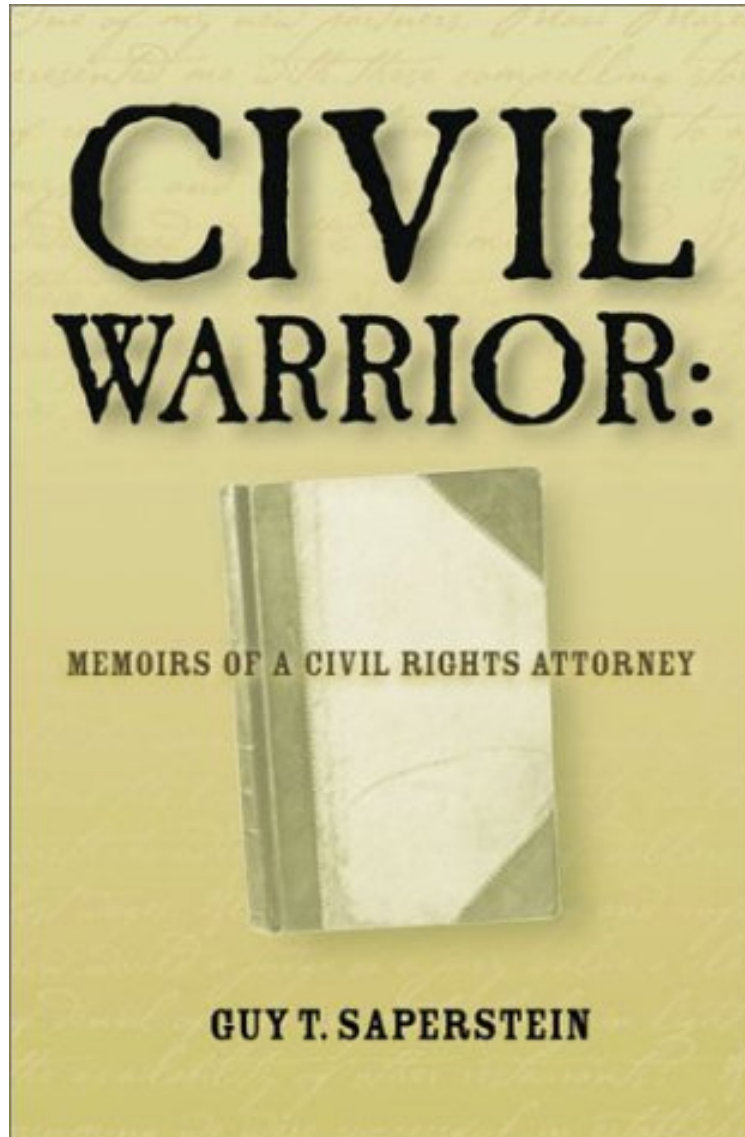


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Pretty Good ReadBy A CustomerIt's an interesting window into the life of a slacker-turned-lawyer who got drafted into class action work at a time when it was a no-money business for legal aid organizations. Love or hate plaintiffs' lawyers, it's interesting to see how he latched onto State Farm and didn't let go until they made huge changes and paid him and the people he represented a whole lot of money.The dates

and case cites are spotty in here, so don't go into it looking to do historical or legal research. For that reason, it's easy to lose track of the cases' place in time, and alarming when you realize he's writing about companies were getting away with blatant discrimination in the '80s and even into the '90s. For a lawyer, his writing's pretty clear and concise. And the stories about him growing up and skating through school and law school in the 1960s are kind of charming. One really good point about it is that he waited a decade to write up his story, so there's a maturity and perspective in there that would've been missing had he decided to cash in by writing a book during his rock-star days. It's not the most exciting or revealing memoir you'll ever read, but it is a nice little story of how one of this country's most famous trial lawyers made his way in the profession. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great documentation of blatant discrimination By Helen E. Thompson A gripping account of a civil rights attorney's battles with corporate giants fighting sex, race and age discrimination. A must-read for younger people who want to know what the workplace was like for women in the 60's and 70's. Saperstein meticulously recounts testimony to portray the magnitude of the inequities, e.g., female applicants were told, "it was difficult for women to become agents because business people did not respond to women as they do to men," or "being an agent is too difficult for women because of the long hours and hard work" (p. 241-42). It's apparent that Saperstein's tenacity and success helped make it possible for qualified women and minorities to fairly compete in the workplace for better paying jobs. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A true civil warrior! By Erin Esposito Guy Saperstein has written a beautiful masterpiece with his latest book, "Civil Warrior: Memoirs of a Civil Rights Attorney." It's not often one finds a book of this caliber, so when one does locate such a book - it is a MUST read!! The book exemplifies the glory of justice being served. Guy Saperstein not only shares his experiences in litigating important cases, ones which have made a profound impact on our society (such as the Denny's discrimination case and the State Farm Insurance case), but he also shares valuable lessons of life. The lessons he learned from his father and throughout his many experiences in life are ever so fundamental, yet they are the kinds of lessons in life that we all would do well to be reminded of. An incredibly enjoyable and informative book!! This is a book no one can pass up!

Guy Saperstein grew up in the 1960s and was deeply involved in civil rights work from an early age. He decided after graduating from law school to devote his efforts entirely to social causes. As *Civil Warrior* shows, he has made the bad guys pay spectacularly. Saperstein's David and Goliath story recalls that of Erin Brockovich, and he's had his share of high-profile cases, including a win against State Farm Insurance for \$239 million and the infamous Denny's lawsuit. *Civil Warrior* tells these and other stories in a compelling style with accompanying photographs that manage to make protracted litigation the State Farm case dragged on for 12 years as readable as a thriller. "Guy T. Saperstein is revolutionizing civil-rights law." *The Wall Street Journal*