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A “spellbinding” account of the New York judge who was brought down by prescription drugs, sexual obsession, and a shocking criminal conviction (Ann Rule).

He was the top justice of New York’s highest court. She was a stunning socialite and his wife’s step-cousin. In 1993 Sol Wachtler was convicted of blackmail and extortion against Joy Silverman, his former mistress. How did a respected jurist and one of the most prominent men in America end up serving time in prison? Linda Wolfe starts at the beginning—from Wachtler’s modest Brooklyn upbringing through his courtship and marriage to Joan Wolosoff, the only child of a wealthy real estate developer.

Joy Fererh was three and a half when her father walked out. When she and Sol met, he was fifty-five and nearing the pinnacle of his legal career. She was a thirtysomething stay-at-home mother who, with Sol’s help, made a career for herself as a Republican Party fundraiser. They kept their affair a secret—until an explosive mix of sex, power, betrayal, and prescription-drug abuse set the stage for the tabloid headlines of the decade.

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Helen says

Reminded me a lot of "The House of Hilton"...

Jill Hutchinson says

Review to follow

Jane says

This would be just an ordinary book were it not for the individuals involved, mainly the man. He is a judge with a perfect reputation, but when he becomes involved in this relationship all common sense flies out the window.

I've included this in the "mental health" section because this would most definitely be an interesting case study for psychologists.

There is nothing really earth shattering in here, but I do highly recommend it.

Ronnie Cramer says

The truly bizarre story of a respected judge (with a promising political career) who throws it all away for a younger woman who seems like a total brat. The book is good, but it's hard to watch a grown man behave like a lovesick schoolboy page after page.

Jane Thompson says

True Crime

The story of the downfall of a respected judge, this book is informative on the attitude the government towards a !mentally I'll person. Though he had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder, the government insisted that he was motivated by evil. This is a very sad tale.

Jon Koebrick says

Double Life is a surprisingly well written true crime story of a prolific man who came off the rails. Wachtler's true life story is a tragedy of sorts and makes for frequently compelling reading.

Myrna says

How to raise a monster

Joy Silverman is a spoiled brat. Her mother taught her ugly manipulations to get what she (Joy) wanted from men destroying them and their families in the process. Too bad there isn't a law that would have put her in prison also. She is despicable.

Linda Rushing says

Good crime drama

Author shows you the rich and famous first hand. Of human nature at its best and worst. I at times felt sorry for the guy
