A series of momentous decisions by the Supreme Court narrowed the rights guaranteed in the amendments, while the states actively undermined them. The Jim Crow system was the result. Again today there are serious political challenges to birthright citizenship, voting rights, due process, and equal protection of the law. Like all great works of history, this one informs our understanding of the

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present as well as the past: knowledge and vigilance are always necessary to secure our basic rights.

Racism and the Law

The Supreme Court and the Struggle for Racial Equality

We As Freemen

A Brief History with Documents

The Plessy Case

The Great Dissenter

Together

**In 1896, The Supreme Court's "Plessy v. Ferguson" decision made legal a system**

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of "separate but equal" racial segregation not overruled until 1954. Using the full text of the Court's opinion, along with a selection of responses to the ruling, Brook Thomas allows students to re-create a context of the complicated debates and conditions in which the decision took place.

Through a reexamination of the earliest struggles against Jim Crow, Blair Kelley exposes the fullness of African

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American efforts to resist the passage of segregation laws dividing trains and streetcars by race in the early Jim Crow era. Right to Ride

The Dred Scott Case

Firsthand Louisiana

Brown v. Board of Education

From Jim Crow to Civil Rights

We as Freemen

100 Supreme Court Cases Everyone Should Know

A Legal-Historical Interpretation

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**Clark, Floyd Barzilia. *The Constitutional Doctrines of Justice Harlan*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1915. ix, 208 pp. Reprint available September 2004 by The Lawbook Exchange, Ltd. ISBN 1-58477-446-0. Cloth. \$70. \* During his long tenure on the U.S. Supreme Court John Marshall Harlan [1833-1911] wrote numerous dissenting opinions on everything from civil rights to the federal income tax. He was said at the time to suffer from "dissent-ary," but posterity has shown him to be a liberal born too soon since many**

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***aspects of his dissents gained majorities after his death. We see this most clearly in his blistering dissents in the Civil Rights Cases (1883) and Plessy v. Ferguson (1896). On a broader scale, his interpretation of "due process" contributed to the development of the incorporation theory during the 1950s and 60s. Viewed as a whole his emphasis on the social consequences of decisions rather than their adherence to abstract legal principles pointed the way toward the work of Pound and Llewellyn. Clark offers an excellent***

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***introduction to Harlan's doctrines regarding civil rights, the suability of states, impairment of the obligation of contracts, interstate and foreign commerce, judicial legislation and other topics that is valuable for its balance of summary and interpretation. First published in 1915, it continues to be an essential study of Harlan's judicial beliefs.***

***Plessy V. Ferguson Separate But Equal Info base Publishing***

***In 1896 the U.S. Supreme Court case Plessy v. Ferguson upheld "equal but separate***

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***accommodations for the white and colored races" on all passenger railways within the state of Louisiana. In this account with implications for present-day America, Lofgren traces the roots of this landmark case in the post-Civil War South and pinpoints its moorings in the era's constitutional, legal, and intellectual doctrines. After reviewing de facto racial separation and the shift by southern states to legislated transportation segregation, he shows that the Fourteenth Amendment became a ready vehicle for legitimating***



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***classification by race. At the same time, scientists and social scientists were proclaiming black racial inferiority and lower courts were embracing separate-but-equal in ordinary law suits. Within this context, a group of New Orleans blacks launched a judicial challenge to Louisiana's 1890 Separate Car Law and carried the case to the Supreme Court, where the resulting opinions by Justices Henry Billings Brown and John Marshall Harlan pitted legal doctrines and "expert" opinion about race against the idea of a color-blind***

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***Constitution. Throughout his account, Lofgren probes the intellectual premises that shaped this important episode in the history of law and race in America--an episode that still raises troubling questions about racial classification and citizenship--revealing its dynamics and place in the continuum of legal change. What was it like to travel while Black under Jim Crow? Mia Bay brings this dramatic history to life. With gripping stories and a close eye on the rail, bus, and airline operators who implemented segregation,***

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***she shows why access to unrestricted mobility has been central to the Black freedom struggle since Reconstruction and remains so today.***

***Segregation and the Separate but Equal Policy***

***An Introduction to Constitutional Law***

***Racial Segregation***

***History of the Civil Rights Legislation: The Pivotal Constitutional Amendments, Laws, Supreme Court Decisions & Key Foreign Policy Acts***

***Primary Sources in the History of the State***

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### ***The Supreme Court's Reversal of Its Interpretation of the 14th Amendment All Deliberate Speed: Reflections on the First Half-Century of Brown v. Board of Education***

*A Pulitzer Prize-winning history of the mistreatment of black Americans. In this 'precise and eloquent work' - as described in its Pulitzer Prize citation - Douglas A. Blackmon brings to light one of the most shameful chapters in American history - an 'Age of Neoslavery' that thrived in the aftermath of the Civil War through the dawn of World War II. Using a vast record of original*

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*documents and personal narratives, Blackmon unearths the lost stories of slaves and their descendants who journeyed into freedom after the Emancipation Proclamation and then back into the shadow of involuntary servitude thereafter. By turns moving, sobering and shocking, this unprecedented account reveals these stories, the companies that profited the most from neoslavery, and the insidious legacy of racism that reverberates today.*

*Peter Irons, acclaimed historian and author of A People History of the Supreme Court, explores of one of the supreme court's most important decisions and its*

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*disappointing aftermath In 1954 the U.S. Supreme Court sounded the death knell for school segregation with its decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka. So goes the conventional wisdom. Weaving together vivid portraits of lawyers and such judges as Thurgood Marshall and Earl Warren, sketches of numerous black children throughout history whose parents joined lawsuits against Jim Crow schools, and gripping courtroom drama scenes, Irons shows how the erosion of the Brown decision—especially by the Court’s rulings over the past three decades—has led to the “resegregation” of public education in America.*

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*Plessy v Ferguson (1897) established racial segregation in American constitutional law for over fifty years and its moral and political legacy lives on, despite attempts in the United States to counter its devastating effects during the last half century. Ironically, in the current debate over affirmative action, Justice Harlan's eloquent dissent has been used to justify attacks on government affirmative action programs. In this book, five distinguished philosophers and constitutional theorists, working from very different theoretical positions, take a fresh critical look at the moral and political principles underlying this historic decision and Harlan's dissent. They also explore*

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*the nature and extent of law's complicity in perpetuating Plessy's racist aims. Emerging from their varied but complementary analyses is a deeper and more nuanced understanding of the social injustice of racial segregation in its historic and contemporary forms and of resources of the law to reverse it.*

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