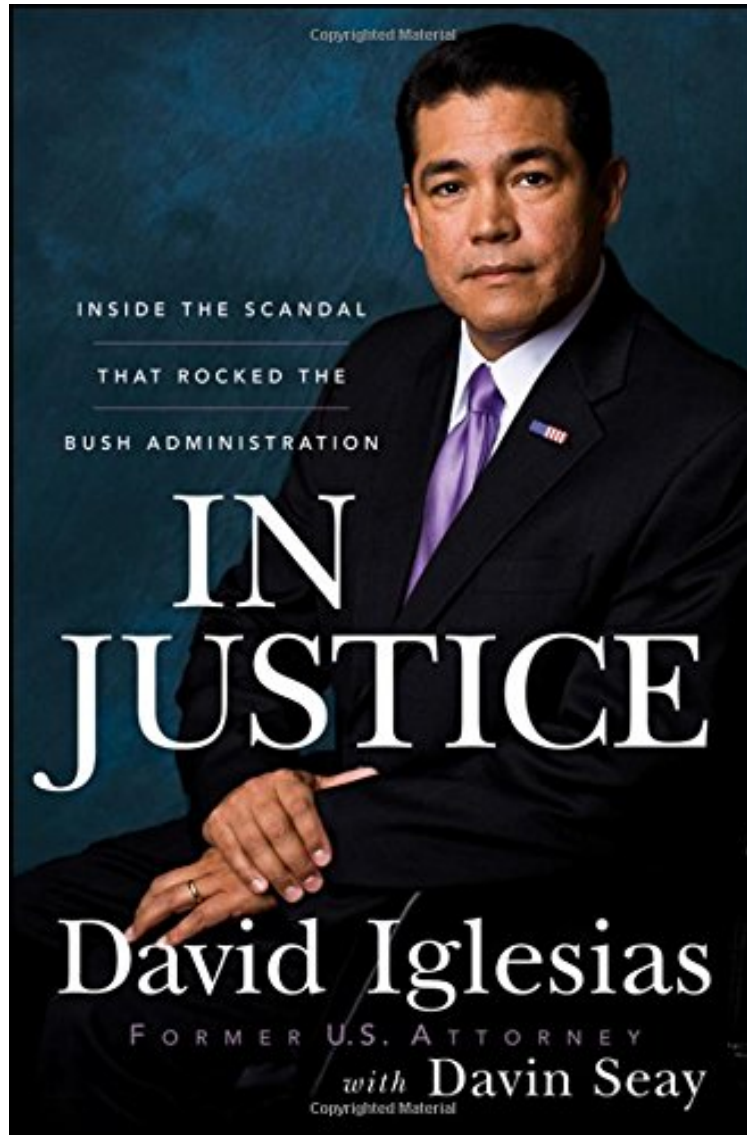


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Reveals the Foolishness and Carelessness of the Bush Administration By Robert Kravitz If Alberto Gonzalez wanted to fire all of these qualified prosecutors, just because they were not "Republican enough," he should have done it one by one. Then no one would have noticed. But instead,

he thought no one would notice a mass firing and even more, no one would do anything about it. This book explains how it happened, why it happened, and helps us remember we have a Constitution in this country that must be preserved. As to the book itself, large parts are a little dull because the author must tell us more about himself and that is not all that interesting. He's an intelligent guy doing a good job. However, the last 100+ pages are riveting as he reveals the lies of the Justice Department and specifically Alberto Gonzales. RK10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. The wheels of justice continue to turn. By Seth B. Barnes. As the U.S. Attorney for New Mexico, David Iglesias, was charged with ensuring that the wheels of justice, though they might turn exceedingly slowly, turned fairly and true in the state of New Mexico. The irony is that the very justice he helped dispense was not served in his own case. An up-and-coming Bushie whose star was rising in Republican circles, Iglesias was one of seven U.S. Attorneys suddenly sacked for political reasons. Partly because his mentor, Senator Pete Domenici, illegally helped initiate the action, Iglesias soon found himself at the center of a growing scandal that resulted in the resignation of Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez and a number of others in the Justice Department. In going public with his side of the story and retelling it in detail in this book, Iglesias helped set the record straight. "In Justice" is a well-written account of power corrupting those responsible for safeguarding our judicial system. Gonzalez served as the unwitting hit-man for those in the Bush White House who put politics above principle. But "In Justice" gives you the back story in how he did so, bringing clarity to the murky machinations of an administration that lost its way. Unlike Scott McLellan's recent self-serving tell-all, Iglesias' book gives the clear-eyed and fair recounting of the evidence that we expect of our judicial system. It helped restore my faith that justice, though slow, is eventually served. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. The integrity of the office of U.S. Attorney is at stake. By J. G. Schulze. This is a well-written book about a serious national scandal. The office of the United States Attorney should not be a political football, no matter who is doing the kicking. This entire scandal would not have been possible without the USA Patriot Act. It made the politicization of these offices possible. Before the Patriot Act, U.S. Attorneys were appointed for four year terms, and could not be replaced without the advice and consent of the Senate. Now permanent "interim" appointments make Congress irrelevant in the choice. This is not the only reallocation of power from the legislative branch to the executive found in the Patriot Act, but it is a perfect example of the ease of abuse. This book should make Republicans and Democrats alike angry. Some of the heroes of this book are earnest Republicans, as are some of the victims. The greatest victim, though, is the Department of Justice, and by extension, all of us. It will be a great challenge for the next administration to restore the reputation of the Justice Department for fairness, honesty, and independence. In my opinion, most of the post-9/11 acts designed to strengthen the hand of government against its people should be repealed. Portions of the Patriot Act that make the legislature irrelevant should be fished out and removed (assuming we don't just repeal the entire mess). The executive branch would have us believe that these extended powers have enabled it to fight terrorism. This book outlines shocking and frightening incompetence in one of the most important parts of our government. The studied neglect and wilful ignorance of the highest echelons of the Department put us all at risk. If this is the caliber of protection we can expect, we are fortunate that we have not fared worse than we have. Gerry Schulze

The Bush administration's drive to politicize the Justice Department reached a new low with the wrongful firing of seven U.S. Attorneys in late 2006. Their action has ignited public outrage on a scale that far surpassed the reaction to any of the Bush administration's other political debacles. David Iglesias was one of those federal prosecutors, and now he tells his story. Iglesias has long served in the Navy as part of the JAG corps. One of his earliest cases, about an assaulted Marine in Guantanamo Bay, became the basis for the movie *A Few Good Men*. When Bush chose him to become the U.S. Attorney for New Mexico, it was a dream come true. He was a core member of Karl Rove's idealized Republican Party of the future -- handsome, Hispanic, evangelical, and a military veteran. The dream came to an abrupt end when Senator Pete Domenici improperly called Iglesias, wanting him to indict high-level Democrats before the 2006 elections. When Iglesias refused, the line went dead. Iglesias was fired just weeks later. First, he was devastated. Then, he was angry. Now, he is speaking out. Iglesias recounts his interactions with Bush, Rove, Alberto Gonzales, and other key players as he takes readers into his time at the Justice Department to reveal what top Republican officials said and did, and how they subverted justice.

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