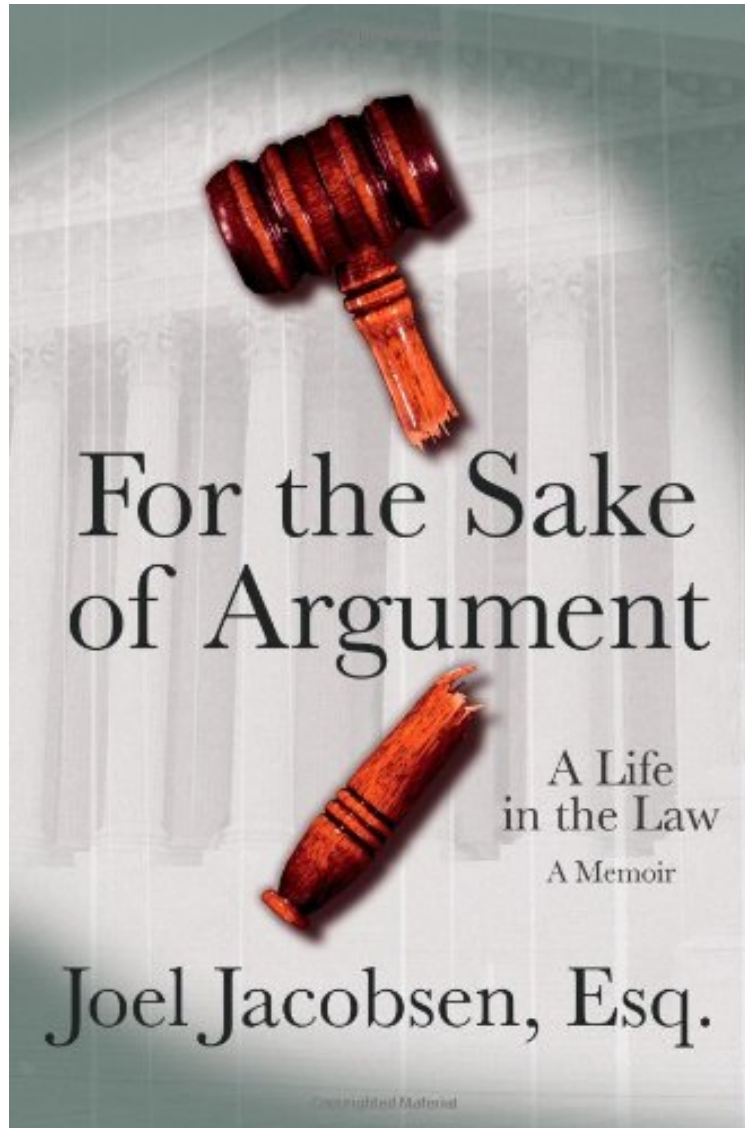


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Joel Jacobsen : For the Sake of Argument: A Life in the Law before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised For the Sake of Argument: A Life in the Law:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I found this book offensiveBy CustomerI would give this negative stars if I could. I am an attorney and a professor of law. This book is full of incomplete truths about the law and the legal system. It sounds to me like this is someone with an ax to grind; perhaps the author did not have success as an attorney himself or has had some bad experiences with the law and the courts, but to take those personal experiences

and turn them into assertions that all the law and members of the legal profession are as he describes borders on dishonest. It certainly does not give a full picture of the legal profession. It angers me that non-lawyers and people who are unfamiliar with the legal profession will read this and be left with what I believe is a very inaccurate, distorted, and unjustifiably unkind picture of the law and the legal profession. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. an entertaining cautionary tale with a happy ending. By KateHonest and fascinating and sometimes a little scary: an entertaining cautionary tale with a happy ending. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Engaging, smart and funny By Chronos Jr. This book hooked me from the first page, when the author describes sitting on his bedroom floor in his parent's house reading a guide to law schools and wondering how in the world he could possibly decide where to apply. The book then takes you through the stages of a lawyer's career, with the most attention paid to law school and the early stages of his career. The author's stated goal is to tell everything he knows after 27 years that he wishes he knew when he was making decisions about his "life in the law." I think it succeeds completely. It's well written, fast-moving, and the author's ironic sense of humor made me laugh out loud several times. I wasn't expecting it to be among the funniest books I've read in a while, but it was. If you're a law student or young lawyer starting a career, or someone thinking about applying to law school, this book should be required reading. It might make you think twice about your decision, but that's a good thing. The author's main point, as I see it, is that you can't get disillusioned unless you have illusions in the first place. This book will dispel many illusions, usually with self-mocking humor about the author's naivete. Highly recommended.

For the Sake of Argument: A Life in the Law is a first-person career memoir. It is anecdotal, frequently amusing, and at times candid to the point of rudeness. But while it's hardly a paean to the profession as practiced today in America, it's also not angry or cynical. Just open-eyed. Many young people start law school idealistically only to learn that the profession has its own plans for them. For instance, many who plan vaguely to "do environmental law" discover upon graduation that most jobs in environmental law involve working for polluters - who, after all, are the ones who need guidance through the regulatory maze. Is it a sell-out to take the job? Or does the job provide more practical protection for the environment than any number of protest marches? Or both? Joel Jacobsen relates his experiences in becoming and being an attorney in a time when many attorneys think about giving up law and moving into doing something else. He describes the struggles, the changes in the partner system, the judiciary, and the legal profession as a whole.

About the Author Joel Jacobsen's law blog (or blawg) Judging Crimes: A View of the Bench from the Trenches was recently included on a list of the 100 best criminal justice blogs. He's appeared in courts ranging from Santa Fe County Magistrate Court, presided over by a non-lawyer judge, to the federal Court of Appeals in Denver. He's filed pleadings in the United States Supreme Court. Joel has been counsel of record in over 100 published appellate opinions and hundreds more unpublished ones. He has also set up a conservatorship for an Alzheimer's patient and drafted a non-apology letter that spared an emergency room doctor from a slander suit. His cases have been large and small and have involved many areas of the law.