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Lahav, a Boston University law professor raised in Israel, provides a textured portrait of the life, times, and legal decisions of American-raised Simon Agranat, former chief justice of Israel's Supreme Court. Lahav's Israeli-American perspective helps her analyze the profound influence of progressive American ideology and legal writing on Israel's most prolific jurist. During Agranat's tumultuous years on Israel's Supreme Court (1948-76), he even cited Abraham Lincoln while shaping Israel's judicial history. Agranat is seen as the pivotal force who "steered the Israeli judiciary away from legal formalities and toward a more substantive understanding of the meaning of law." Occasionally, Agranat disappoints Lahav's own, more liberal stances on separation of church and state and the rights of Israeli Arabs to mount political challenges to the Jewish state. For all its reforms, the Agranat Court could not tolerate Palestinian nationalism. Lahav sets Agranat's most public episode, the Eichmann trial of 1960, within the ideological context of universal "Utopian" Zionism's struggle with the insular "Catastrophic" Zionism; the latter wins out as Agranat betrays his former opposition to the death penalty as a lesson to the world. Lahav sees the Agranat Commission in the wake of the Yom Kippur War as the justice's greatest challenge and legacy. In examining the reasons for national unreadiness in this disastrous surprise attack, Agranat secured both his integrity and his unpopularity. Most Israelis identified with the army (which the commission pilloried) and resented Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan (who were vindicated). The book offers a unique view of Israeli legal history and is far too readable (and relevant) to be dismissed as simply a judicial biography. (11 photos, not seen) -- Copyright ©1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

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"[This] is one of the best judicial biographies ever. It is also one of the most acute and riveting depictions of the birth and development of Israel itself. Agranat, as Lahav writes, was to Israeli law what David Ben Gurion was to its politics. This book is worthy of him."—Floyd Abrams

"This is the best biography I have ever read. Pnina Lahav brilliantly uses the life of Simon Agranat to illuminate the history of Zionism, the history of Israel, the history of law in Israel, and the history of justice. The result is riveting."—Laura Kalman, author of *The Strange Career of Legal Liberalism* and *Abe Fortas*

"A wonderful book that is not only a biography of one of Israel's most important Chief Justices, but a history of the development of Israel's Supreme Court and of Israeli public law. It includes a fascinating account of the trials arising out of the Holocaust. This is the first biography in English of a man who made the geographical as well as the psychological journey from Chicago to Jerusalem, and it is in part the story of the way one culture can be carried to another by a human being who ultimately is affected by both. It is well worth the attention of anyone interested in Israel, the development of law, the phenomenon of law developed in the absence of a written constitution, and the culture of human rights."—Philippa Strum, author of *The Supreme Court and Political Questions*

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