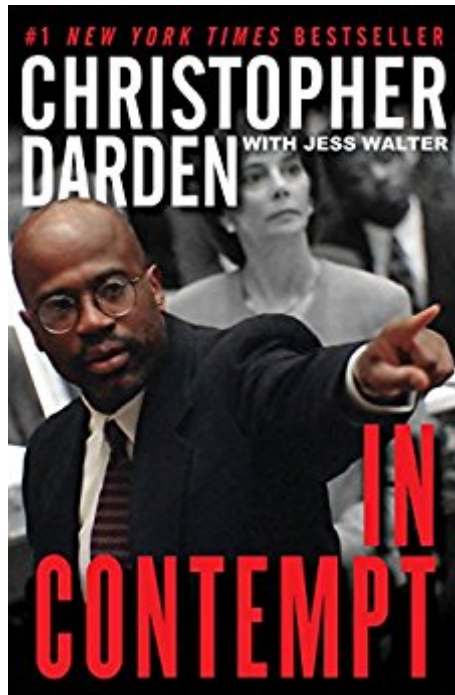




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#1 New York Times Bestseller. For more than a year, Christopher Darden argued tirelessly for the prosecution, giving voice to the victims in the O.J. Simpson murder trial. In Contempt is an unflinching look at what the television cameras could not show: behind-the-scenes meetings, the deteriorating relationships between the defense and prosecution teams, the taunting, baiting, and pushing matches between Darden and Simpson, the intimate relationship between Darden and Marcia Clark, and the candid factors behind Darden's controversial decision for Simpson to try on the infamous glove, and much more. Out of the sensational frenzy of "the trial of the century" comes this haunting memoir of duty, justice, and the powerful undertow of American racism. A stunning masterpiece told with brutal honesty and courage.

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Customer Reviews

I read Marcia Clark's book (written only a year after the trial) and then felt compelled to read Christopher Darden's account. I loved the writing and was surprised by the first chapters describing

his life growing up. It was fascinating to me, as I grew up around the same time only as a white girl who grew up on a farm with not much money. Some things were parallel (such as parents who had lots of kids and no appetite for whining or misbehaving), struggling with wanting to go to college when college was for "rich kids", no money for dentists and other non-necessary things, etc. Except I imagine that growing up black in a white society must have been much much more difficult. And, I think Darden illustrated that very well. It was great to have two lawyers (Darden and Clark) on the same team give their separate insights from the trial. If only Judge Ito would write his version, but I don't think that will happen.

I gained a bit more perspective about the case of the century after watching the series on Netflix. Reading the book to help cover some facts or events that were not mentioned in the series. It's been a great read so far.

Chris Darden writes from the heart. I finished the book in less than a week because it was so very well written. I expected it to be like the mini series but it's nothing like that. I will say that there were some questions I had that got answered. But a lot of this book is crystal clear that a lot of editorial license taken in the book.

Excellent writer!!! Enjoyed this book because it fills in details only the prosecutors would know. Hate the subject, but was curious and glad I read it. Goes on a bit too long, and many details actually turned my stomach, but worth the read.

This is a powerful book. I didn't pay a lot of attention to the Simpson trial when it was going on and I never gave any thought to what a miscarriage of justice it was. I am grateful to Chris Darden for this eye-opening account. Even though I already knew the inevitable outcome, the story as it was presented was quite a cliffhanger and made for exciting, if heart-wrenching reading. This is the best book I have read in a long time. Highly recommended.

Very well written. Honest and insightful throughout and not afraid to admit his mistakes and the incredible impact this case made on his life and family. I would want him as my attorney.

After watching The People vs OJ I just had to follow up and get this book. I will read Marcia Clark and Fuhrman's next to get a broad perspective. OJ is a buffoon so I'm not reading his cringeworthy

release.

The perfect voice to explain the emotionally and politically perplexing case that did so much, and so little, to explain America's confused relationships with race and celebrity. Excellent. Thank you, Mr. Darren.

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