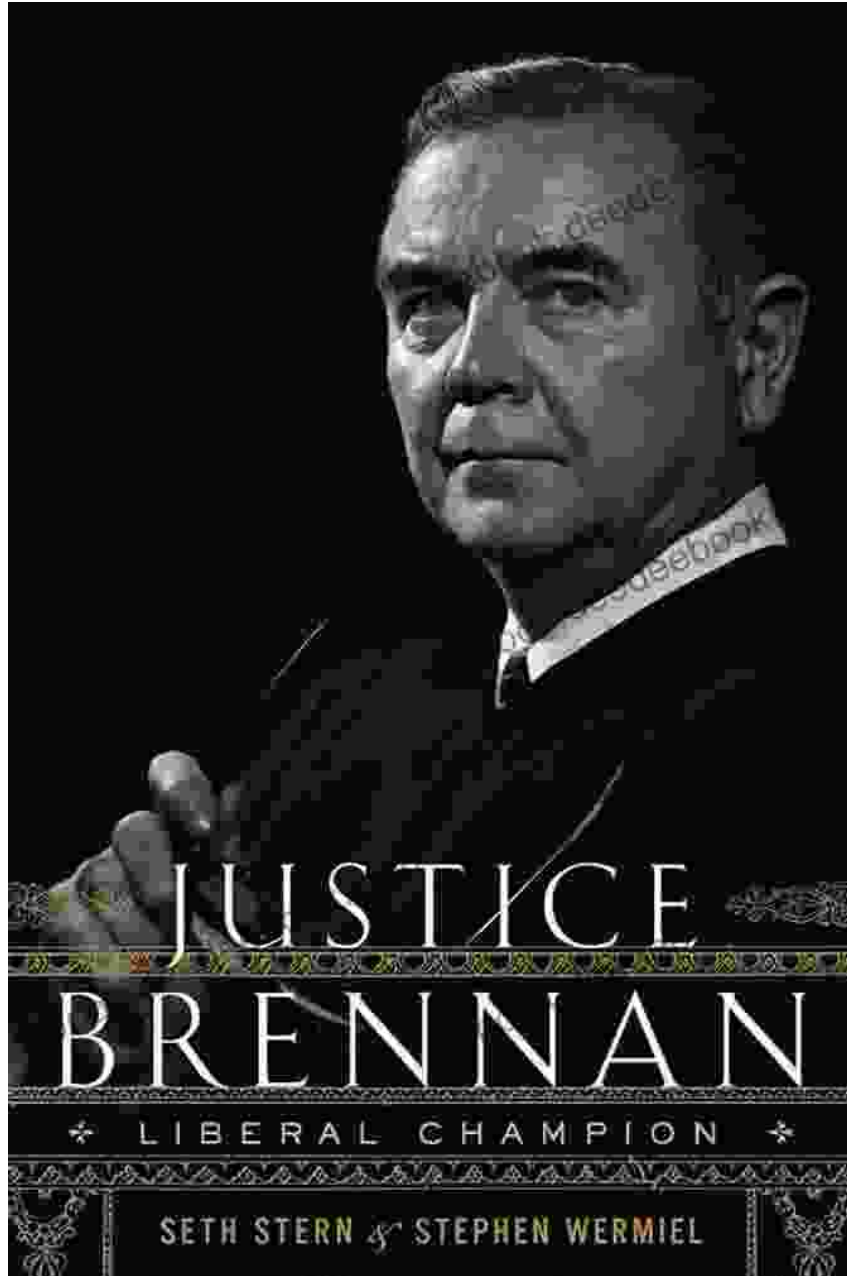


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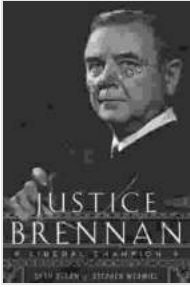
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William J. Brennan Jr. was an American lawyer and jurist who served as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1956 to 1990. He was a liberal justice who consistently voted to uphold civil rights, voting rights, and reproductive rights. He was also a champion of free speech and the separation of church and state.

Brennan was born in Newark, New Jersey, in 1906. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Law School. After graduation, he worked as a lawyer in private practice and as a law clerk to Justice Louis Brandeis. In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed Brennan to the Supreme Court.

Brennan quickly emerged as a leading member of the Court's liberal wing. He was a strong advocate for civil rights, and he wrote the majority opinion in the landmark case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, which outlawed segregation in public schools. He also wrote the majority opinion in the case of *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion.

Brennan was also a strong advocate for voting rights. He wrote the majority opinion in the case of *Baker v. Carr*, which ruled that the Constitution requires states to draw their electoral districts in a way that gives all voters

equal representation. He also wrote the majority opinion in the case of *Harper v. Virginia Board of Elections*, which struck down the poll tax as a violation of the Equal Protection Clause.

Brennan was a champion of free speech. He wrote the majority opinion in the case of *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*, which held that public figures must prove actual malice in order to recover damages for defamation. He also wrote the majority opinion in the case of *Brandenburg v. Ohio*, which held that the government cannot punish speech that is merely intended to incite violence, unless it is likely to do so.

Brennan was also a strong advocate for the separation of church and state. He wrote the majority opinion in the case of *Engel v. Vitale*, which held that prayer in public schools is unconstitutional. He also wrote the majority opinion in the case of *Lemon v. Kurtzman*, which established the Lemon test for determining whether government aid to religious institutions is constitutional.

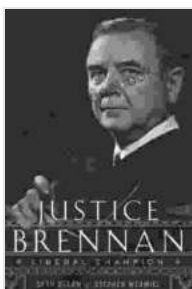
Brennan retired from the Supreme Court in 1990. He died in 1997. He is remembered as one of the most influential liberal justices in American history.

Brennan's Legacy

Brennan's legacy is one of fighting for the rights of all Americans. He was a strong advocate for civil rights, voting rights, reproductive rights, free speech, and the separation of church and state. His decisions have had a lasting impact on American law and society.

Brennan's legacy is also one of collegiality and consensus-building. He was known for his ability to work with justices of different ideological backgrounds to reach common ground. He was also known for his wit and humor, which helped to lighten the mood during difficult times.

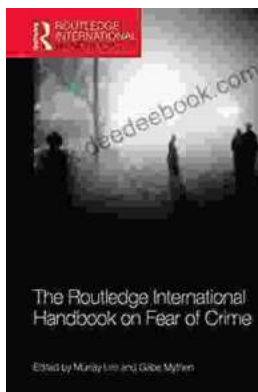
Brennan was a giant of the Supreme Court. He was a brilliant jurist who fought tirelessly for the rights of all Americans. His legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.



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