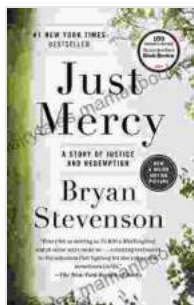


Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption

In the heart of Alabama, where racial tensions ran deep, a young lawyer named Bryan Stevenson emerged as a beacon of hope. His mission: to defend the innocent, no matter their race or background.

Bryan Stevenson's journey began in 1989 when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing legal defense for the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned. Stevenson's unwavering belief in the power of redemption and his relentless pursuit of justice have led to the exoneration of over 125 wrongfully convicted individuals.



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death row. With Stevenson's help, McMillian was eventually exonerated and released in 1993.

Stevenson's work has not been without its challenges. He has faced threats, intimidation, and even death threats from those who oppose his mission. However, his unwavering determination to fight for justice has inspired countless others.

In 2014, Stevenson's work was brought to life in the acclaimed film "Just Mercy," starring Michael B. Jordan as Stevenson and Jamie Foxx as Walter McMillian. The film has been praised for its powerful portrayal of Stevenson's journey and its exploration of the complexities of racial injustice.

Just Mercy is more than just a story about one man's fight for justice. It is a testament to the power of hope, redemption, and the enduring human spirit.

Bryan Stevenson: A Champion of Justice

Bryan Stevenson is a renowned lawyer, social justice advocate, and the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative. His unwavering belief in the power of redemption and his relentless pursuit of justice have made him a beacon of hope for the wrongfully convicted and the marginalized.

Stevenson was born in Delaware in 1959. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1983 and began his career as a public defender in Alabama. In 1989, he founded the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing legal defense for the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned.

EJI's work has focused on addressing systemic racism in the criminal justice system. Stevenson and his team have successfully challenged mandatory minimum sentences, fought for the abolition of the death penalty, and worked to improve the conditions of prisons and jails.

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McMillian was born in Alabama in 1941. He worked as a logger and a farmer. In 1986, he was accused of murdering Ronda Morrison, an 18-year-old white woman. McMillian was convicted of murder based on the testimony of a single witness, Ralph Myers, who later recanted his testimony.

Stevenson took on McMillian's case in 1989. He uncovered new evidence that proved McMillian's innocence. In 1993, a judge overturned McMillian's conviction and ordered a new trial. However, the state declined to retry McMillian, and he was released from prison.

McMillian's case was a stark example of the systemic racism that exists in the criminal justice system. He was convicted based on little evidence, and his sentence was overturned only after Stevenson uncovered new evidence that proved his innocence.

McMillian's story is a reminder of the importance of fighting for justice, even when the odds are stacked against you.

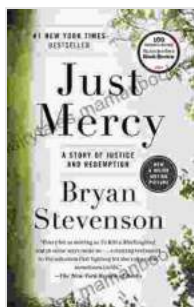
Just Mercy: A Call to Action

Just Mercy is more than just a story about one man's fight for justice. It is a call to action for all of us to challenge systemic racism and to fight for the redemption of the most marginalized in our society.

Here are ways you can help:

- **Support organizations like the Equal Justice Initiative.** EJI provides legal defense for the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned. You can donate to EJI or volunteer your time to help with their mission.
- **Educate yourself about racial injustice.** Read books, watch documentaries, and talk to people who have been affected by racism. The more you know about the issue, the better equipped you will be to fight against it.
- **Speak out against racism.** When you see or hear something racist, don't be afraid to speak up. Stand up for what you believe in and let others know that racism is not acceptable.
- **Vote for candidates who are committed to fighting for justice.** When you vote, make sure you choose candidates who will work to address systemic racism and to protect the rights of all Americans.

Together, we can create a more just and equitable world for all.



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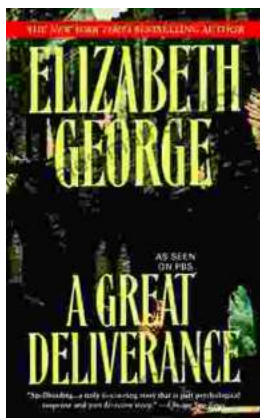
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