

# The Supreme Court



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The following list is a sampling of the materials we have on this subject. Children's, teen, and adult books are included here. Students and their parents should choose the books that are most appropriate for them.

## Print Resources

In general, books about the Supreme Court and Supreme Court cases are found in the **342.7** and **347.7** areas.

### Books about the Supreme Court

#### What is the Supreme Court?

by Jill Abramson

J 347.732 ABR

*This detailed and fascinating book explains how the highest court in the United States works, who gets to serve on it, which cases have had the greatest impact on the country, and why the U.S. justice system is so vital to democracy.* 108 pages

#### The Supreme Court

by Lawrence Baum

347.7326 BAU

*This book examines all major aspects of the highest court in the nation, from the selection of justices and agenda creation to the decision-making process and the Court's impact on government and U.S. society.* 256 pages

#### The Supreme Court A to Z

by Kenneth Jost

347.7326 JOS

*Provides information on the U.S. Supreme Court, including its history, traditions, organization, biographies of past and present justices, cases, constitutional principles, legal concepts, and the Court's relationships to the government, public, and media.* 668 pages

#### The Supreme Court

by Heather Lehr Wagner

YA 347.7326 WAG

*Discusses the history of the Supreme Court and examines cases that have shaped it, including slavery, segregation, and school prayer.* 104 pages

### Books about Supreme Court Cases

#### Finding A Way Home

by Larry Dane Brimner

YA 306.845 BRI

*When Mildred and Richard Loving are arrested, jailed, and exiled from their home simply because of their mixed-race marriage, they must challenge the courts and the country in order to secure their rights.* 109 pages

#### Korematsu v. United States

by Kare Alonso

YA 323.1195 ALO

*Profiles the case of Fred Korematsu, who sought compensation from the American government for his time spent in a Japanese-American internment camp during World War II.* 128 pages

### **Separate No More**

by Lawrence Goldstone

YA 323.1196 GOL

*This book traces the history of school desegregation, citing significant court cases between 1896 and 1954. Civil rights organizations, lawyers, and everyday citizens challenged discriminatory laws. 286 pages*

### **The Pursuit of Justice**

by Kermit L. Hall

342.73 HAL

*A survey of the 30 Supreme Court cases that, in the opinion of U.S. Supreme Court justices and leading civics educators and legal historians, are the most important for American citizens to understand. 253 pages*

### **No Choice**

by Becca Andrews

342.7308 AND

*An in-depth look at the legacy of Roe v. Wade, and on-the-ground reporting from the front lines of the battle to protect the right to choose. 269 pages*

### **Jane Against the World**

by Karen Blumenthal

YA 342.7308 BLU

*A history of the fight for reproductive rights in the United States from Roe v. Wade and beyond. 385 pages*

### **Justice Deferred**

by Orville Burton

342.7308 BUR

*In the first comprehensive accounting of the US Supreme Court's race-related jurisprudence, a distinguished historian and renowned civil rights lawyer scrutinize a legacy too often blighted by racial injustice. 449 pages*

### **On Account of Race**

by Lawrence Goldstone

342.7308 GOL

*For years African Americans were terrified to vote at the polls and the Supreme Court chose to ignore these injustices and wrote decisions that were at odds with the Constitution. Goldstone tells the story of a group of citizens granted the right to vote and then how that right was stripped away. 283 pages*

### **Dred Scott v. Sandford**

by Tim McNeese

YA 342.7308 MCN

*This work traces Dred Scott's **suit** through the U.S. judicial system. It gives readers an understanding of the infamous Supreme Court decision in which all blacks, free and slave, were denied U.S. citizenship. 120 pages*

### **Plessy v. Ferguson**

by Tim McNeese

YA 342.7308 MCN

*Examines the people, events, and legal issues involved in the Supreme Court case that challenged a state's right to allow separate but equal railroad accommodations for different races. 136 pages*

### **The Oxford Guide to United States Supreme Court Decisions**

by Kermit L. Hall

YA 342.7348 OXF

*This book offers insightful accounts of the most important cases ever argued before the Court. 499 pages*

### **Brown v. Board of Education**

by Tim McNeese

YA 344.73 MCN

*This book is an in-depth chronicle of the relentless legal campaign launched by the NAACP and a persistent black lawyer named Thurgood Marshall, and how it changed history forever. 112 pages*

### **Engel v. Vitale**

by Shane Mountjoy

YA 344.7307 MOU

*Discusses the historic Supreme Court case that led to a change in public school policy to protect the religious rights of their students and separate church and state by banning public, forced prayer in public schools. 128 pages*

### **Brown v. Board of Education**

by Susan Goldman Rubin

YA 344.7307 RUB

*Traces the lesser-known stories of advocates and activists who risked significant danger and hardship to uphold the 1954 desegregation ruling by the Supreme Court, sharing additional information on how the NAACP carefully strategized their own responses to period racism. 134 pages*

### **Miranda v. Arizona**

by Larry A. Van Meter

YA 345.73 VAN

*Discusses the trial Miranda v. Arizona, including the crime, the state appeal, the Supreme Court decision, and its lasting effects.* 112 pages

### **The Monkey Trial**

by Anita Sanchez

345.7302 SAN

*Arrested? For teaching? John Scopes's crime riveted the world, and crowds flocked to the trial of the man who dared to tell students about a forbidden topic -- evolution.* 184 pages

### **Love Wins**

by Debbie Cenziper

346.7301 CEN

*The story behind the groundbreaking Supreme Court case that led to one of the most important, national civil rights victories in decades—the legalization of same-sex marriage.* 287 pages

### **Marbury v. Madison**

by Shane Mountjoy

YA 347.7312 MOU

*Discusses the case Marbury v. Madison in which the idea of judicial review became part of the federal government's system of checks and balances.* 142 pages

### **One Vote Away**

by Ted Cruz

347.7326 CRU

*Senator Cruz argues that many of the most important high court decisions were decided by just one vote and how just one Supreme Court seat can change history.* 240 pages

### **Justice on the Brink**

by Linda Greenhouse

347.7326 GRE

*According to this book, the Supreme Court reached a tipping point and lurched rightward with the arrival of Amy Coney Barrett. This book charts the Supreme Court during Trump's first term.* 300 pages

### **Illustrated Great Decisions of the Supreme Court**

by Tony Mauro

347.7326 MAU

*An overview of key Supreme Court decisions describes each case's decision, background, important figures, and impact on society.* 415 pages

### **Supreme Power**

by Ted Stewart

347.7326 STE

*Analyzes seven landmark Supreme Court rulings that had a significant role in shaping the U.S. It explores their far-reaching consequences and how they reflect the inner workings of the judicial system.* 243 pages

### **The Supremes' Greatest Hits**

by Michael G. Trachtman

347.7326 TRA

*Can the government determine what you can do to your own body? Why are you allowed to copy songs on a CD, but not music files from the Internet? The answers to those questions come from the Supreme Court. Here are 34 of the most significant issues it has grappled with.* 176 pages

### **Civil Rights Queen**

by Tomiko Brown-Nagin

BIO MOTLEY

*Constance Baker Motley was expected to find herself a good career as a hair dresser. Instead, she became the first Black woman to argue a case in front of the Supreme Court; the first of ten should would argue.* 497 pages

## **Books by Supreme Court Justices**

### **Scalia Speaks**

by Antonin Scalia

081 SCA

*This definitive collection of Supreme Court Justice Scalia's finest speeches covering topics as varied as the law, faith, virtue, pastimes, and his heroes and friends.* 420 pages

### **Six Amendments**

by John Paul Stevens

342.7303 STE

*By the time of his retirement, the author had become the second longest serving Justice in the history of the Supreme Court. Now he draws upon his decades on the Court, during which he was involved with many of the defining decisions of the modern era, to offer a book articulating not only the need for changes, but also what those improvements should be.* 177 pages

### **The Court and the World**

by Stephen G. Breyer

347.7326 BRE

*In this original, far-reaching and timely book, Justice Stephen Breyer examines the work of SCOTUS in an increasingly interconnected world, a world in which all sorts of public and private activity oblige the Court to consider and understand circumstances beyond America's borders.* 382 pages

### **My Own Words**

by Ruth Bader Ginsburg

347.7326 GIN

*Offers a collection of engaging, serious, and playful writings and speeches from the Supreme Court justice on topics ranging from gender equality and the workings of the Court to Judaism and the value of looking beyond U.S. shores when interpreting the Constitution.* 371 pages

### **The Majesty of the Law**

by Sandra Day O'Connor

347.7326 OCO

*The first female justice on the United States Supreme Court provides a history of the American legal system, discussing landmark cases that have shaped American democracy and her own experiences as a justice.* 330 pages

### **Out of Order**

by Sandra Day O'Connor

347.7326 OCO

*From Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to sit on the United States Supreme Court, comes this fascinating book about the history and evolution of the highest court in the land.* 233 pages

### **My Grandfather's Son**

by Clarence Thomas

BIO THOMAS

*Thomas speaks out, revealing the pieces of his life he holds dear, detailing the suffering and injustices he has overcome, including the polarizing Senate hearing involving a former aide, and the depression and despair it created in his own life and the lives of those closest to him.* 289 pages

## **Biographies and Memoirs about Supreme Court Justices**

### **Decisions and Dissents of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

by Corey Lang Brettschneider

342.7326 DEC

*The trailblazing Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in her own words. Her most essential writings on gender equality and women's rights, reproductive health care, and voting and civil rights.* 131 pages

### **Sisters in Law**

by Linda Hirshman

347.7326 HIR

*An account of the intertwined lives of the first two female Supreme Court justices examines their respective religious and political beliefs while sharing insights into how they have influenced interpretations of the Constitution to promote equal rights for women.* 390 pages

### **Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination that Changed America**

by Wil Haygood

347.7326 HAY

*Using the five-day Senate hearing to confirm Marshall, Haygood explores Marshall's life and the civil rights movement.* 404 pages

### **Ketanji Brown Jackson**

by Schwartz, Heather E.

J BIO JACKSON

*Ketanji Brown Jackson is the first Black woman to serve on the US Supreme Court. Learn about her history of public service and how she rose to the highest court in the U.S.* 48 pages

  **Thurgood Marshall**

by Teri Kanefield

J BIO MARSHALL

*Thurgood Marshall explores his life, from his childhood in Baltimore to his trailblazing career as a civil rights lawyer, and finally his years as a United States Supreme Court justice. 249 pages*

  **Dissenter on the Bench**

by Victoria Ortiz

YA BIO GINSBURG

*Presents the life and career of Ginsburg with dramatic accounts of her landmark cases and how her life shaped her for those decisions. With black and white archival photographs. 199 pages*

 **Notorious RBG**

by Irin Carmon

YA BIO GINSBURG

*Presents an illustrated biography of the feminist icon and legal pioneer who changed the world, especially in the realms of gender equality and civil rights. 199 pages*

 **John Marshall**

by Harlow Unger

BIO MARSHALL

*A soul-stirring biography of John Marshall, the young Republic's great chief justice who led the Supreme Court to power and brought law and order to the nation. 374 pages*

 **First: Sandra Day O'Connor**

by Evan Thomas

BIO O'CONNOR

*Chronicles the life and career of the first female justice on the United States Supreme Court. 476 pages*

**American Original**

by Joan Biskupic

BIO SCALIA

*A profile of the conservative Supreme Court justice offers insight into his absolute belief system and considerable body of work, evaluating Scalia as an "apex of power" whose opinions may have far-reaching consequences in the social counterrevolution. 434 pages*

**Scalia**

by Bruce Allen Murphy

BIO SCALIA

*An authoritative, deeply researched biography of the most controversial and outspoken Supreme Court justice of our time and how he chose to be "right" rather than influential. 644 pages*

  **The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor**

by Sonia Sotomayor

YA BIO SOTOMAYO

*This young adult edition of Sonia Sotomayor's memoir covers Sotomayor's childhood in a gritty South Bronx neighborhood and her extended Puerto Rican family, as well as details of the many challenges she has faced during her formative years and early career. 315 pages*

**The Enigma of Clarence Thomas**

by Corey Robin

BIO THOMAS

*Traces the life and beliefs of Clarence Thomas as a black nationalist and Supreme Court justice by examining his Supreme Court opinions against his writings and speeches. 301 pages*

  **Dinners with Ruth**

by Nina Totenberg

BIO TOTENBERG

*Celebrated NPR correspondent Nina Totenberg delivers an extraordinary memoir of her personal successes, struggles, and life-affirming relationships, including her beautiful friendship of nearly fifty years with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. 304 pages*

 **Becoming RBG**

by Debbie Levy

YA COMICS BIO GINSBURG

*A graphic novel biography of Ruth Bader Ginsburg's journey to the Supreme Court and her evolution to a modern feminist icon. 207 pages*

# Other Resources Available

## From Our Reference Collection

### Guide to the U.S. Supreme Court

by David Savage

347.7326 SAV

*This two-volume set covers the Court's entire history; its operations; its power in relation to other branches of government; major decisions affecting the other branches, the states, individual rights and liberties; and biographies of the justices. 1272 pages*

## DVDs

### Church & State

DVD 306.848 CHU

*Chronicles the story of a gay activist and a tiny Salt Lake City law firm that helped topple Utah's gay marriage ban and paved the way for a Supreme Court decision that legalized same-sex unions nationwide.*

### RBG

DVD BIO GINSBURG

*Explores Ginsburg's life and career and the unique journey of her rise to the Supreme Court, her lengthy legal legacy, and her development as a pop culture icon.*

### Sandra Day O'Connor

DVD BIO O'CONNOR

*Profiles Sandra Day O'Connor, appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by Ronald Reagan in 1981 and the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court.*

## Online Resources

### The United States Supreme Court

[www.supremecourt.gov](http://www.supremecourt.gov)

*Official site for the United States Supreme Court. The Court is the highest tribunal in the Nation for all cases and controversies arising under the Constitution or the laws of the United States.*

### United States Courts

[www.uscourts.gov/educational-resources.aspx](http://www.uscourts.gov/educational-resources.aspx)

*Includes federal courts in a nutshell, diagrams, charts, federal courts resources, fast facts and commonly asked questions about the federal court fundamentals.*



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