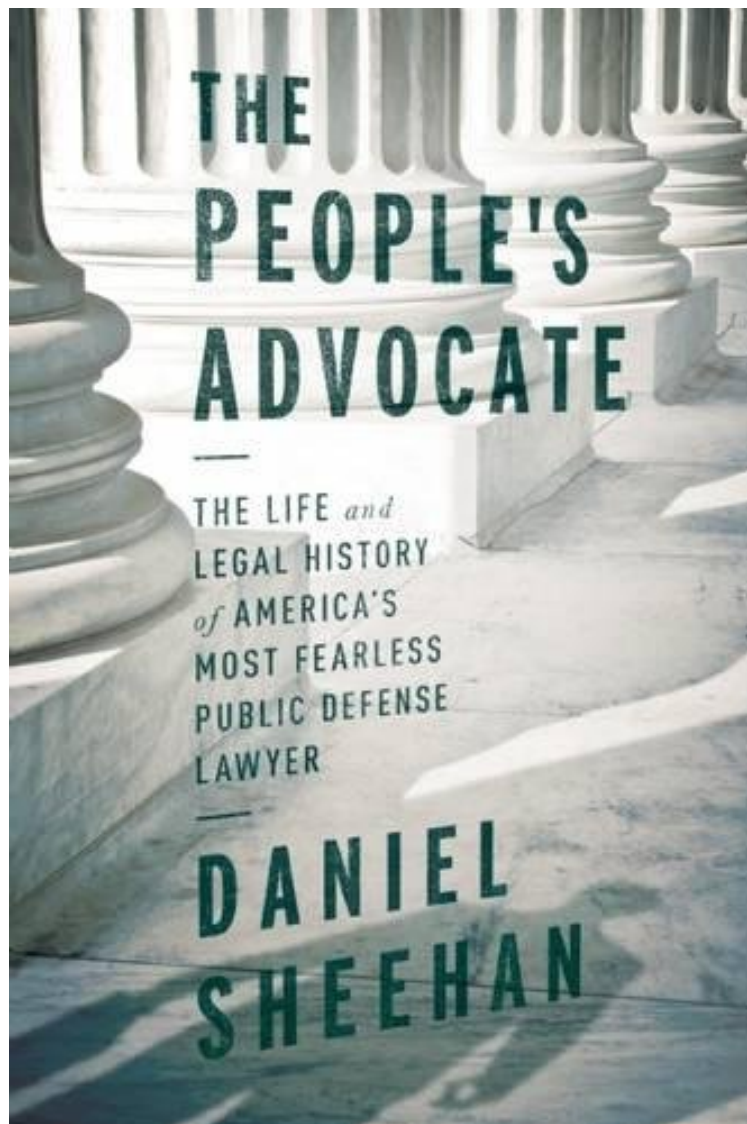


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Stan Wilson A scary book. It is non-fiction and that's why it is so frightening. I couldn't lay it down once I started reading it and its 594 pages. A lot of evil people serve in government. Both republicans and democrats at the highest levels. Sheehan, Danny he likes to be called gives a view behind the headlines and lies of those in power - both in the public sector and at the highest political levels. I don't agree with Sheehan on many of his political views, but I certainly would list him as an America Hero for having the guts to tell the truth about what happens behind closed doors in Washington DC and corporate board rooms. Every high school and college should have it on the reading list. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. What an treasure and experience getting to read and explore this man's life. hkhighest level of public and life as an attorney...By Tony Perzynski An amazing book with significant details about so many important American Constitutional and high level cases 1 So much brought to life and are awareness by this fascinating man, lawyer...sensitive, caring, loving, and well grounded and connected to ALL aspects American life and history. And his personal story...from dysfunction/traumatic family life and severe challenges to being a Harvard trained lawyer, Divinity school for theology and philisophy.....just utterly awesome in depth and specific facts and details and informed opinions and clear perspectives. Just start out reading one chapter at a time..and see how it goes.....THEN check out his more current efforts and passions via youtube.com searches! 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Civil ideals accomplished recorded here. By Margaret C. Jacob If you're interested in constitutional honesty, this is a book for you, as this attorney author was involved in many of the country's past scandals. Great work in law cases illuminated by ideals we still cherish.

The Peoples Advocate is the autobiography of American Constitutional Trial Attorney Daniel Sheehan. Sheehan traces his personal journey from his working-class roots through Harvard Law School and his initial career in private practice. His early disenchantment led to his return for further study at Harvard Divinity School, and rethinking the nature of his career. Eventually his role as President and Chief Trial Counselor for the famous Washington, D.C.-based Christic Institute would help define his role as Americas preeminent cause lawyer. In The Peoples Advocate, Sheehan details the inside story of over a dozen historically significant American legal cases of the 20th Century, all of which he litigated. The remarkable cases covered in the book include both The Pentagon Papers Case in 1971 and The Watergate Burglary Case in 1973. In addition, Sheehan served as the Chief Attorney on The Karen Silkwood Case in 1976, which additionally revealed the C.I.A.s Israeli Desk had been smuggling 98% bomb-grade plutonium to the State of Israel and to Iran. In 1984, he was the Chief Trial Counsel on The American Sanctuary Movement Case, establishing the right of American church workers to provide assistance to Central American political refugees fleeing Guatemalan and Salvadorian death squads. His involvement with the sanctuary movement ultimately led to Sheehans famous Iran/Contra Federal Civil Racketeering Case against the Reagan/Bush Administration, which he investigated, initiated, filed, and then litigated. The resulting Iran/Contra Scandal nearly brought down that Administration, leading Congress to consider the impeachment over a dozen of the top-ranking officials of the Reagan/Bush Administration. The Peoples Advocate is the real story of these and many other historic American cases, told from the unique point of view of a central lawyer.

Fearless is a word that not too many people can appreciate until they are faced with a situation that calls for an actual fearless act. And Daniel Sheehan, with the resources of government historys most fearless lawyers. He was fearless from the beginning, when he first learned what the word political really meant. At age seventeen, he clashed with Senator Jacob Javitz over an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Instead, it went to the son of a major campaign contributor. This teenager would grow up to become a lawyer on some of the most-politically hot cases in a generation: The Pentagon Papers, Watergate, Iran/Contra, among many others. His memories are both fascinating and horrifying. Fascinating because Sheehan places you directly inside the halls of power, and horrifying for the same reason. Look, Danny, one House investigator tells Sheehan, if anyone is so ignorant that he doesnt know that the Central Intelligence Agency has been smuggling heroin from Southeast Asia through Cuba into the United States for decades to secretly finance first the Nationalist Chinese and later their covert operations in Southeast Asia, then that person is too ignorant to function effectively in Washington, D.C. At the same time, Sheehan is told, Dont make the foolish mistake of trying to tell the American people about the secret history of the United States. Sheehan resolved to do everything I could to change that operating principle in Washington. Beginning with The Pentagon Papers a case that echoes into todays news over the peoples right to know what the government is doing Sheehan has fulfilled that promise to himself. This memoir takes us directly inside Sheehans fearless mind. Foresight