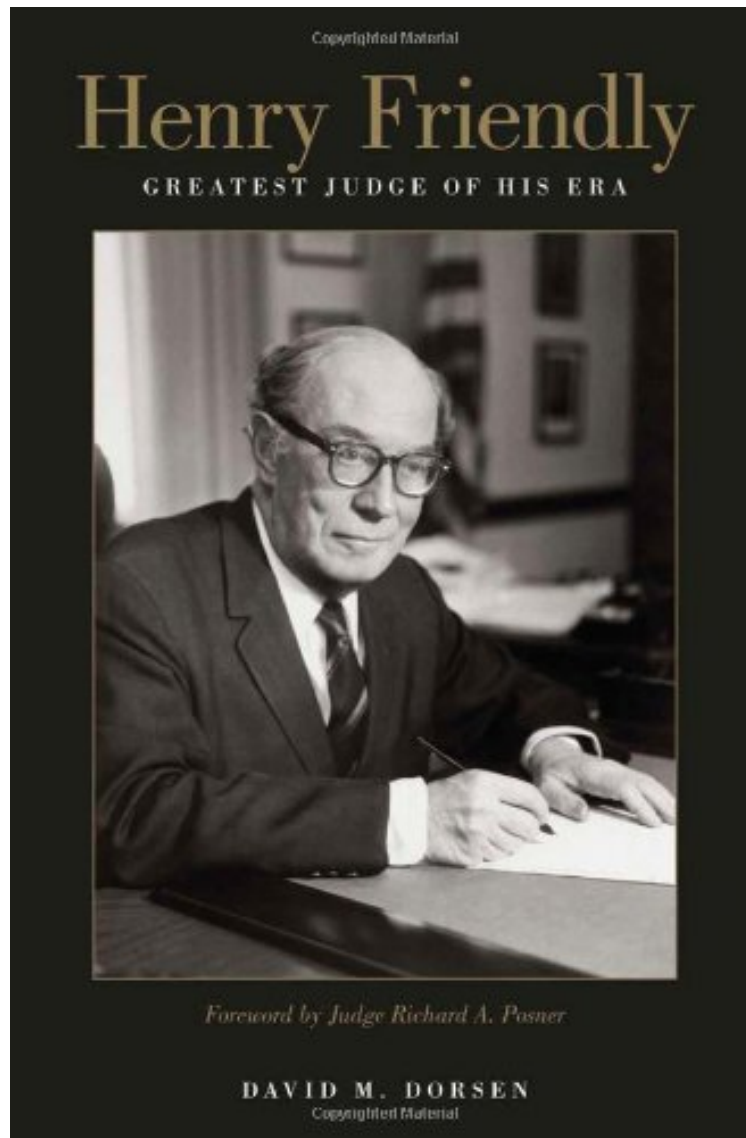


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David M. Dorsen : Henry Friendly, Greatest Judge of His Era before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Henry Friendly, Greatest Judge of His Era:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. He wasn't very friendly but he was a geniusBy AntonioAs a law student in the US I came across the jurisprudence of Judge Friendly and was impressed by the razor-sharp wit and mental acuity behind the opinions. Having read Judge Posner's foreword I thought I would enjoy this biography (in spite of the fact that judges are usually leaden characters who reserve their wit for their lectures rather than for their

own lives) and I wasn't disappointed. In Dorsen's able hands Judge Friendly comes alive as the greatest appellate judge of his generation. He was ridiculously smart (apparently everyone in his family, his wife's family as well as virtually anyone he ever worked with was smart as well), hardworking and honest. I was particularly interested in reading how his role as an appellate judge made him even more important in legal history than he would have been as a Supreme Court Justice. Altogether an excellent book.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Review of Dorsen book on Henry FriendlyBy John K. McNultyThis book consists of interesting chapters and portions on the life of Judge Henry Friendly, a renowned judge of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals for many years and somewhat less interesting chapters on his court decisions and written opinions, even to a legal scholar. The latter group were less readable, sometimes imperfect in their analysis, and a big, long read -- thankfully grouped into chapters by legal topic. It's a combination of a biography and a survey of his legal decision making and his legal positions on a great many subjects. Extensive footnotes make it useful as a reference work, almost in the style of a law review article.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. a quiet but inspirational lifeBy Kindle CustomerHenry Friendly's life may not excite readers of pulp fiction. However, it was a privilege for me to have worked for him 60 years ago and witness first hand his acuity, wit and skill at making things complex simple. He said that if there was a 1 cent word available, he always preferred it to 2 or 10 cent words. Great Judges and lawyers work behind curtains of confidentiality. This man's life richly deserves being opened to show a wider world the benefits of modest wisdom coupled with caring enormously for the rule of law. Perhaps this book could become required reading at law schools to teach more about what it means to be a real lawyer.

Henry Friendly is frequently grouped with Oliver Wendell Holmes, Louis Brandeis, Benjamin Cardozo, and Learned Hand as the best American jurists of the twentieth century. In this first, comprehensive biography of Friendly, David M. Dorsen opens a unique window onto how a judge of this caliber thinks and decides cases, and how Friendly lived his life.During his time on the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (1959-1986), Judge Friendly was revered as a conservative who exemplified the tradition of judicial restraint. But he demonstrated remarkable creativity in circumventing precedent and formulating new rules in multiple areas of the law. Henry Friendly, Greatest Judge of His Era describes the inner workings of Friendly's chambers and his craftsmanship in writing opinions. His articles on habeas corpus, the Fourth Amendment, self-incrimination, and the reach of the state are still cited by the Supreme Court. Dorsen draws on extensive research, employing private memoranda between the judges and interviews with all fifty-one of Friendly's law clerks a veritable Who's Who that includes Chief Justice John R. Roberts, Jr., six other federal judges, and seventeen professors at Harvard, Yale, Stanford, and elsewhere. In his Foreword, Judge Richard Posner writes: David Dorsen has produced the most illuminating, the most useful, judicial biography that I have ever read . . . We learn more about the American judiciary at its best than we can learn from any other . . . Some of what I've learned has already induced me to make certain changes in my judicial practice.

[A] meticulous biography. (Kirkus s 2012-01-15)Dorsen...has written a first-rate biography of a judge whose opinions had great influence on the law and legal scholarship. (Michael Eshleman Library Journal 2012-02-01)[Dorsen] constructs an intricate account of how Friendly diligently shaped the landscape of American law. (Adam White Wall Street Journal 2012-03-16)Dorsen's biographical sketch offers some fascinating pieces of American legal history, and Posner's introduction is a valuable evaluation of Friendly by a fellow judge...Friendly merits study not as a model for other judges but as a rare example of legal genius. (David Marcus The Deal 2012-04-13)About the AuthorDavid M. Dorsen is Of Counsel to Sedgwick LLP, based in Washington, D.C.Richard A. Posner is Circuit Judge, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and a senior lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School.