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Actor Paul Rudd deftly narrates this fascinating story of author Turow's experience as a first-year Harvard Law School student. Moreover, Rudd's voice sounds remarkably like Turow's, who provides an introduction. Personal narratives written by successful, famous persons should have to pass a humility test in which all references to entrance exam scores, grade point averages, and collegial or professional honors are stricken from the text, and editors' jobs should depend on how well they apply that test. The editor of this production would receive a solid A-. Even though we know he goes on to fabulous success as both a lawyer and a writer, Turow's initial ego is beautifully subdued by the end of his year as a "One L."?Mark Pumphrey, Polk Cty. P.L., Columbus, NC
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Review

"The most accurate, complete, and balanced description yet of a century-old rite of passage in America."--Bruce Bortz, *Baltimore Sun*

"A sensitive, dramatically paced account of the author's first year at Harvard Law School...I read the book as if it were the most absorbing of thrillers, losing track of the time I spent with it, and resenting the hours I had to be away from it...It should be read by anyone who has ever contemplated going to law school. or anyone who has ever worried about being human."--Christopher Lehmann-Haupt, *The New York Times*

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Scott Turow, a graduate of Amherst College and Harvard Law School, is the author of four worldwide bestselling: *Presumed Innocent*, *The Burden of Proof*, *Pleading Guilty*, and *The Laws of Our Fathers*. He lives with his family outside of Chicago, where he is a partner in the law firm of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal.

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