

# Have Gavel, Will Travel: The Extraordinary Life of Sol Wachtler, the Judge Who Brought Down a Corrupt New York Court System

Sol Wachtler was a brilliant and ambitious judge who rose to the pinnacle of the New York State court system. But behind his public persona as a tough-on-crime judge, Wachtler was secretly struggling with drug addiction and mental illness.

In 1992, Wachtler's life spiraled out of control when he was arrested for soliciting a prostitute. The arrest led to a series of revelations about Wachtler's drug use and mental health problems, ultimately forcing him to resign from the bench in disgrace.



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But Wachtler's story is not just a cautionary tale about the dangers of addiction and mental illness. It is also a story of redemption and hope. After his arrest, Wachtler sought treatment for his addiction and mental health problems. He eventually rebuilt his life, becoming a successful author and lecturer.

In his memoir, *Have Gavel, Will Travel*, Wachtler tells the story of his rise and fall, and his ultimate redemption. The book is a fascinating and moving account of one man's struggle with addiction, mental illness, and the justice system.

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"Have Gavel, Will Travel is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the dark side of the American justice system." - The Los Angeles Times

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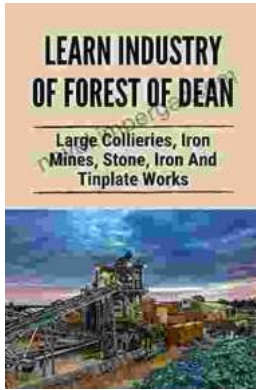
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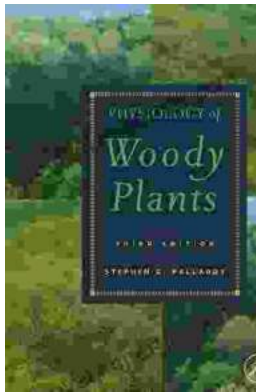
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