

Two books showcasing Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her efforts for gender equality were the delightful selections for the Liberal Lady readers. There was a choice to read *The Notorious R.B.G., the Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* or *Sisters-in-Law, How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*.

More had read *The Notorious RBG* so that book was the focus of discussion. And no wonder it was the first choice. As a reviewer wrote, the book was like reviewing a friend's scrapbook. The layout was wide margins, many photographs with room for captions. Even the fly-leaves were a tribute to RBG's lace gloves and jabots (collars) worn on her robe. (Certain collars reserved for dissent readings, others for majority-opinion decisions. Knowing the collars will give court visitors a clue to the decisions to be revealed.)

*Notorious* included the highlights of her education and path to the Supreme but not to the depth that *Sisters-In-Law* provided. *Notorious* does include excerpts from her writings with commentary in those wide margins to help the lay reader understand the legalese. Her writing style is clear and precise. She is known for her well written opinions. Additionally, there was a helpful chart that summarized her dissents and her judgement for that decision. Her personal life was not overlooked and her strong, loving marriage to "Marty" was heart warming. His support for her career and achievements reveal him to have been a confident, modern man. Marty was a respected tax lawyer but also a competent amateur chef. *Notorious* even includes her favorite Marty recipe for pork loin braised in milk.

*Sisters-in-Law* was a deeper exploration that compared and contrasted the lives of the two women jurists. They both experienced gender discrimination in their careers. It reveals many more "behind the scenes" of legal cases and the selection of cases that are even brought before the Supreme Court.

The reader of either book will come away with great admiration and respect for the intellect of both women and their successful careers. *Notorious* is an affectionate tribute to a one of a kind woman. *Sisters-in-Law*, a more traditional book, will enrich the reader's understanding of the two women, their collegial relationship and our court system.

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