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Louis D. Brandeis is a figure of perennial significance in American history. Brilliant lawyer, innovative reformer, seminal thinker, and judicial giant, he left few significant issues in American society untouched during the course of

his long and productive career. The last several decades have been particularly rich in Brandeis historiography, creating the need for a work surveying current scholarship and addressing critical issues. Brandeis and America more than meets this need. Six distinguished Brandeis scholars—David J. Danelski, Nelson L. Dawson, Allon Gal, David W. Levy, Philippa Strum, and Melvin I. Urofsky—offer richly analytical essays illuminating key aspects of Brandeis's impact on American life: his relationship to the Progressive movement, his involvement in Zionism, his role as a New Deal advisor, and his significance in constitutional law. In addition, the book contains a comprehensive survey of Brandeis historiography, a reference chronology of his life, and an exploration of the deeply controversial issue of judicial propriety. It should prove a powerful stimulus to future Brandeis research. These essays not only contribute to an understanding of Brandeis himself but also cast light on vital political, social, and economic issues in twentieth-century America, issues that are sure to be with us well into the next century.

From *Library Journal*: Originally papers presented at the Brandeis Conference in 1987, these essays—written by Dawson, David Danelski, Allon Gal, David Levy, Philippa Strum, and Melvin Urofsky—provide an overview of the key elements in the life of this controversial Supreme Court Justice: his political activities; his relationship to Felix Frankfurter and role as a New Deal advisor; his involvement with the American Zionist and Progressive movements; and his Court decisions. As Urofsky states, many questions raised by Brandeis 75 years ago are still of concern today, such as big government and corporate greed and social irresponsibility. Although numerous books have been written about Brandeis—several by these contributors—this offers a one-volume contemporary cross section of opinion and historical perspective. For academic and large public libraries. — Louise Stwalley, Univ. of Colorado Lib, Denver  
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