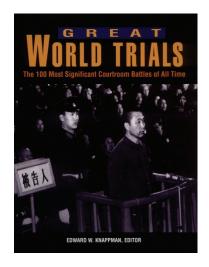


Real Justice: Convicted for Being Mi'kmaq: The story of Donald Marshall Jr.

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The most recent addition to Lorimer's Real Justice Series documents one of the most notorious examples of the conflicts between First Nations and the Canadian justice system. Bill Swan's Real Justice: Convicted for Being Mi'kmaq: The story of Donald Marshall Jr. provides an accessible account of everything from a Mi'kmaq teenager's wrongful arrest and conviction for murder to his vindication and subsequent courtroom challenges to attempts to limit the fishing rights of First Nations. In addition to telling the story of the life of Donald Marshall Jr., the book outlines the significance of the case that forced a Royal Commission to acknowledge the systemic racism in the legal system.



Great World Trials: The 100 Most Significant Courtroom Battles of All Time

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Although dated by library standards, this book remains a useful reference, especially considering it begins its coverage of crime (real or alleged) and punishment with the trial of Alcibiades for blasphemy in Athens in 415 B.C. The description of the collections as "World Trials" is thoroughly justified with accounts of cases ranging from the trial of Jean-Bédel Bokassa in the Central African Republic, to the trials of Tsuyoshi Inuki's assassins in Japan, and from the trial of Ned Kelly in Australia to that of Isabel Peron in Argentina. There is also Canadian content with accounts of significant cases such as those of David Milgaard and Sue Rodriguez. Each trial is covered in four pages that provide a point form summary of the facts of the trial followed by a narrative that provides background information and reports on the trial and its aftermath. There are also suggestions for further reading.