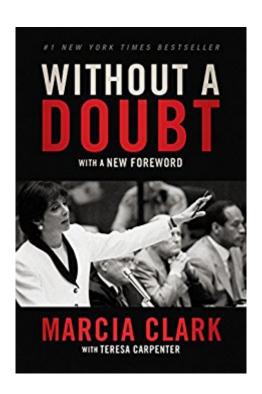
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Without A Doubt





Synopsis

Without a Doubt is not just a book about a trial. It's a book about a woman. Marcia Clark takes us inside her head and her heart. Her voice is raw, incisive, disarming, unmistakable. Her story is both sweeping and deeply personal. It is the story of a woman who, when caught up in an event that galvanized an entire country, rose to that occasion with singular integrity, drive, honesty and grace. In a case that tore America apart, and that continues to haunt us as few events of history have, Marcia Clark emerged as the only true heroine, because she stood for justice, fought the good fight, and fought it well.

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Customer Reviews

Any reasonable person who listened to the evidence at the so-called "trial of the century" knows without out a doubt that O. J. Simpson killed his ex-wife Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman, the hapless waiter who was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. Anyone who watched the announcement of the verdict and saw the shock and disbelief on O. J. Simpson's own face, as the not guilty verdict was read, would know that even the defendant knew he was guilty. The prosecution

never had much of a chance, because the presiding judge, Lance Ito, was a bumbling idiot who could not control his courtroom and make sound evidentiary rulings. Instead, Lance Ito allowed his courtroom to become a three-ring circus. As a career prosecutor, I was appalled at the time at what went on in that courtroom, and Lance Ito's courting of the media was reprehensible. It was also clear that he was awed by and enthralled with the celebrity of the defendant appearing before him. One need only look to the civil trial in the matter to see how an effective judge controlled his courtroom. There, Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki made sound rulings on evidentiary matters and remained in control of his courtroom at all times. Consequently, justice was obtained in the civil case. This tell all, no holds barred book is a well-written, engaging behind-the-scenes account of the "trial of the century". While Ms. Clark does include some personal information about herself, it is in the context of why she became a prosecutor and makes for a more fully fleshed account of how and why she may have acted as she did under the circumstances.

Clark's book "Without a Doubt" is a rebuttal to her critics and pundits, most notably - if not mentioned outright - Jeffrey Toobin, author of "The Run of His Life," arguably the definitive book on trial. Like Toobin, Clark leaves no stone unturned to prove that O.J. Simpson was guilty of murdering his ex-wife Nicole Brown and her friend, Ron Goldman. Clark's "Without a Doubt," gives a detailed view of the case from the prosecutions' perspective and helps readers understand why many of the so-called errors (such as the composition of the jury and selection of witnesses who did and did not testify) actually had solid legal and strategic reasons behind them. Unlike Toobin, she devotes little time to witnesses, discounting many as lazy or liars, clearly separating them into "good" and "bad," discarding those who may have helped bolster their case.Both agree OJ was guilty - his lawyers knew it and the evidence, overwhelming. Both agree the defense played the race card from the get go. Where they differ is in how - Toobin argues that the case was the prosecution's to lose, which they did, through their incompetence and sheer arrogance. Clark believes the case was doomed from the start by a dream jury unable (or unwilling) to understand the evidence. Although Clarks book is rich in legal details and evidence for courtroom aficionados, Toobin gives a far more vivid account of the trial through vivid recounting of the murder trial and behind-the-scenes - almost gossipy - look at the lives and testimony of the main participants and witnesses. Clark's disdain towards Judge Ito on all levels is very evident, always referring to him by his last name except when he does something nice (then she refers to him by first name, "Lance").

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