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**Morris Dees : A Season for Justice: The Life and Times of Civil Rights Lawyer Morris Dees** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Season for Justice: The Life and Times of Civil Rights Lawyer Morris Dees:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. MORRIS DEES--A CRUSADER FOR JUSTICEBy mangledinall hope Mr. Dees is not offended by my review title. He is a remarkable man. I was lucky enough to win a writing contest in 2005 at my college. He was the presenter and he had actually read my winning paper. He was very gracious. I was thrilled!The subject matter is interesting and exciting as is. Mr. Dees makes it even more so with his insight. I hope you will think so as well.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great bookBy Tia FreemanA must read for anyone interested in law, justice and hate crimes legal history buffs. Dee's is an inspiration to all.2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. We all loved the bothBy J. L. McNeesI grew up in Pike Road, Alabama about 5 miles south of Mt. Meigs where Morris Dees grew up. Morris is about 11 years older than me, but he had a sister my age that I was friends with. Based upon my memory the book takes so literary license in what it presents as occurrences during his childhood and young adult days. Later Morris and Beverly were my Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teachers at times at Pike Road Baptist Church. We all loved the both. Morris didn't tell us what to believe, instead he questioned us on why we believe things and what was the basis from which we formed of our opinions on things. But some of the adults disagreed with the things Morris would ask about concerning the Negroes.

The book is an easy read and may be completely factually about all the legal cases it describes. But to some extent this book will be more meaningful to those who lived in Alabama during those times.

A Season for Justice: The Life and Times of Civil Rights Lawyer Morris Dees [May 01, 1991] Morris Dees and Steve Fiffer ...

From Publishers Weekly In 1987 an all-white jury in a civil suit in Alabama found Ku Klux Klansmen guilty of murder and awarded \$7 million to Beulah Mae Donald, a black woman whose son Michael had been their victim. Morris Dees, the prosecuting lawyer who engineered this landmark case, is cofounder of the Montgomery, Ala., Southern Poverty Law Center, an indefatigable foe of racism and a champion of civil rights. The grandson of a Klansman, gutsy, straight-talking Dees overcame "a lifetime of indoctrination" to spearhead such trailblazing cases as those involving the segregation of the Montgomery, Ala., YMCA and the exclusion of minorities from Southern juries. This electrifying, moving autobiography, written with Fiffer, a Chicago lawyer, is as notable for its tense courtroom dramas as for its intimate portrayal of a South in the throes of change. The book's close-up account of the ugly violence perpetrated by the Klan and other white-supremacist groups in the 1980s is shocking. Photos. BOMC alternate. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal After Federal Judge Frank Johnson, noted civil rights lawyer Dees is the "second most hated man in Alabama." As he admits in this brash and boastful autobiography, "you've got to be doing something good to get so many folks mad at you." The grandson of a Klansman, he used the proceeds from the sale of a successful business to co-found the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Alabama. Dedicated to fighting racial injustice, Dees won such notable cases as the desegregation of the Montgomery YMCA and the defense of Joan Little, a black woman accused of murdering her white jailer after he raped her. With the creation of Klanwatch in 1980, he fought the Klu Klux Klan in the courts, triumphing in the 1987 landmark civil suit that bankrupted the KKK and that gave its headquarters to the mother of a lynching victim. While Dees's self-congratulatory tone can be off-putting, his description of his Alabama childhood and his growing realization that segregation was an evil that had to be destroyed makes this book a necessary purchase for all libraries. BOMC alternate; see also Bill Stanton's Klanwatch, LJ 5/1/91.- Wilda Williams, "Library Journal" Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.