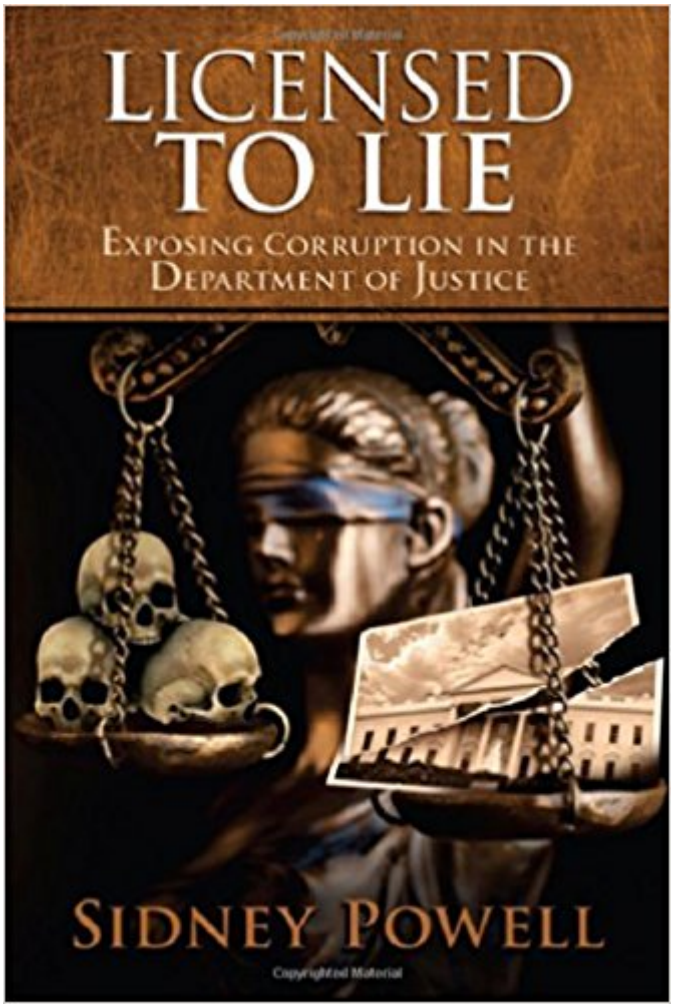
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Synopsis

A tragic suicide, a likely murder, wrongful imprisonment, and gripping courtroom scenes draw readers into this compelling story giving them a frightening perspective on justice corrupted and who should be accountable when evidence is withheld. Licensed to Lie: Exposing Corruption in the Department of Justice is the true story of the strong-arm, illegal, and unethical tactics used by headline-grabbing federal prosecutors in their narcissistic pursuit of power. Its scope reaches from the US Department of Justice to the US Senate, the FBI, and the White House. This true story is a scathing attack on corrupt prosecutors, the judges who turned a blind eye to these injustices, and the president who has promoted them to powerful political positions. From the Foreword This book should serve as the beginning of a serious conversation about whether our criminal justice system continues to live up to its vaunted reputation. As citizens of a free society, we all have an important stake in making sure that it does. -- Alex Kozinski, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

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''Licensed to Lie reads like a cross between investigative journalism and courtroom drama. The takeaway is that both Bushies and Obamaites should be very afraid: over the last few years, a coterie of vicious and unethical prosecutors who are unfit to practice law has been harbored within and enabled by the now ironically named Department of Justice.'' --William Hodes, Professor of Law Emeritus, Indiana University, and coauthor, The Law of Lawyering''When you ve finished reading

this fast-paced thriller, you will want to stand up and applaud Powell's courage in daring to shine light into the darkest recesses of America's justice system. The only ax Powell grinds here is Truth.'' --Patricia Falvey, author of The Yellow House and The Linen Queen, and former Managing Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP''Last year four government officials demonstrably lied under oath, and nothing has been done to them--two IRS officials, the Attorney General, and James Clapper-which caused Ed Snowden to release the fact that the US is spying on its citizens and in violation of the 4th amendment. That our government is corrupt is the only conclusion. This book helps the people understand the nature of this corruption-and how it is possible for federal prosecutors to indict and convict the innocent rather than the guilty.'' --Victor Sperandeo, CEO and author, Trader Vic: Methods of a Wall Street Master''This book is a testament to the human will to struggle against overwhelming odds to right a wrong and a cautionary tale to all-that true justice doesn't just exist as an abstraction apart from us. True justice is us, making it real through our own actions and our own vigilance against the powerful who cavalierly threaten to take it away.'' --Michael Adams, PhD, University Distinguished Teaching Associate Professor of English Associate Director, James A. Michener Center for Writers, University of Texas--Austinor''I have covered hundreds of court cases over the years and have witnessed far too often the kind of duplicity and governmental heavy-handedness Ms. Powell describes in her well-written book, Licensed to Lie.'' --Hugh Aynesworth, journalist, historian, four-time Pulitzer Prize finalist, author, November 22, 1963: Witness to History

KIRKUS REVIEW A former Justice Department lawyer, who now devotes her private practice to federal appeals, dissects some of the most politically contentious prosecutions of the last 15 years. Powell assembles a stunning argument for the old adage, Ã¢â ¬Å“nothing succeeds like failure,Ã¢â ¬Â• as she traces the careers of a group of prosecutors who were part of the Enron Task Force. The Supreme Court overturned their most dramatic court victories, and some were even accused of systematic prosecutorial misconduct. Yet former task force members such as Kathryn Ruemmler, Matthew Friedrich and Andrew Weissman continued to climb upward through the ranks and currently hold high positions in the Justice Department, FBI and even the White House. Powell took up the appeal of a Merrill Lynch employee who was convicted in one of the subsidiary Enron cases, fighting for six years to clear his name. The pattern of abuse she found was repeated in other cases brought by the task force. Prosecutors of the accounting firm Arthur Andersen pieced together parts of different statutes to concoct a crime and eliminated criminal intent from the jury instructions, which required the Supreme Court to reverse the Andersen

conviction 9-0; the company was forcibly closed with the loss of 85,000 jobs. In the corruption trial of former Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens, a key witness was intimidated into presenting false testimony,Ã Â and as in the Merrill Lynch case, the prosecutors concealed exculpatory evidence from the defense, a violation of due process under the Supreme courtÃ¢â ¬â„¢s 1963 Brady v. Maryland decision. StevensÃ¢â ¬â„¢ conviction, which led to a narrow loss in his 2008 re-election campaign and impacted the majority makeup of the Senate, seems to have been the straw that broke the camel's back; the presiding judge appointed a special prosecutor to investigate abuses. Confronted with the need to clean house as he came into office, writes Powell, Attorney General Eric Holder has yet to take action. The author brings the case for judicial redress before the court of public opinion.

I haven't even finished reading this book yet ~ however I had to write a review just based on what I've read so far.I applaud Sidney Powell for having the audacity to write this book and having the courage to expose the corruption within the DOJ.I HAD to read this book after I had a front row seat to a "dog and pony show" starring a corrupt Federal Prosecutor, co-starring a corrupt States Attorney, with a Special Appearance by a Federal District Court Judge, who was either terribly naive, or corrupt, or even worse: Both. Some other well known "actors" in this particular "show" I saw, were ATF, the IRS, & the FBI. I'm probably forgetting a few who deserve mentioning, but I'm sure it's no small feat getting Federal Agencies to work with and collaborate with State Agencies.It must be Hell for the director. Can you imagine! Getting everyone to show up, ensure they all have their lines rehearsed AND make sure everyone hits their mark? And make sure it all goes off without a hitch? I think: this could ONLY happen in Chicago, Illinois. But it can and it does happen everywhere, unfortunately.If it hasn't happened to you, or someone you know, just wait! If things don't change ~ it will.THANK YOU SIDNEY POWELL!May God Bless & Protect You.

This is an important book--a call to action. To paraphrase a recurrent line from in the popular theatre work, The Book of Mormon, there are maggots in our scrotum. In this true, well documented story, there are destructive creatures destroying the fabric of our existence, the Constitution, from inside the Department of Justice and with the support of politicians. Our legal system is being systematically destroyed by very smart, very evil people in the US Department of Justice. They are doing it with our tax dollars. Sure, it will take them awhile, but...Powell writes about how the US government system of justice works today in criminal cases, with white collar crime as the illustrative case. It's ugly. Powell uses the Enron case to illustrate her outrage. Corrupt politicians enable

corrupt US attorneys, who corrupt our legal system under the screen of enormous political power.Suddenly the bad guys, in the form of US attorneys working on our nickel, have enormous power to intimidate, bully and destroy lives. Who among us can argue effectively with them? Only those in the system who are relatively unassailable, it seems to me. Someone has to get inside the good guy network and involve the power structure in fixing things. People need to be hurt--bullies are afraid of that.It's about guaranteed equity for everyone as provided by our law -presumed innocence until proven guilty. Powell documents how US attorneys make a mockery of the principles we hold dear. There is no such thing as a level playing field anymore in legal battles with the United States DOJ--they lie, withhold evidence, intimidate witnesses and on and on. Vertical playing fields are patently unfair on their face and are becoming evident to a lay guy like me. Otherwise, the game has changed. Society will adapt; that could be ugly.We're seeing our troops killed and maimed, altering negatively the lives of our finest young men and women, and spending untold billions of dollars in wars to protect the rights of foreign citizens to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Powell documents in great detail how those rights are being systematically destroyed at home by the very people charged with domestic protection of these rights mandated by the US Constitution.Read Licensed to Lie. It's an eye opener and a call to action.Robert CookÃ Â Pulse: The third of the Cooch adventures in national security (The Cooch series of national security thrillers Book 3)

Well written and real page turner. Having been in Houston when the events took place I was on information overload and most of it was contradictory. Ms. Powell really puts everything into perspective and raises a lot of questions regarding our legal system. Would recommend this book to everyone.

You cannot claim to be fully knowledgeable of current events and the status of freedom in the USA today without having read this book. As a professional in the financial field, I have had my reservations about how the Department of Justice had been handling various high profile cases. Reading this book - which is written by a truly respected and experienced attorney who has been involved first hand - has filled in the missing pieces and confirmed my worst fears.It reads like a thriller - but realizing that it's true makes it more of a horror story!

Amazing, gripping story. A must for non-lawyers, although my lawyer friends are buying it. Well written, a page turner, and relevant. As a scientist it seems to me the facts cited in this book are

clearly stated with little ambiguity. How can our elected leaders, judiciary and government prosecutors be so blind-this is NOT the definition of blind that one usually associates with the word justice. Just today in the New York Times was another report of a relatively low-level employee convicted and sentenced with a lengthy prison term. I have no love for hedge funds, but after reading this book I can only wonder where the real truth behind this prosecution lies and whose career it will serve to enhance. Is there no institution left in this country where we can put our blind faith?

As a federal criminal defense attorney for nearly 20 years, this book resounded LOUDLY with me. The acts of the U.S. Attorney that she describes are endemic. I have been lied to, threatened with bar complaints and had complaints made to judges behind my back, all for trying to provide a zealous defense to my client. Everything Sidney Powell says here is true.Not only is it true, but it's a page turner, including back stories of people whose lives were ruined by aggressive prosecutors. If you are interested in justice and the corruption of the process designed to provide it, READ THIS BOOK.

I could not put the book down. It is a must read for every American. While most of us will never encounter the federal prosecutors and judges that Ms. Powell describes, it is essential that we are aware of and work to protect the checks and balances of our constitutional government. Ms. Powell is to be commended for having the courage to write about the inner workings of a very flawed federal judicial system.

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