

## **Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

Tenacity. In her **work ethic**. A few hours of sleep each night was her norm. In her **legal opinions**. She would dissect every sentence of her clerks' work. In her **dress**. Despite her often serene appearance, she was famous for her jabots that she and the late Justice Sandra Day O'Connor adopted as women on the Court. In her **workout regimen**. She could do push-ups into her 80's despite defeating colon cancer and dealing with bouts of lung and pancreatic cancer.

Notorious RBG drew me in with its title, but her tenacity kept me reading. Born in Brooklyn to a middle class Russian Jewish family, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, affectionately known as RBG, lost her mother to cancer when she was 17. RBG pledged to herself to make her mother proud from that day forward. Educated at Harvard Law School, RBG personally faced all types of discrimination along the way for things that both men and women today take for granted. As a result, at the ACLU, RBG would take on any inequality or discrimination case, no matter how small....and no matter the gender. RBG believed that inequality was bad for all.

Her core belief was that lasting change in the legal system is incremental. She proved that time and time again while arguing and winning many a case before the Supreme Court before being nominated to the federal appeals court and then the Supreme Court itself. RBG would say "fight for what you believe in but do it in a way that leads others to join you. Truth is weapon enough." For whatever your beliefs in this challenging time we live in, you'll find that Notorious RBG entertains, enlightens and educates one about a key figure in our nation's history.

**NOTE:** Since the book is about her legal career, there are times when the book is heavy on legal arguments and court cases. As a result, I found an audio book easier for me personally to read through these sections without getting too bogged down. Either way you choose, check it out!