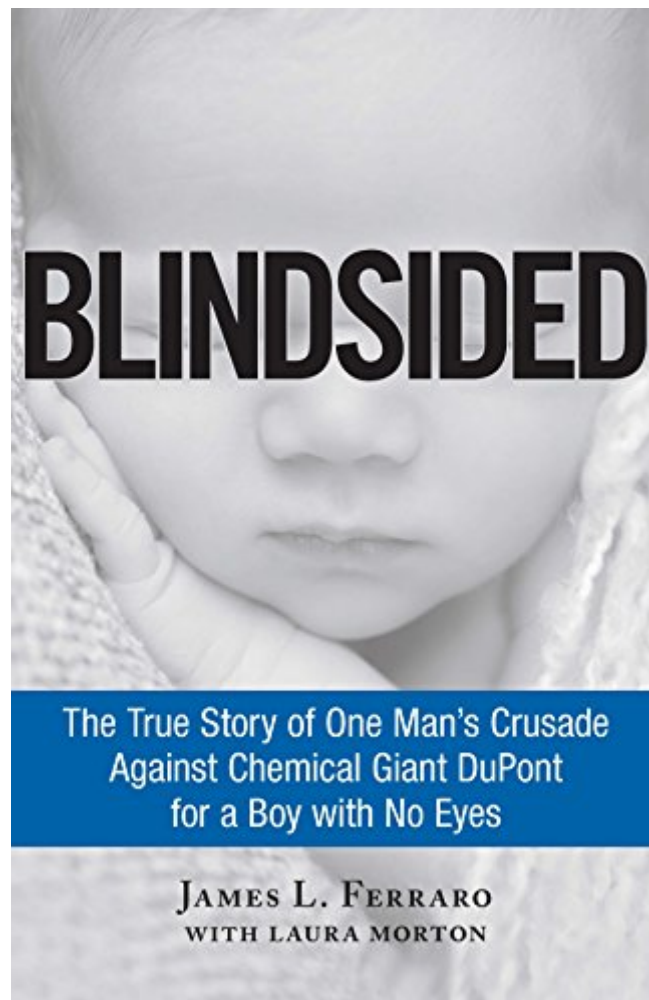




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Blindsided: The True Story Of One Man's Crusade Against Chemical Giant DuPont For A Boy With No Eyes



Synopsis

In 1996, an unprecedented decade-long courtroom battle was waged in Florida to help bring justice and hope to the family of a young boy born with no eyes after his mother was doused outside of a local u-pick farm by a chemical fungicide believed to have caused his birth defect and the birth defects of many other children. It was a battle that nearly everyone but attorney Jim Ferraro deemed unwinnable. After all, it involved one of the world's most powerful industrial giants. In the process, it was a fight that changed the landscape of tort law forever. Before it was over Castillo-vs-DuPont would go down in history as the first and one of the most important cases of its kind, setting precedent and also sparking a crucial debate over the questionable use of what is known as the "junk-science defense." Blindsided is a real life David and Goliath story-a true courtroom drama for the ages.

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Customer Reviews

Very realistic because it is true. The author is not always sympathetic, however. Seven more words are required so there,

A fascinating read!

This book reads like a John Grisham novel except this story really happened. Once I started reading it, I couldn't put it down! I read it in 2 days. I was shocked by how corrupt DuPont was throughout the trial and found myself rooting aloud for the plaintiffs and the author as they fought on behalf of the young boy harmed by DuPont's negligence. The story is moving, inspiring and an extremely interesting look at our legal system, the loopholes designed to serve big business and the way a company like DuPont gets their dangerous chemicals to the marketplace without concern for innocent bystanders. They put profit over people. I hope they make this book into a movie. It's Erin Brokovic meets Civil Action. Not a heavy read like you might expect, but an important and relevant read given the changes happening with the EPA. If you like legal thrillers, this is a good book for a summer read.

COULD NOT PUT IT DOWN! This book was riveting, candid and utterly captivating. As one who suffered from a chemical overexposure (inadvertent on my end) herself, I cannot tell you how happy I am to see that some people actually find a modicum of justice for what they suffer at the hands of an industry hell-bent on maintaining the toxic status quo. In an era characterized by regulators as unethical and/or corrupt as the industries they're regulating, I am so glad to see people in positions of power feel compelled to hold the perpetrators accountable. Given the state of *regulation* (Ha!) these days, the justice system is our last best hope for recourse. Until these poison purveyors are forced to absorb the true costs (environmental, personal/public health) of their products, we (society) are going to continue to pay the price. I thank God for the judges and trial lawyers who hold these pesticide makers somewhat accountable. You may want to shrug off the caveats issued in this tome, but I'd take the lesson to heart, as chemical sensitivity and pesticide poisonings seem to be on the rise, not the decline. One day someone you love could be a victim of our improperly regulated, inadequately tested pesticide products (e.g. data not made public, not truly independent, tested only on animals). Better to be safe than sorry. These pesticides pose an unnecessary and substantial risk to children, expectant mothers, and the immune-compromised especially. There are other, better ways to handle pests -- options that don't require us to choose between our health and our crops.

Jim brings us right to the table, in his step by step easy to understand fight against DuPont. Thank

you for sharing your story. I highly recommend this book.

The book confirms what most sane Americans know that corporations are for the all mighty dollar over individual souls. We have seen and heard over the years that company's knew they had problems with their products but yet have sold them to the public without regards to public health because some Actuary has told them the risk of making millions is worth the risk of a law suit. Mr. Ferraro is a man with a Big Heart to put up his own money and over 10 years of his life to help a family in need of a Savior. I know of these corporations because I worked for one for 30 plus years. And after I retired I found I was getting short of breath and had to be put on an inhaler then I found I had Asbestosis in my lungs from my 30 plus years of service to go along with the clock they gave me. We need more like Mr. Ferraro Law firm so we the people can be safe from those who put the dollar over souls. I thank you for helping me Mr. Ferraro Art Stewart

Fascinating and inspiring story. I'm particularly interested in the notion of junk science and the law. And this story brings to light the importance of holding big corporations responsible for their products. As a parent I was moved by the journey this family took and the struggle they endured to bring justice to their sightless son. The story is riveting. I hope to see it on the big screen.

Great read. Amazing story about what happens when the little guy triumphs over an almost insurmountable Giant. This story reads like a great novel, but it is true! I found Blindsided to be extremely relevant considering what is going on right now. So scary to think that this could happen to anyone, anywhere. If you care about the environment, water, air and corporate greed, do yourself a favor, and read this book.

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