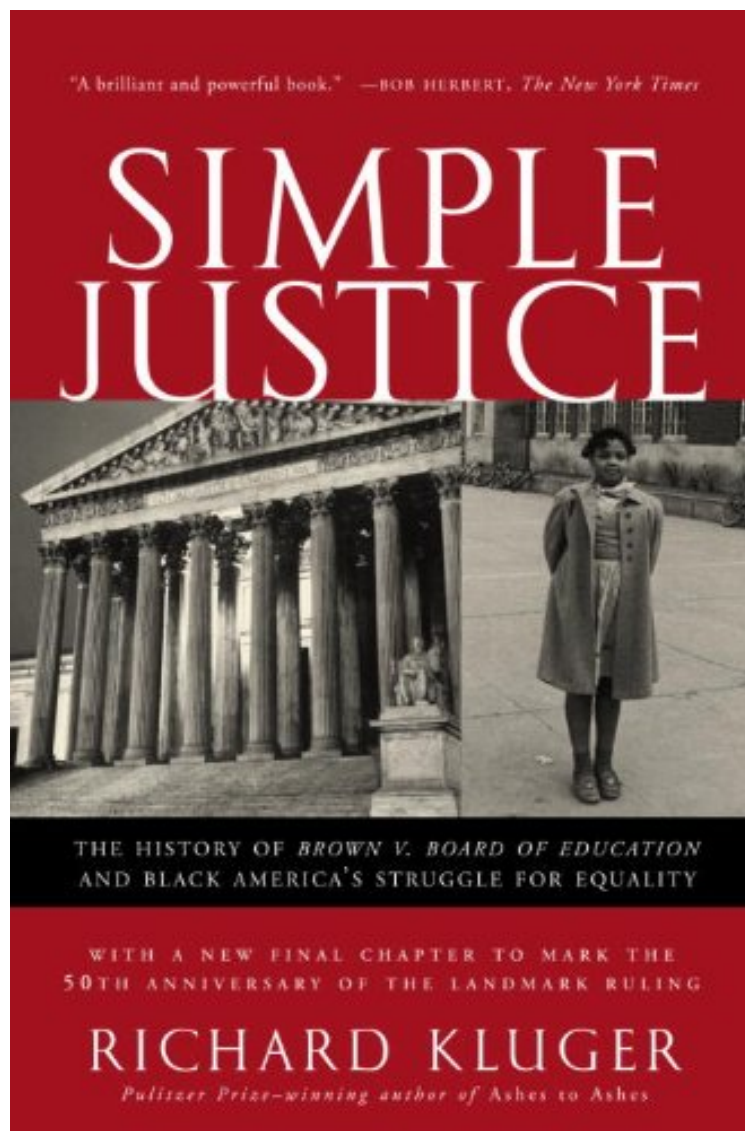


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Von Tung Yin  
There are some books that every American needs to read in order to be a responsible citizen; this is one of those books. (The only other that comes to mind right now is "The Federalist Papers.") "Simple Justice" is really two books in one: the first deals with the horrific institution of slavery in the United States and the post-Civil War oppression of blacks in the form of Jim Crow laws; the second deals with the strategy that desegregationists (principally the NAACP) used to dismantle the formal apartheid of the South. Evaluated solely on its subject matter, this book would merit the requirement of being read. The story of how Thurgood Marshall (then a top NAACP attorney, later U.S. Solicitor General, then U.S. Supreme Court Justice) chipped away at the "separate but equal" doctrine in small steps gives the reader an appreciation of how entrenched institutional racism was as recently as the mid-20th Century. In addition, the reader will gain an understanding of how what is arguably the most important decision of the Supreme Court of the 1900s came about. But there's another reason to read "Simple Justice." Richard Kluger is an amazingly gifted writer (for proof, try reading the first chapter of "Ashes to Ashes," his monumental work on the tobacco industry; even if you don't smoke, his description of smoking in the first chapter will have you feeling the smoke go down your throat), and his powerful prose makes you feel the pain that his characters endured as a result of slavery and Jim Crow laws. By no means is this a "fun" book to read; indeed, parts of it are incredibly unpleasant to read and will make you ashamed to be an American (unless, of course, you're John Rucker). But it's precisely because Kluger is able to evoke such shame that makes this book so important.

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Since its publication, my little law firm has given a copy of this book to each of my law-student research clerks upon graduation. If they do follow in my footsteps and champion civil rights causes, it is indispensable survival equipment. If it has the same effect on them it did on me when I kept my nightly appointments with it in 1980, it will orient them within the history in which they will play a part, show them how hard work and careful planning can let them face powerful opponents cheerfully, and inspire them to believe that, yes, they can make a difference.

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Von Ein Kunde  
this study of one of the most significant racial landmarks of recent years deserves a wide readership. kluger is a master at bringing complex historic events to life. he is a journalist-historian -- a rare breed in our culture -- with a remarkable ability to define social and cultural developments, with a strong sense of time and place. This book should be recommended reading in college classrooms.

Kurzbeschreibung  
Simple Justice is the definitive history of the landmark case *Brown v. Board of Education* and the epic struggle for racial equality in this country. Combining intensive research with original interviews with surviving participants, Richard Kluger provides the fullest possible view of the human and legal drama in the years before 1954, the cumulative assaults on the white power structure that defended segregation, and the step-by-step establishment of a team of inspired black lawyers that could successfully challenge the law. Now, on the fiftieth anniversary of the unanimous Supreme Court decision that ended legal segregation, Kluger has updated his work with a new final chapter covering events and issues that have arisen since the book was first published, including developments in civil rights and recent cases involving affirmative action, which rose directly out of *Brown v. Board of Education*.

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From Booklist \*Starred\* Published to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of the landmark *Brown* decision, this update and expansion of the widely acclaimed original work, published in 1976, goes beyond portrayals of the major players involved in the decision--the NAACP legal team, including Thurgood Marshall and Charles Houston; the defender of states' rights, John Davis; and Chief Justice Earl Warren, who brokered a unanimous decision shortly after joining the Court; and the complainants, who undertook personal risk to challenge the doctrine of separate but equal. In this volume, Kluger also analyzes the nation's progress on race issues in the intervening 28 years since the book was first published. In a new chapter, he looks at the politics and policies of the Nixon and Reagan eras--courting the South through retrenchment on racial integration and frontal attacks on busing--up to the current national obsession with colorblindness that has fostered a hypersegregation that mirrors conditions before the *Brown* decision. This is a powerful resource for readers interested in reviewing the particulars of *Brown* and the changes that have occurred since that landmark ruling.

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