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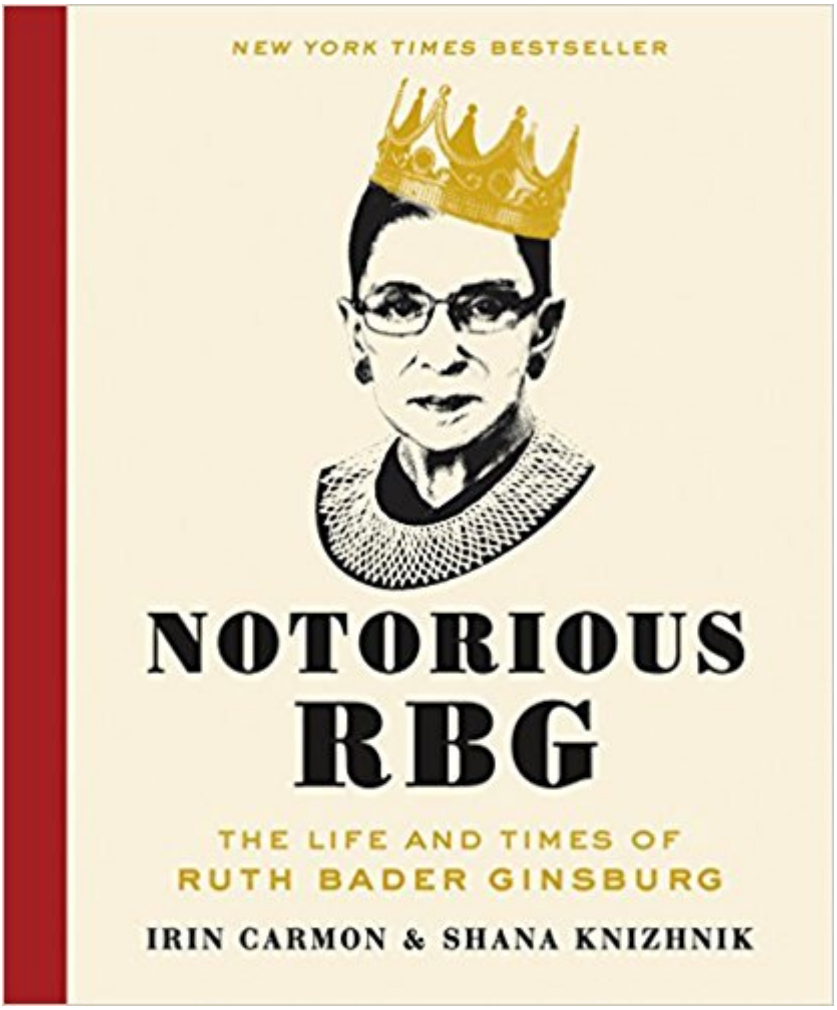

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I don’t think someone from my generation would have the imagination to design a book this way, or to include a photo feature about a Supreme Court Justice’s "swag." But fundamentally this is a wonderful book about the difference an individual can make. The book’s breezy style has a deeper and more serious significance, as well.I was touched by many things in this book, not only the courage of Justice Ginsburg’s opinions, or the loving handwritten note from her dying husband, but even by the photos illustrating her close friendship with Justice Scalia, one of her ideological opposites - it’s rare to see such a mensh in these times. The format is terrifically creative for this sort of subject: the NY Times reviewer aptly described it as being "as if a scrapbook and the Talmud decided to have a baby." The latter comes in especially for the way the book’s margins are used for commenting on everything -- not just for the obvious connections to a Justice who is Jewish. (Apropos of that, though, one thing did puzzle me: the recipe for pork in milk at the back. Breaking two of the Jewish religion’s food taboos at once -- isn’t that a little gangsta? Was that the idea, or is the whole thing a joke? And actually, one other thing: the publisher’s subject classification on the back cover is "Fiction." Aside from the recipe, I hope not.)I now live in Japan and teach comparative constitutional law there. Pretty much no one, including most law professors, can name the justices of the Japan Supreme Court, who are chosen for their anonymity, their conformity to a certain social background, and their timidity of thought. And throughout its nearly 70-year existence, the JSC has always upheld laws and regulations that limit civil rights. One reason I got this book was to be able to show my students how completely different the relationship between a country’s Supreme Court and its citizens can be. In most countries of the world, a book like this would be inconceivable. While I’m not saying that many other Justices deserve such a tribute, this book should be a great reminder for Americans how lucky you are not only to have Justice Ginsburg, but also to be capable of such affectionate engagement with your government.

Most interesting is that the book is written by Millenials! I had no idea that RBG has achieved almost cult status for some of the younger generation. The book provides wonderful insights into the life of an incredible woman. Her relationship with her husband is beautiful. He did most of the cooking and did much to facilitate her achievements while simultaneously being an accomplished professional..

My only regret is that I didn't buy the book and worked from the downloaded copy. This was a book group selection, and when I saw the way the book was constructed, I wished I had had time to order it! Many of the pictures and diagrams did not reproduce well.

This was a great read. It was over too soon--reading it digitally, I didn't realize that 30% of the book is all the end notes so suddenly it was over. Fascinating information. My only criticism (if you can cal it that) is that the author holds RBG in such high esteem that it felt a little one-sided. Irin Carmon seems to assume that readers are all in agreement with RBG's position. While she sets out RBG's compelling reasons for her position, I am not sure how people who hold different opinions will receive this book or simply dig in their heels against her because the do not agree with her policies. In fact, at one point Carmon points out how surprise people are that RBG is friends with a justice who politically disagrees with her. This is what is wrong with America. We can be friends with people who are different from us, who have different opinions on issues. I mean no two people can agree on everything.

I agree 100% with the review posted by S Fields. The book provided wonderful insight into RGB's life, her quiet determination and her significant accomplishments against great odds. It also reminded me about just how difficult it was for women in general to successfully navigate in both professional and personal realms not so very long ago. It seemed well researched. So, the book is worth reading because of that and because RGB is truly an inspiring and motivating person whose work prior to the Supreme Court has not been well understood I think. But the writing is clunky at best and the book is not well organized. I'm sure it was a labor of love for the authors but unfortunately, it is just a labor to get through. The book is short, and it helps to only skim through the reprinting of several of RGB's actual briefs and dissents that are included, since they are fully discussed in the various chapters.

This book was a valentine to Ruth Bader Ginsburg. We are given a brief biography followed by some of her opinions on important decisions of the court.I feel like I have a better understanding of RBG as a woman and a judge after reading this book.

The only reason I gave the book four stars is because reading on the Kindle did not allow me to get the full advantage of seeing the pictures clearly and enjoying them as much as when a friend in my book group showed me the selections in the large book.I did enjoy reading and facing the

realization of all the changes in women's society that have taken place because of the Notorious RBG. She truly is a marvel.

It's a fairly short book about a long life that is packed with achievements for herself but way more for others that have fought for their humanity to be recognized by the law and by society.The writing is fresh and easy and it touches on the important milestones of RBG's life.Let's just all wish her a long and healthy life and that she won't have to retire within the next four years.

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