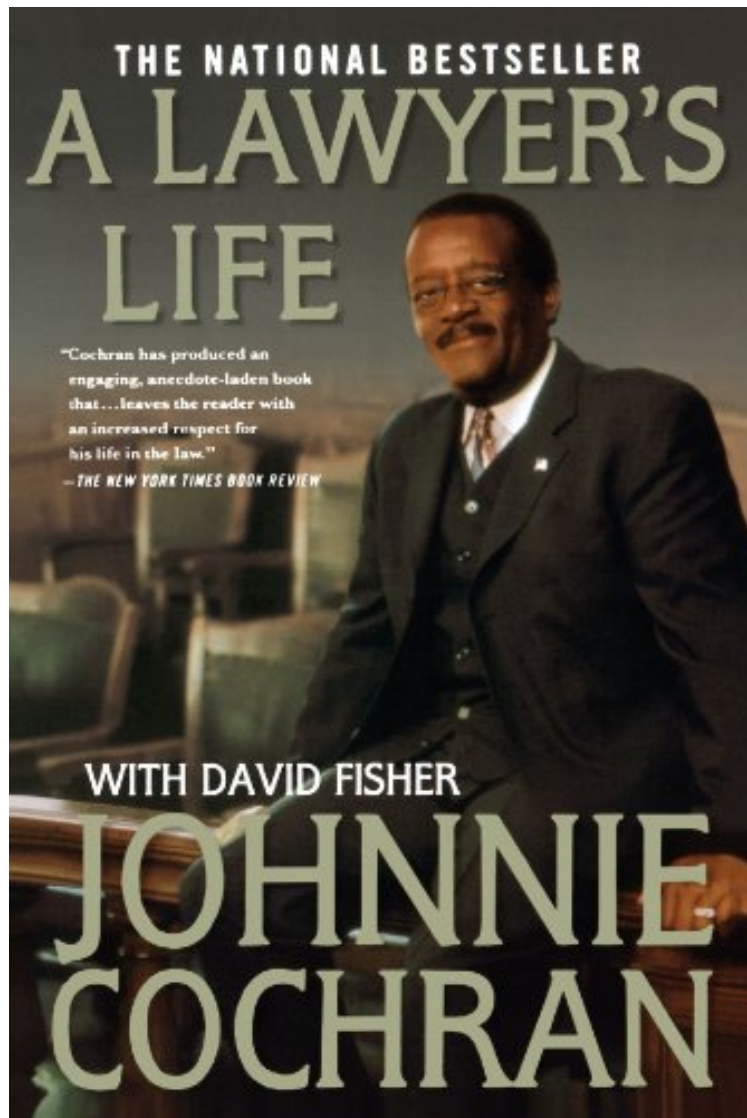


## A Lawyer's Life

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**Johnnie Cochran, David Fisher : A Lawyer's Life** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Lawyer's Life:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "Call my lawyer"By Juan PabloCall my lawyerIt was said that Cochran used to play the racial card in front of a jury. It is not true; he really played the jurys card, the peoples card. Was the total lawyer in the courtroom, accused of being theatrical, of course he was, but a good one. His voice and movement in the courtroom were natural, smart, and full of power to convince. Curiously he was shy in TV interviews, speaking fast and whispering his wordsDefinitely de courtroom was his natural scenario, which he

mastered so well. A lawyer's life, written with David Fisher is a good book for lawyers, because it encourages vocation, explains the reasons behind hard cases, especially the controversial racial cases, police violence and so on. He gives many tips for lawyering in pre-trial and trial moments, in plain English. Perhaps the Simpson case left a bitter taste because of the lack of coincidence between formal and material justice. To me Cochran only made a mistake: celebrating the verdict inside the courtroom, in front of the parents' victims. He couldn't avoid it. Being hieratic could have been great: At the end he was a California lawyer, the best of the West. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good read. By G\$baby you would think he wrote this book yesterday with all the issues that's going on today. He also lets you know just how much the law can be fair and unfair at times, kinda makes you not afraid but prepared. This man deserves a movie or some type of real recognition for his life's work and dedication to the black community. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must read about Johnnie Cochran. By casey I'm so glad that I read this book. It gives a wonderful, rounded view of what Johnnie Cochran was really like. And how much he has done for people. He is someone who has given so much of his life to make this a better world to live in.

The most famous lawyer in America talks about the law, his life, and how he has won. Johnnie Cochran has been a lawyer for almost forty years. In that time, he has taken on dozens of groundbreaking cases and emerged as a pivotal figure in race relations in America. Cochran gained international recognition as one of America's best - and most controversial lawyers - for leading 'the Dream Team' defense of accused killer O.J. Simpson in the Trial of the Century. Many people formed their perception of Cochran based on his work in that trial. But long before the Simpson trial and since then Johnnie Cochran has been a leader in the fight for justice for all Americans. This is his story. Cochran emerged from the trial as one of the nation's leading African-American spokespersons - and he has done most of his talking through the courtroom. Abner Louima. Amadou Diallo. The racially-profiled New Jersey Turnpike Four. Sean "P. Diddy" Combs. Patrick Dorismond. Cynthia Wiggins. These are the names that have dominated legal headlines - and Cochran was involved with each of them. No one who first encountered him during the Simpson trial can appreciate his impact on our world until they've read his whole story. Drawing on Cochran's most intriguing and difficult cases, *A Lawyer's Life* shows how he's fought his critics, won for his clients, and affected real change within the system. This is an intimate and compelling memoir of one lawyer's attempt to make us all truly equal in the eyes of the law.

.com Johnnie Cochran had been famed as a folksy oratory in Los Angeles courtrooms since the 1960s, but the 1995 O.J. Simpson trial catapulted him to international fame--a status he gladly acknowledges in this bare-knuckles memoir of his years in court. Cochran doesn't spend much time revisiting the Simpson case (except to proclaim O.J. innocent). Cochran devotes most of his account to less-celebrated cases that address repeated themes--police negligence and outright perjury; the difficulties minorities face in securing impartial justice; the inherent unfairness of racial profiling. Cochran describes his methods, and explains the reason for his rhyming summations ("If the glove doesn't fit, you must acquit"): "Juries enjoyed them, understood them, and, more importantly, remembered them." Readers may not be won over by Cochran, but his book will be widely enjoyed and remembered. --Gregory McNamee  
From Publishers Weekly  
As Cochran freely concedes, his representation of O.J. Simpson transformed him from a lawyer into a celebrity. In this memoir of his professional life, he tries to put that case in perspective. Although a fierce critic of the racism he sees in the legal system and among the L.A. police, Cochran says the common perception that he is anti-law enforcement is wrong; he began his career as a prosecutor, but he is on a mission to eradicate racism wherever he finds it. Long before the Simpson case, he made a name for himself (and a small fortune) by successfully bringing police brutality cases on behalf of African-Americans like Barbara Deadwyler, whose husband was shot dead for no apparent reason while rushing his pregnant wife to the hospital. Cochran lost that early case and many others because, in his view, white juries refused to believe that police officers would lie under oath. Unfortunately, this memoir reads as though it was dictated to co-author Fisher (*My Best Friends*, with George Burns): it drifts from one legal war story to the next, often repeats details and occasionally leaves thoughts dangling. And that's a shame, because Cochran's experience gives him the authority to utter some uncomfortable truths, among them that justice is often reserved for the wealthy. Worse yet, he says, racism permeates the entire system, from the cop on the beat to the judge on the bench. Cochran musters case after case in support of these conclusions. This revelatory, often dismaying account provides a cogent explanation of why many African-Americans have such a jaded view of our legal system. (Oct.)  
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From Library Journal  
Best known for his role in the "Trial of the Century" as O.J. Simpson's lead attorney, Cochran (*Journey to Justice*) describes how this high-profile case changed his life, how it became a "legal soap opera," and how he found himself both loved and hated, enduring threats against him and his family. He also discusses his efforts for other clients, including Amadou Diallo, Abner Louima, and Michael Jackson.  
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