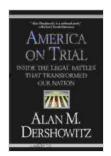
### Inside The Legal Battles That Transformed **Our Nation**



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The United States Supreme Court is the highest court in the land, and its decisions have a profound impact on American society. Over the years, the Court has ruled on some of the most controversial and important issues facing the nation, from slavery to abortion to same-sex marriage. These cases have often been fiercely contested, and the decisions have often been met with both praise and criticism.

In his new book, "Inside The Legal Battles That Transformed Our Nation," author David Garrow takes a close look at some of the most landmark Supreme Court cases in American history. Garrow provides a detailed account of the legal arguments, the personal stories of the justices involved, and the impact of the decisions on American society. The book is a fascinating read for anyone interested in the history of the Supreme Court or the role of law in American society.

#### **Landmark Cases**

The book covers a wide range of landmark cases, including:

- Marbury v. Madison (1803): This case established the principle of judicial review, giving the Supreme Court the power to declare laws unconstitutional.
- Dred Scott v. Sandford (1857): This case ruled that African Americans were not citizens of the United States and could not sue in federal court.
- Plessy v. Ferguson (1896): This case upheld the doctrine of "separate but equal," allowing states to segregate public facilities.
- Brown v. Board of Education (1954): This case overturned Plessy v.
   Ferguson and ruled that school segregation was unconstitutional.
- Roe v. Wade (1973): This case legalized abortion in the United States.
- Obergefell v. Hodges (2015): This case legalized same-sex marriage in the United States.

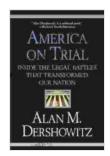
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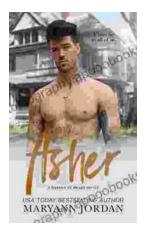
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