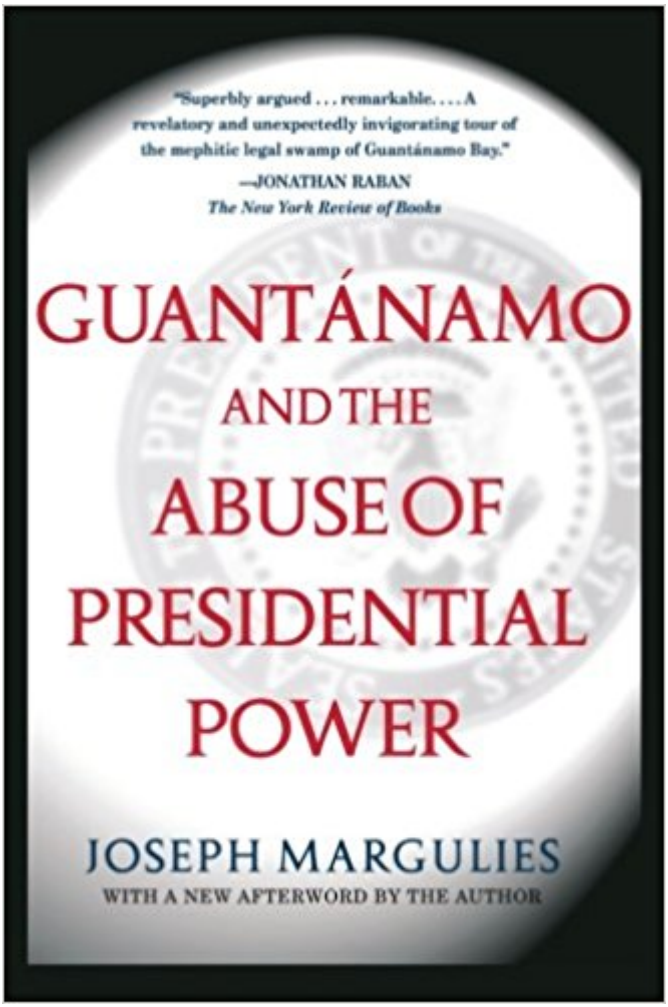
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Synopsis

The detention system established by the Bush Administration at GuantÃƒÂ¡namo Bay Naval Station in Cuba is like no other in our nation's history. Joseph Margulies traces the development of this detention policy from its ill-conceived creation in 2002 as "the ideal interrogation chamber" to its present form, where most prisoners are held without charges in a super-maximum security prison, even though the U.S. government has acknowledged that many have been cleared for release and most of the others are not even alleged to have committed a hostile act against the United States or its allies. Margulies, who was the lead attorney in the Supreme Court case Rasul v. Bush, writes that GuantÃƒÂ¡namo and other secret CIA and Defense Department detention centers around the world have become "prisons beyond the law," where the Administration claims the right to hold people indefinitely, incommunicado, and in solitary confinement without charges, access to counsel, and without benefit of the Geneva Conventions. Weaving together firsthand accounts of military personnel who witnessed the interrogations at GuantÃƒÂ¡namo along with the words of the prisoners themselves, Margulies exposes the chilling reality of a "war on terror" that masks an assault on basic human rights -- rights to which the United States has always subscribed.

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Margulies, a Minneapolis lawyer and civil rights activist, served as lead counsel in Rasul v. Bush, successfully petitioning the Supreme Court to extend the right of judicial review to all prisoners at GuantÃƒÂ¡namo Bay. This book, Margulies's first, minutely chronicles the attempts of the present administration to extend the bounds of presidential authority while limiting official culpability.

Breaking new ground by comprehensively analyzing the government’s legal reasoning and deconstructing it in the light of historical precedent, Margulies states: "The Bush Administration has not provided a complete explanation for its detention policy. (Part of the motivation for this book is that no one else has either.)" Interspersed with accounts of his fascinating and frustrating attempts to obtain access to his British client, Shafiq Rasul, Margulies shines light on the theory and practice of indefinite military detention, peering into a self-contained, Kafkaesque universe of our own creation barely 90 miles from American shores. Accessible to nonlawyers, the book also offers full citations for those who wish to do further research. Margulies’s clear explications of intricate legal points move his narrative effortlessly from the signing of the Geneva Conventions through the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, to the myriad cases of the detainees in GuantÃƒÂ¡namo. (July) Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In Rasul v.Bush, the Supreme Court affirmed the right of prisoners in U.S. military custody at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to challenge the legality of their detention in federal court. As one of the lead counsel on behalf of the detainees in that case, law professor and civil-rights attorney Margulies is uniquely qualified to narrate the legal struggles surrounding the prison that was built to evade legal oversight. Infused with firsthand accounts of both interrogation room and courtroom, Margulies’ narrative is lucid, precise, and made urgent by recent legislation, currently before the Supreme Court, that purports to render Rasul meaningless. Most compelling, however, is that Margulies never lets the legal blow-by-blow obscure the historical and political import of Camp Delta, where preservation of prisoners’ "debility, dependence, and dread" trumps all other concerns and even shapes the Bush administration’s interpretation of the law. Timed to coincide with the Supreme Court’s forthcoming ruling on jurisdiction over Guantanamo, this powerful selection deserves all the attention it will receive. Brendan DriscollCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Guantanamo and the Abuse of Presidential Power" is a powerful and extraordinary book about the Bush Administration’s attempt to create a law-free zone at Guantanamo, Cuba, where suspected terrorists can be held outside of judicial scrutiny and tortured for information on al-Qaeda. Anyone who cares about the U.S. Constitution, the law of war, our relationship with the Islamic world, or the successful prosecution of the war on terror should read this book. The revelations of Bush Administration incompetence and criminality are shocking.The book is written from a lawyer’s

perspective and lays out clearly the history of the Guantanamo prison and the legal battles over the treatment of prisoners there. As the author stresses, the torture tactics have done immense damage to American prestige yet produced little if any valuable intelligence. This failure should not be a surprise, since most of the prisoners are either innocent of terrorist activity or were Taliban small-fry with no connection to September 11 or other attacks on U.S. targets. That hundreds of these pathetic men are still incarcerated speaks volumes about the indecency of the Bush Administration and its inability to admit that it ever makes mistakes.Fortunately, the Supreme Court and the U.S. Senate have stepped in to curb the worst abuses and to restore some sanity to our detention policies. They have partially rescued America's good name and commitment to the rule of law. However, until officials of the Bush Administration are put on trial for violations of the War Crimes Act and the Torture Act, the stain on our national honor will not be fully erased.

I am a 56 year old 1L at the Univeristy of St. Thomas Law School in Minneapolis, MN. I became interested in the United States torture issue when I found out my 2nd semester Con Law professor would be none other than Robert Delahunty who co-authored the memo with John Yoo which denied the applicability of the Geneva Conventions. I am not quite finished with this book, but it is so compelling I am avoiding homework! I have also read Oath Betrayed by Steven Miles and Eight O'Clock Ferry to the Windward Side by Clive Smith, which I also highly reccommend.It will take many years to regain the high moral ground which Americans once held dear after the unbelievable inroads GWBush and company have made into the Honor we once clung to. When he and his ilk have the gall to trumpet that they have been "protecting" me and my family by their disgusting, depraved, dishonorable acts against humanity through the use of torture - it sickens me. I can only hope that the guilty will be brought to justice and until that day, I will consider it my responsibility and my shame as an American for allowing these atrocities to be commited in all our name.

Hearing much about the myriad court cases running through the system the past several years in regard to Guantanamo, this book did a great job detailing the Administration's position and laying out the misguidedness of this policy. I found much about the book shocking for many of the truths revealed as to how our Administration has allowed the torture of "enemy combatants" at Guantanamo and has encouraged the torture of these people by foreign governments (i.e. Egypt, Pakistan). Margulies does a good job of concisely explaining the history of Guantanamo as well as laying out a very thoughtful and powerful argument against the Administration. He traces back into US military conflicts over the past 50 years to show why the Administration's current policies

contradict everything for which our country stands. Most impressive about Margulies' book is the lack of partisan ranting and uncivil discourse heard by other Bush opponents. Margulies succeeds in convincing the reader that from both a Left and Right standpoint the Bush Administration has overstepped its bounds and put our country more at risk, not less.

Having gone through several books about Guantanamo in my studies on torture, this is definitely the most thoroughly researched and hard-hitting book I have read on the subject. The author draws from a massive amount of research, with approximately one quarter of the book consisting of footnotes. He takes on the arguments for those in favor of "enhanced interrogation techniques" very well, noting that historically, US soldiers captured during the Korean War have themselves been made to confess to plotting to kill large numbers of civilians when psychologically tortured. The confessions they made were obviously lies, and yet these American captives confessed to a goal of "the mass annihilation of the civilian population" due to the abuse by their captors. Margulies sites a marine who was captured, Colonel Shwable, as noting that "I want to re-emphasize that I did not undergo physical torture. Perhaps I would have been more fortunate if I had, because people nowadays seem to understand that better. I didn't have that. Mine was the more subtle kind of torment. That kind is a little bit harder, I am afraid, for people to understand."The book is filled both with historical comparisons like this, and the author's own experience as a pro-bono lawyer working for Guantanamo detainees himself. I sometimes felt overwhelmed by the amount of rapid-fire information I was absorbing, but I certainly thought it was a very worthwhile read. I am extremely thankful he took the time to share his story in this book, and further than that, make a solid argument against the abhorrent practice of torture - both physical and psychological.

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