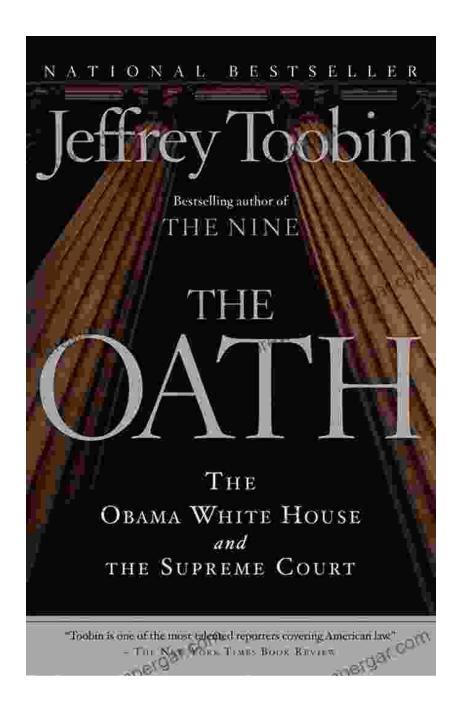
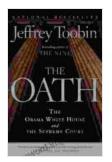
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Barack Obama's presidency marked a significant chapter in the history of the Supreme Court of the United States. During his eight years in office, Obama appointed two justices to the Court: Sonia Sotomayor in 2009 and Elena Kagan in 2010. These appointments shifted the ideological balance of the Court, and Obama's presidency also saw the Court issue a number of landmark rulings on issues such as healthcare, campaign finance, and same-sex marriage.

The Obama White House and the Appointment of Justices

Obama's first Supreme Court appointment, Sonia Sotomayor, was a historic one. Sotomayor was the first Hispanic justice to serve on the Court, and her appointment was widely seen as a victory for diversity and representation. Sotomayor's confirmation process was relatively smooth, and she was confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 68-31.

Obama's second Supreme Court appointment, Elena Kagan, was also a significant one. Kagan was the first female Solicitor General to serve on the Court, and her appointment was seen as a sign of Obama's commitment to gender equality. Kagan's confirmation process was more contentious than

Sotomayor's, but she was ultimately confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 63-37.

The Obama White House and Landmark Supreme Court Rulings

During Obama's presidency, the Supreme Court issued a number of landmark rulings on a wide range of issues. Some of the most notable rulings include:

- Citizens United v. FEC (2010): This ruling overturned decades of campaign finance law and allowed corporations and unions to spend unlimited amounts of money on political campaigns.
- NFIB v. Sebelius (2012): This ruling upheld the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. The ruling was a major victory for Obama and his administration, and it ensured that millions of Americans would have access to health insurance.
- Obergefell v. Hodges (2015): This ruling legalized same-sex marriage in all 50 states. The ruling was a landmark victory for the LGBTQ community, and it was seen as a major step forward for civil rights.

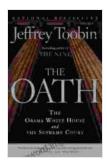
The Obama White House and the Supreme Court Legacy

Obama's presidency had a significant impact on the Supreme Court. His appointments of Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan shifted the ideological balance of the Court, and the Court issued a number of landmark rulings during his presidency. Obama's legacy on the Court is likely to be felt for many years to come.

In addition to the specific rulings mentioned above, Obama's presidency also saw the Court take a more active role in addressing issues of race and

equality. In cases such as *Shelby County v. Holder* (2013) and *Fisher v. University of Texas* (2016),the Court ruled in favor of affirmative action programs designed to promote diversity in education and employment.

Overall, Obama's presidency was a consequential one for the Supreme Court. His appointments and the Court's rulings during his tenure have had a lasting impact on American law and society.

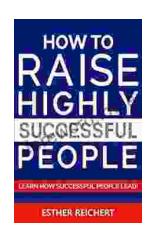


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