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Supreme Court Nominations," "The book is very historical and beautifully written. It actually would be good for history as well as law classes. Where he gets all his info is amazing." And one other member of the legal community who read "Second Thoughts," reported that the book "sure contained a lot of stuff they never taught us in law school!" "Second Thoughts" is another of Harper's books to be recognized for laurels within the publishing world. B.R.A.G. (Book Readers Appreciation Group) awarded it the organization's much-coveted HONORS designation. And finally, for now, Nationally Syndicated Columnist Cal Thomas wrote that "'Second Thoughts' is fascinating for anyone interested in the history of the Court and our Nation and the regrets some presidents (and many of the public) have had in some of the Presidential choices."

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About the Author

William T. (Bill) Harper is a former newspaper writer-reporter-editor (The Philadelphia Inquirer) and now is a media-labeled "author-historian." Harper is doing his writing these days under the shadows of Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas where he lives with his wife, Joyce E. Juntune, PhD, Professor at A&M. Among other things in the university town (including a stint as a radio dispatcher for the CSPD, and as an academic recruiter for the University) Harper has served two terms as President of the Brazos Writers organization. He also has created and writes a weekly program on the University's radio station, KAMU-FM (90.9 on the Internet streaming dial - Thursdays at 11:00 in the morning. Tune in and hear all about "The Classics and Their Times" - an historical look about classical music and the times in which it was written. "Second Thoughts" is the fifth of his six books, one of which is the award-winning "Eleven Days in Hell" – honored by the Writers League of Texas as "the best in Texas non-fiction for 2005." An independent film script writer is now searching for the financing to bring "Eleven Days" to the big-screen theaters. Another of Harper's books, "The Rivers of Life - and Death" has been adopted by the National Mariners Association as a textbook for the towboat industry. And yet another of his books is a memoir of his own: "We Three: Fred, the 'Ferry' Boat, and Me." It's the tale of his 2,400-mile odyssey down the Nation's Inland Waterways from Lake Superior to the Gulf of Mexico in his 47' sailboat, "Harper's Ferry." What started out for Harper and his long-time friend, Fred, as a hoped-for modern-day Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn adventure, quickly turned into something more like an Abbott-and-Costello comedy of errors. And in some aspects, the trip was more like a nautical horror story with a watery Sudden Death grasping at the "Ferry" boat's rudder. "We Three" almost never got written!

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