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This new edition of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist's classic book offers a lively and accessible history of the Supreme Court. His engaging writing illuminates both the high and low points in the Court's history, from Chief Justice Marshall's dominance of the Court during the early nineteenth century through the landmark decisions of the Warren Court. Citing cases such as the Dred Scott decision and Roosevelt's Court-packing plan, Rehnquist makes clear that the Court does not operate in a vacuum, that the justices are unavoidably influenced by their surroundings, and that their decisions have real and lasting impacts on our society.

The public often hears little about the Supreme Court until decisions are handed down. Here, Rehnquist reveals its inner workings--the process by which cases are chosen, the nature of the conferences where decisions are made, and the type of debates that take place. With grace and wit, this incisive history gives a dynamic and informative account of the most powerful court in the nation and how it has shaped the direction America has taken.

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伦奎斯特本人对最高院的全面介绍，也是他五部著作里唯一一本没亏钱的。用他本人1952年作为大法官助手来到这里的回忆做引子，涵盖了从马歇尔到沃伦的一百多年的历史。这些在今天读起来已经不觉得新鲜了，反倒是法官们怎么选助手、分配办公室的内容更有意思。1987年出版时，其中关于判决前闭门讨论会的内容是首次披露，本书是2001年的增订版。

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