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**Jeffrey (Author); Toobin : The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court Abridged on 5 CDs [Inside the Supreme Court]** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court Abridged on 5 CDs [Inside the Supreme Court]:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Quite the Behind-The-Scenes Peak...By Philip Scholz This book promises a look at the inner workings of the highest court in our nation and perhaps the most respected court in the world...and boy does it deliver. From deep and detailed analysis of various legal decisions to anecdotal stories provided by the justices themselves, author Jeffrey Toobin both humanizes the few and proud who've taken that bench and emphasizes their importance in our nation's history. It's one read that should not be passed up. Most unfortunately, this audio book is abridged (picture my angry face here), but it still offers up plenty. I think that ultimately, such a work could never be too long for me. My outright favorite part was the fluke with Justice Anthony Kennedy and the calendar...I just laughed out loud at that. I also enjoyed the detailed descriptions of each justice's rise to the United States Supreme Court and I'm very thankful that Toobin also included the failed confirmations of various individuals. My sole dislike for this book is that it focused too much on abortion and the saga of such cases that came before the court. I understand that abortion is a contentious issue, but I watch the news a lot and I don't see it being brought up all the time. While the cases were interesting, I wish Toobin had balanced it more with other major issues before the court during the twenty-five years he covered. It could be that more issues exist in the book's full version, but I have my

doubts. It just seems to lopsided to be fixable by an unabridged version. Nevertheless, I really loved this book and will certainly read it again and again. You should grab a copy as well. It's an inside look like no other. Enjoy.

Bestselling author Jeffrey Toobin takes you into the chambers of the most important-and secret-legal body in our country, the Supreme Court, and reveals the complex dynamic among the nine people who decide the law of the land. Just in time for the 2008 presidential election-where the future of the Court will be at stake-Toobin reveals an institution at a moment of transition, when decades of conservative disgust with the Court have finally produced a conservative majority, with major changes in store on such issues as abortion, civil rights, presidential power, and church-state relations. Based on exclusive interviews with justices themselves, *The Nine* tells the story of the Court through personalities-from Anthony Kennedy's overwhelming sense of self-importance to Clarence Thomas's well-tended grievances against his critics to David Souter's odd nineteenth-century lifestyle. There is also, for the first time, the full behind-the-scenes story of *Bush v. Gore*-and Sandra Day O'Connor's fateful breach with George W. Bush, the president she helped place in office. *The Nine* is the book bestselling author Jeffrey Toobin was born to write. A CNN senior legal analyst and *New Yorker* staff writer, no one is more superbly qualified to profile the nine justices.