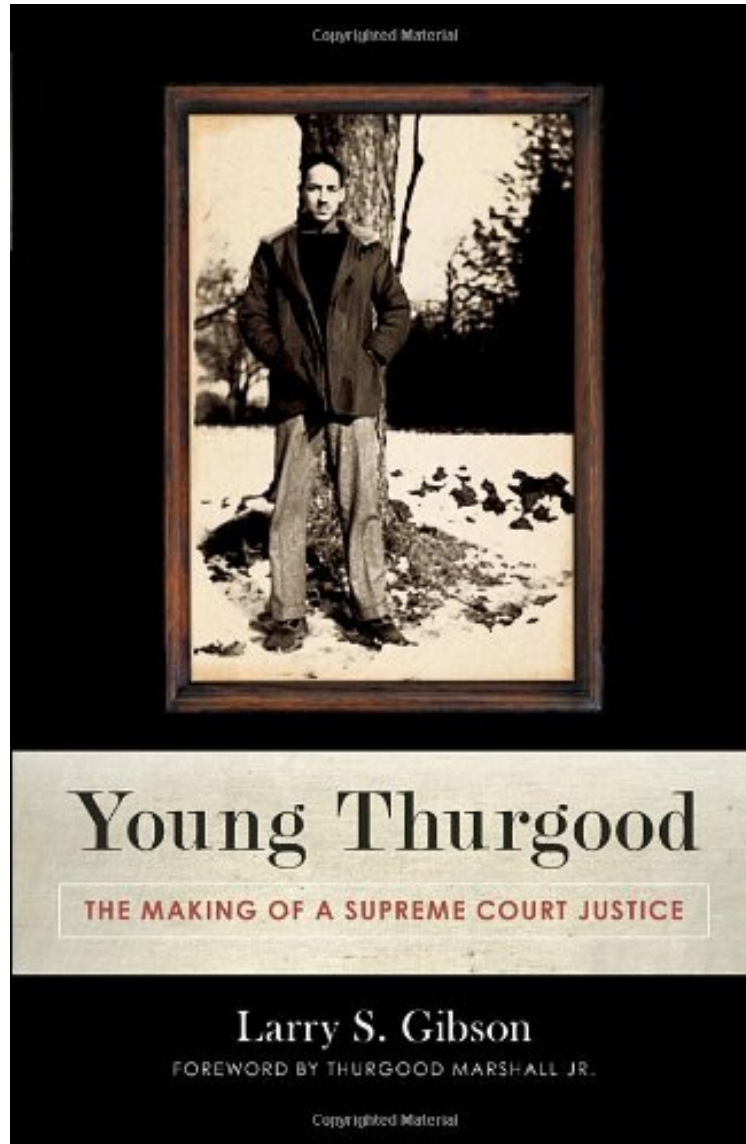


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Larry S. Gibson : Young Thurgood: The Making of a Supreme Court Justice before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Young Thurgood: The Making of a Supreme Court Justice:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Informative Read on the Life of Young Thurgood By Dr. Al Hathaway Professor Larry Gibson has ushered us into the developmental life of Thurgood Marshall with exceptional detail. He moves us easily through his life in Baltimore and introduces us to significant personalities of that era.

Effortlessly, we describes events, personalities and situations with the microscopic eye of a historian who is both objective and personal with this amazing character we come to know as Thurgood Marshall. Never before have we learned of the influences upon his great personality. Never before have we learned the context that spawned this legal giant. Professor Gibson discusses and explains the influences upon his life with such an intriguing writing style, the book is difficult to put down. Before you know it you have read 200 pages and learn you are only half way through the story. Congratulations to Professor Gibson for making such a significant contribution to the history of Baltimore, Maryland as well as to the enduring legacy of Justice Thurgood Marshall.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Unique, Dynamic and Informative is Young ThurgoodBy Dr. Lenneal J. HendersonLarry S. Gibson's Young Thurgood is unique, insightful, multidimensional and compelling. It is unique as it focuses on the first thirty years of Thurgood Marshall's life, including his ancestry, Baltimore neighborhood and upbringing, family life, education and intellectual, emotional and moral development. In sociology, we call this "socialization," in psychology, we call it emotional and cognitive development but in civil rights and the law we call it consciousness. The book is insightful because it provides us with a unique history of black lawyers in Maryland, the development of dynamic black institutions born of both racial segregation and determined efforts by black lawyers and professionals to focus on the liberation of black people. Also insightful because we see as never before the impact of Thurgood's parents, relatives and mentors in his genius for advocacy and analysis. It is multidimensional because, Gibson, a skilled photography, archivist, lawyer, teacher, cartographer and Africanist, mobilizes all of these skills in his analysis and narrative of the young Thurgood Marshall. We can see, walk and travel with Thurgood in the photographs, maps and illustrations in the book. Like Thurgood, Marshall had substantial ties to Africa from his days at Lincoln University with Namdi Azikewe and Kwame Nkrumah as classmates to a clear consciousness of his family's African lineage. Gibson too has worked in Africa on elections in Ghana and Liberia and understands the Afroness of Young Thurgood. The book is compelling as it reads like a novel taking us through Thurgood's childhood and high school years in Baltimore, his awakening at Lincoln University, his falling in love with and marrying Vivian Burey before graduating from Lincoln and his combined sorrow at not being able to attend the University of Maryland Law School and great fortune of attending Howard University Law School just as the legendary civil rights lawyer, educator and scholar. Charles Hamilton Houston arrives to lead the Howard University Law School. We see sterling examples of mentoring in the Houston-Marshall relationship. We see a core of black lawyers crossing generational lines to make huge and lasting advances in civil rights law. We see white attitudes change as they encounter the genius of the young Thurgood Marshall able to litigate with the best lawyers, navigate treacherous court rooms and communities and, yet, able to relate to almost anyone with his combination of genius, geniality, charm and even humor. Gibson hits a home run with this book. Twenty years after Thurgood Marshall' death, we are blessed with the most substantial and detailed look into his early life enriched and enlivened by Gibson's relationship and interviews with Marshall's wife, two sons and surviving friends. Once you begin to read, you will be delighted to continue to read. As we approach the 50th anniversary of the Great March on Washington and the 60th anniversary of the legendary Brown v. Board of Education case, Young Thurgood will extend and deepen the scope and scale of our understanding of the history, context and significance of these momentous developments in our history and the challenges still remaining.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Excellence in Telling the Story of Civil Rights Justice Marshall's LifeBy Sarah L. D. Garrett, J.D. - Vice President CAO for Bristol Community College, Fall River, MAI am so thankful to Prof. Larry Gibson for writing this book. First and foremost, it needed to be written, because he provided so much information on not only the life of Chief Justice Marshall, but also on civil rights in America and the attorneys from Maryland who were intricately involved in the fight for justice. Additionally, the story was told in such an enjoyable way that it was - for me, the reader - a book that I just did not want to put down; and I did not. It was an easy read. I stayed up all night until I finished the book. It was that interesting and enjoyable.I did not expect to have such an enjoyable experience reading a biography as I did, but that is exactly what I got - a thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening experience. However, I should have expected it. I was told what to expect from the "Forward", written by the son of the late, great Chief Justice Thurgood Marshall. He told the readers clearly that Prof. Larry Gibson's book, YOUNG THURGOOD, THE MAKING OF A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, is something special. Thurgood Marshall, Jr. shared that this book about his father is "unique, poignant, and informative" and - after reading it myself - I agree: Those three descriptive words are absolutely true. As Marshall, Jr. stated, there have been many writings, movies, and documentaries about his father, but Prof. Gibson brings to us readers facts about Chief Justice Marshall that were never known. In addition, through his great research expertise, Prof. Gibson also corrects many misconceptions about the Chief Justice.Lastly, I cannot forget to mention the incredible pictorial history that is also included in this book by Prof. Gibson. That is an incredible bonus that was so unexpected. The pictures alone are worth purchasing the book, because they provide the reader with a keepsake of copies of rare photos and copies of documents that Prof. Gibson researched from the life of Marshall and the civil rights era. When I saw the photo of young civil rights attorney Juanita Jackson Mitchell, I was so happy. I worked with her Law Firm right after graduating from Law School, but I had never seen that photo. Having the opportunity to view the Chief Justice's educational transcripts, along with having a copy of his 1933 signature on the "Test Book" when he became an

attorney in Maryland. The wealth of other incredible photos of Black attorneys, like that of the first lawyer for the Baltimore NAACP, W. Ashbie Hawkins, Esquire, were just thrilling to have in one place. As one who worked grew up in Baltimore and worked with many civil rights lawyers, as well as the NAACP National Legal Headquarters, I am so thankful to have the history of Baltimore civil rights told. So, many thanks to Prof. Larry Gibson for writing this great book.

Thurgood Marshall was the most important American lawyer of the twentieth century. He transformed the nation's legal landscape by challenging the racial segregation that had relegated millions to second-class citizenship. He won twenty-nine of thirty-three cases before the United States Supreme Court, was a federal appeals court judge, served as the US solicitor general, and, for twenty-four years, sat on the Supreme Court. Marshall is best known for achievements after he relocated to New York in 1936 to work for the NAACP. But Marshall's personality, attitudes, priorities, and work habits had crystallized during earlier years in Maryland. This work is the first close examination of the formative period in Marshall's life. As the author shows, Thurgood Marshall was a fascinating man of contrasts. He fought for racial justice without becoming a racist. Simultaneously idealistic and pragmatic, Marshall was a passionate advocate, yet he maintained friendly relationships with his opponents. Young Thurgood reveals how Marshall's distinctive traits were molded by events, people, and circumstances early in his life. Professor Gibson presents fresh information about Marshall's family, youth, and education. He describes Marshall's key mentors, the special impact of his high school and college competitive debating, his struggles to establish a law practice during the Great Depression, and his first civil rights cases. The author sheds new light on the NAACP and its first lawsuits in the campaign that led to the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* school desegregation decision. He also corrects some of the often-repeated stories about Marshall that are inaccurate. The only biography of Thurgood Marshall to be endorsed by Marshall's immediate family, *Young Thurgood* is an exhaustively researched and engagingly written work that everyone interested in law, civil rights, American history, and biography will want to read.

From Booklist Gibson shared with Marshall the profession of law and the hometown of Baltimore. Those commonalities and scores of interviews with Marshall's friends, family, mentors, and colleagues give legal scholar Gibson a particular perspective on the formative experiences and driving forces that led to Marshall's historic career as a civil rights attorney and Supreme Court justice. He focuses on Marshall's first 30 years, before he joined the NAACP staff. While several biographies have been written about Marshall as an iconic figure, Gibson examines the people and experiences that made Marshall challenge the status quo of his time. He debunks myths about Marshall: for instance, that he hated Baltimore, when what he hated was its segregation, and that he was a late bloomer, when in fact he showed great promise as an intellect and debater early in life. Gibson highlights Marshall's youthful influences and the racial injustices that spurred him to be a passionate advocate for equality as he took on the lawsuits and campaigns that eventually led to the *Brown* decision. Photographs enhance this insightful portrait of a complex man. --Vanessa Bush
A well-researched and engaging biography and a fine addition to Marshall scholarship. Kirkus Succeeds in making Marshall's story immediate and vital. Publishers Weekly "[A]n insightful portrait of a complex man." Booklist "The most accurate book ever published about my husband." Cecilia S. Marshall, *Wife of Thurgood Marshall* "A page-turner. Its compelling story is a must-read for anyone who wishes to understand a great man and the history of the civil rights movement. I enthusiastically recommend this book." Charles J. Ogletree Jr., Professor of law, Harvard Law School, and author of *The Presumption of Guilt* "Gibson vividly recounts the remarkable journey that shaped one of the most influential icons of the twentieth century." Marc H. Morial, President and chief executive officer of the National Urban League "A triumph of discovery and restraint, *Young Thurgood* transports readers into a vivid, indomitable black culture that equipped this legal giant to remake our world." Taylor Branch, Historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Cartel* "I commend [this book] to every American who wishes to better understand our nation's ongoing struggle for universal civil rights." Elijah E. Cummings, US Congressperson from Maryland "A powerful account of Marshall's formative years and new insight into the early years of the NAACP." Benjamin Jealous, President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
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