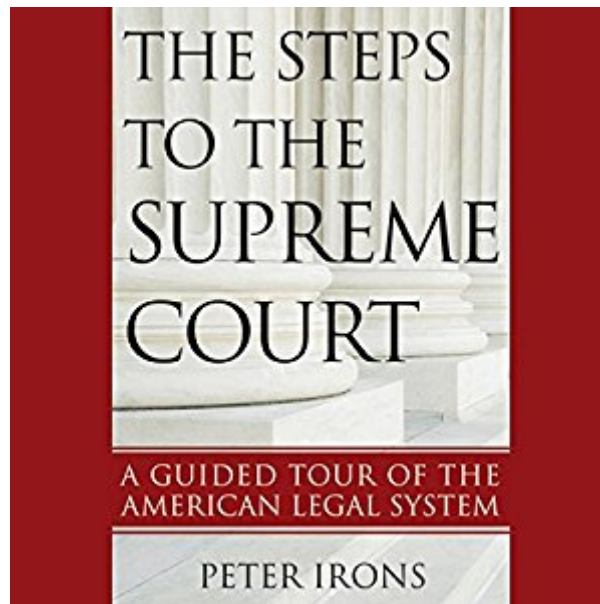


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I listened to the superbly narrated audio version of this book and found it fascinating. The author goes through two cases, one criminal and one civil, in great detail. The cases work well to teach us about the legal system, though the government is a party in each case, and I would have liked a civil case involving two non-governmental parties to also be included. What this audiobook reinforced for me is that the legal system is an attempt to impose some formal structure and rigor - sometimes

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Evocative text that give insight into not only the process, but also the human factors, that will bring a case to the Supreme Court of the United States. Great reading for experienced jurists, new law students, or anyone with an interest in citizenship and the foundation of the government of the USA.

Peter Irons is great, good job.

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