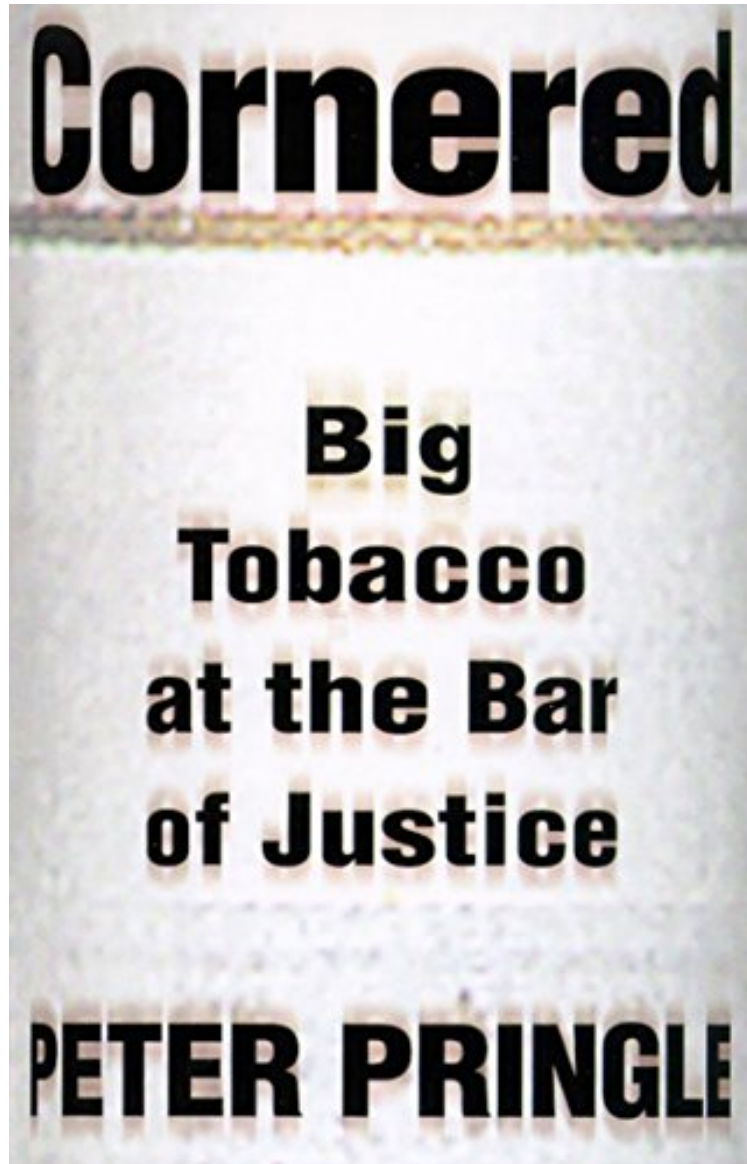


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**Von Peter Pringle : Cornered: Big Tobacco At The Bar Of Justice** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cornered: Big Tobacco At The Bar Of Justice:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good background - but limited to Mississippi LawsuitVon Ein KundeThis book was obviously well researched, and contains an excellent summary of the litigation history basically starting with the initial leaked Merrill documents through the Mississippi settlement. There is also some coverage of the Caprione lawsuit. The books strength and value is how well

it lays out the solid legal foundation for the current wave of lawsuits. I liked the coverage of the Mississippi players, and this book provides great background to the current wave of lawsuits, it is incomplete by nature (since the lawsuits are still occurring), basically ending with Mike Moore's initial deal. I was very disappointed in the coverage of the Minnesota players. Mr. Pringle dedicates one chapter to the Minnesota lawsuit, and treats them as bit players to (in his opinion) the central figures of Moore and Scruggs. There is also no coverage of the Texas nor Florida lawsuits. He also does not take the time to present the case from the Minnesota, Texas nor Florida points of view, using only Mississippi's legal case. In light of the recent settlement decisions, and document releases this is disappointing. Since the issues are changing so quickly, much of the information in this book is getting dated, despite the new release status of the book. (The recently released 39,000 documents from the Minnesota trial occurred after this book was published for instance) However, the strongest elements of the state lawsuits are well laid out and I would consider buying the sequel.

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Kurzbeschreibung In New Orleans, the widow of an attorney who died of lung cancer vowed to avenge his death by suing the tobacco companies. In Clarksdale, Mississippi, an outraged country lawyer discovered the cost of lung cancer care as his secretary's mother lay dying. In Washington, D.C., a young pediatrician became the first FDA administrator in ninety years to decide nicotine should be regulated as a drug. All three were warned: Don't mess with Big Tobacco. Then a \$9-an-hour law clerk in Louisville, Kentucky, stole thousands of incriminating tobacco company documents. Suddenly, an untouchable industry was under siege. In the vanguard of the attack were the nation's toughest liability lawyers. Thirty-nine states would ultimately join the battle, seeking billions of Medicaid dollars spent on tobacco-related diseases. The costliest civil litigation in history had begun. The \$50 billion tobacco industry had finally met its match. Motivated as much by anger as by greed, liability lawyers with noms de guerre like "the Asbestos Avenger" and "the Master of Disaster" outflanked and outsmarted the once invincible legal armies of Big Tobacco. In 1994, sixty of these lawyers came together, pooling their talents, their time, and their war chests to launch a ferocious nationwide assault. At the same time, they provided the legal muscle behind the state suits. Three years later, they had forced the industry to the negotiating table. The result is a \$368 billion deal that will eventually change the way Big Tobacco does business. Cornered is the first full account of this unprecedented legal battle. It uses confidential memos to explain how the companies avoided government regulation and legal redress for so many years. It moves from the early skirmishes in rural Mississippi to strategy sessions in the back rooms of New Orleans restaurants, from a warehouses in England stuffed with 9 million company documents to the corridors of power in the nation's capital. It follows the whistle-blowers who laid bare the evidence that made the litigation possible, and it winds through the offices of the state attorneys general whose Medicaid lawsuits lent a halo of respectability to the "yunkyard dogs" of liability law. It is a tale at once dramatic, funny, and enraging. In the end, it is proof that the plaintiff's bar can initiate social change, even as it loots the coffers of corporate rascals.

deBilled as the "Mother of All Lawsuits," the legal action taken against the tobacco industry in 1994 had all the trappings of an epic battle, and Cornered: Big Tobacco at the Bar of Justice often reads like reporting from the front lines--which, in many ways, it is. On one side, deeply entrenched, rested the mammoth legal forces representing the tobacco industry, hardened by nearly continual attacks since the early 1950s and supported by enormous war chests that usually allowed them to hang on until their opponent ran out of financial and legal resources. On the other side, mounting their attack, sat 65 of the most famous and feared trial and personal-injury lawyers in the country--complete with monikers such as "The King of Torts," "The Master of Disaster," and "The Asbestos Avenger"--who were willing to pool their resources, talent, and expertise (and attempt to table their competitiveness and often their hatred for one another) in order to reap the massive payoff that the \$50 billion dollar industry could supply. The opportunity for such a confrontation came

after Merrell Williams, a Louisville paralegal, stole roughly 4,000 pages of confidential tobacco-company documents and handed them over to the Mississippi attorney general, Michael Moore. Moore, later joined by 39 other states' attorneys general operating on a different front, sought to go after the tobacco industry to receive payment for Medicaid bills to treat those with smoking-related diseases. These documents exposed the Achilles' heel of Big Tobacco, opening the door to the eventual \$368 billion settlement. Despite the staggering numbers, the deal has been labeled a sellout by many health groups and lawmakers alike. Investigative journalist Peter Pringle meticulously details the entire complicated trial in *Cornered*, and his countless interviews with the major players allow him to paint vivid portraits of the lawyers and lawmakers, many of them brandishing egos as large as the settlement itself.

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