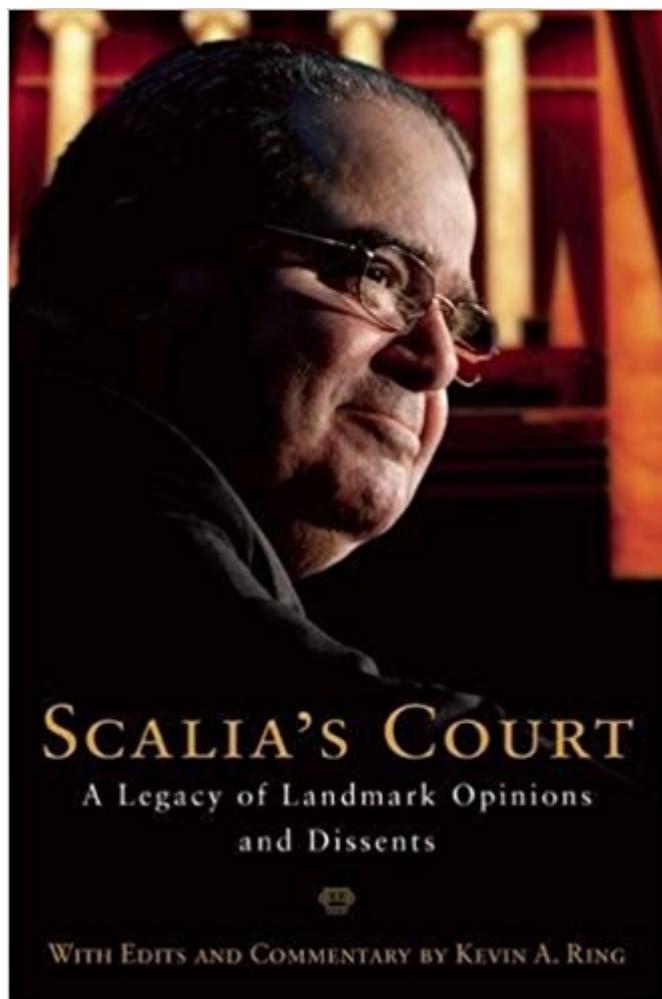


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# Scalia's Court: A Legacy Of Landmark Opinions And Dissents



## Synopsis

The sudden passing of Justice Antonin Scalia shook America. After almost thirty years on the Supreme Court, Scalia had become as integral to the institution as the hallowed room in which he sat. His wisecracking interruptions during oral arguments, his unmatched legal wisdom, his unwavering dedication to the Constitution, and his blistering dissents defined his leadership role on the court and inspired new generations of policymakers and legal minds. Now, as Republicans and Democrats wage war over Scalia's lamentably empty Supreme Court seat, Kevin Ring, former counsel to the U.S. Senate's Constitution Subcommittee, has taken a close look at the cases that best illustrate Scalia's character, philosophy, and legacy. In *Scalia's Court: A Legacy of Landmark Opinions and Dissents*, Ring collects Scalia's most memorable opinions on free speech, separation of powers, race, religious freedom, the rights of the accused, abortion, and more; and intersperses Scalia's own words with an analysis of his legal reasoning and his lasting impact on American jurisprudence. "I don't worry about my legacy," Scalia once told an audience at the National Archives. "Just do your job right, and who cares?" Now that "the lion of American law has left the stage," as the U.S. Attorney General put it, it is for the rest of America to worry about his legacy and to care.

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"Justice Scalia did more to advance originalism and judicial restraint than anyone in our time, and it

all started with just two words: 'I dissent.' The passing of this brilliant jurist is a great loss, but his writings—with their plain language and constitutional moorings—will guide generations to come."—Speaker of the House Paul Ryan "He was a jurist of captivating brilliance and wit, with a rare talent to make even the most sober judge laugh. The press referred to his 'energetic fervor,' 'astringent intellect,' 'peppery prose,' 'acumen,' and 'affability,' all apt descriptions. He was eminently quotable, his pungent opinions so clearly stated that his words never slipped from the reader's grasp."—Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, U.S. Supreme Court

Prescient. Principled. Profound. Those words epitomized Justice Antonin Scalia, for nearly thirty years the most brilliant and controversial member of the Supreme Court and one of the liveliest writers in its history. Matched with Scalia's brilliance was a rare judicial humility—the conviction that the law should not be based on any judge's whim or preference but on the original intent of the Constitution's Framers. In many of his dissents, he sounded the alarm against judicial activism, relentlessly defending the rights reserved by the Constitution to the people and their states. In Scalia's Court, Kevin Ring has assembled the great jurist's best and most powerful opinions, showcasing the quotable justice's take on issues of enduring importance, including contentious constitutional debates that continue today. Here's Scalia on: The "Living" Constitution "I defend a dead Constitution." Same-Sex Marriage "To allow the policy question of same-sex marriage to be considered and resolved by a select, patrician, highly unrepresentative panel of nine is to violate a principle even more fundamental than no taxation without representation: no social transformation without representation." Affirmative Action; In the eyes of government, we are just one race here. It is American. • Obamacare "The Court forgets that ours is a government of laws and not of men. That means we are governed by the terms of our laws, not by the unenacted will of our lawmakers." Religious Freedom "A priest has as much liberty to proselytize as a patriot." Abortion "It thus appears the mansion of constitutionalized abortion law, constructed overnight in *Roe v. Wade*, must be disassembled doorjamb by doorjamb;" Judicial Activism "No government official is 'tempted' to place restraints on his own freedom of action, which is why Lord Acton did not say 'Power tends to purify.'" Jurists like Scalia come only once in a generation, if that; and their absence from the Court, especially in times like these, can leave a dangerous, ominous vacancy. Scalia's Court is the perfect way to remember his legacy as a constitutional patriot—and may be the best handbook for protecting our future.

This is a review of the text layout of the hardcover version. It is a shame that so much thought went

into the content of this book and so little into the format. The font size and spacing is fine. But why in the world, on one-third of the pages, are sentences pulled out and highlighted in a box, as in newspaper articles? It's distracting to the reader -- and even demeaning to the reader, as if the publishers thought that we can't face a page of plain text -- or select our own favorite passages. Another complaint, an unfathomable practice by the publisher, is to place the titles, even the numbered beginnings, of new sections at the very bottom of the page! These, added to the very poor paper quality, are examples of the deterioration of standards in the production of physical books.

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I have read only the first chapter so far and this book has grabbed me. Like Scalia or not, this is an excellent explanation of why he voted as he did and the basis of his opinions. Even Elena Kagan, who voted opposite to Scalia most of the time, respected his thoughts and opinions. He really did change how judges think about the law and how to decide cases. And it is not political or ideological, which is a nice change from the vitriol that is part of our daily news now. I am now about halfway thru the book and it is still 5 stars. His opinions are remarkably consistent in the thinking. Agree or not, his writing is thought-provoking. His use of language is fascinating.

Whether you love or hate Justice Scalia, Scalia's Court is a must read. In fact, before coming to a conclusion about how one feels about Scalia's jurisprudence one should read this book. Mr. Ring begins with a clear explanation of Justice Scalia's philosophy and compares it to other approaches (and non-approaches). He has selected entertaining and informative Scalia opinions and edited them brilliantly, while providing just enough commentary on the background and facts so that even non-lawyers can enjoy. Scalia fans and even those who abhor him will benefit from digging into some of the wittiest, most thoughtful and prescient of his writings.

Brilliant commentary on the law by one of the greatest Justices in American History

Fantastic book.

Excellent book which explains and quotes Justice Scalia's opinions, confirming his status of a "once in a lifetime" Supreme Court Justice. The book is divided into specific legal issues linking many

opinions, each strengthening the Justice's interpretation of the Constitution's principles. A must read and study for any Constitutional or skeptic of the importance of the Constitution in today's application of the law..

Scalia is a brilliant writer and thinker whether or not you agree with him.

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