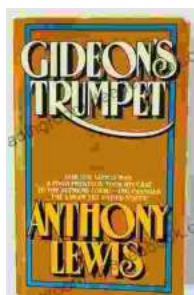


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In Gideon's Trumpet, celebrated journalist Anthony Lewis tells the story of Clarence Earl Gideon, a poor and uneducated man who was accused of a crime in 1961. Gideon, who could not afford an attorney, requested that the state appoint one for him. His request was denied, and he was convicted. Gideon then appealed his case to the Supreme Court, arguing that the state's failure to provide him with an attorney violated his Sixth Amendment right to counsel.



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The Case of Clarence Earl Gideon

Clarence Earl Gideon was born in 1910 in Missouri. He was the son of a sharecropper, and he grew up in poverty. Gideon never finished high school, and he worked a variety of jobs, including as a laborer, a truck driver, and a pool hall owner. In 1961, Gideon was arrested for breaking into a pool hall in Panama City, Florida. He was convicted and sentenced to five years in prison.

Gideon appealed his conviction to the Florida Supreme Court, arguing that the state's failure to provide him with an attorney violated his Sixth Amendment right to counsel. The Florida Supreme Court denied Gideon's appeal, but he did not give up. He wrote a letter to the Supreme Court, and the Court agreed to hear his case.

The Supreme Court Decision

The Supreme Court heard Gideon's case in March 1963. The Court ruled in Gideon's favor, holding that the Sixth Amendment requires states to provide attorneys for indigent defendants. The Court's decision was a major victory for Gideon and for the cause of justice.

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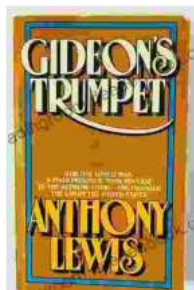
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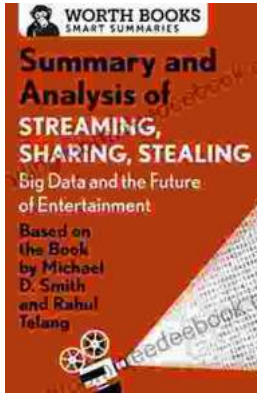
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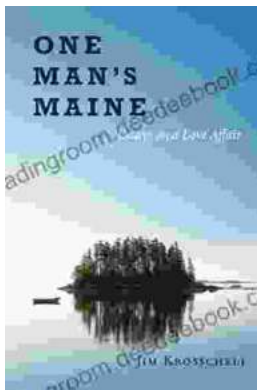
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