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Description:

From Library Journal Byrnes and Marquart, 1998 law school graduates (Stanford and Harvard, respectively), have fun debunking their law studies. This account of their three years in law school includes a mishmash of incidents that touch on both the funny and the serious sides of life. Some readers will enjoy their tongue-in-cheek tale, while others will question its purpose. The truth of the opinions ventured here e.g., that to a legal realist, the question whether abortion is constitutionally protected is all about whether the deciding judge prefers it to be available remains open to debate. These authors found that in law school they did not need to devote themselves to their studies, and one wonders whether the majority of law school students and graduates can relate. Not for law collections, though libraries with large humor collections might consider. Leroy Hommerding, Fort Myers Beach Lib. Dist., FL

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From Movies and books such as *Paper Chase* perpetuate the mystique surrounding law school. Byrnes and Marquart, two young men who embarked on legal educations at opposite coasts, completely debunk the myth. Byrnes had political aspirations, and after a shaky start as a speech writer, he decided to give law school a try, opting for the mountainous Stanford. A student of little means, Marquart was thrilled to be accepted at Harvard Law, where he first felt intimidated by the privileged who populated the hallowed halls but soon learned how to play and beat the system, even graduating cum laude. Surrounded by an eclectic mix of companions, the two students eked by, focusing on enjoying life, including gambling, drugs, alcohol, and girls, much of their debauchery funded by student loans. Surprisingly, both end up at a prestigious Los Angeles law firm, where they met and decided to recount their stories in book form. Their craftiness at sailing through law school should make them good lawyers as well. *Mary Frances Wilkens*
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