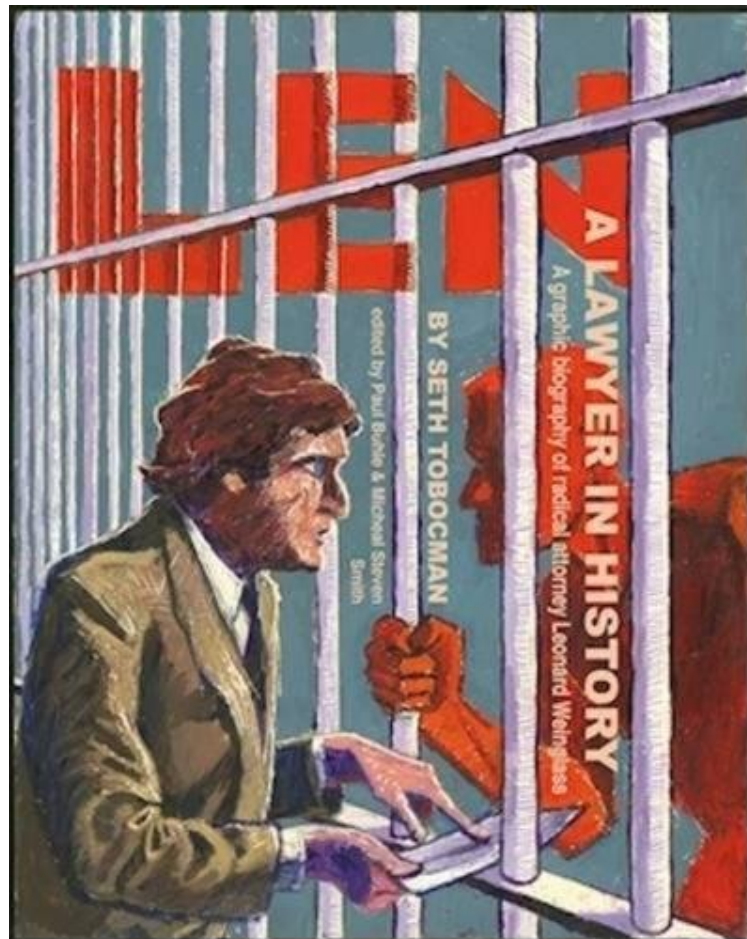


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Committee Lawyer-ActivistBy gramsciLen commences with a moving introduction by Michael Steven Smith, executor of Leonard Weinglass's estate, taken from his eulogy at Weinglass's memorial service. Edited by historian Paul Buhle and Smith, with marvelous graphics by Seth Tobocman, A Lawyer in History: A graphic biography of attorney Leonard Weinglass is the story of this committed lawyer and a fine review of some major legal and political struggles that shaped this country. These include the Students for a Democratic Society's involvement in anti-poverty efforts in Newark, New Jersey in the late 1960s; the Chicago Eight

trial following the events surrounding the Democratic Party convention in August 1968; the defense of whistleblower Tony Russo, who along with Daniel Ellsberg leaked the Pentagon Papers that exposed the truth about U.S. intervention in Vietnam to the media and American public in 1971; putting CIA crimes on trial after students were arrested at the University of Massachusetts for civil disobedience during the agency's recruitment at that campus; and Weinglass's long struggle to free the Cuban Five who attempted to help the FBI halt terrorist activities against Cuba that emerged from Florida. All of these cases affected government and law in this country, and Weinglass's defense of principled civil resistance to government tyranny, wars, and illegal prosecutions was vital in establishing the right to dissent from official policy. Those involved in publishing this vital historical work are to be applauded. Get this book. John Marciano found the following review helpful. A Man with a Huge Heart By Karen M. Rudolph Jimi Simmons was facing the death penalty and he needed a lawyer. Lenny Weinglass was one of the best in the country, but you couldn't just hire Lenny. He only took cases that he believed in. And at the moment he was broke because he had taken too many cases where his client couldn't pay him and the defense committees of political activists couldn't raise any money. Lenny was afraid to meet Jimi before we could raise some money. Lenny told me, "if I meet Jimi and I believe him, I won't be able to turn him down even if you can't pay me, and I just can't afford that again. Luckily we raised some money and when Lenny met Jimi in Walla Walla prison they immediately liked each other. That friendship lasted the rest of their lives.

For half a century, criminal defense lawyer Leonard Weinglass defended a who's who of the twentieth-century left in some of America's most spectacular trials. The typical call I get is one that starts by saying, "You're the fifth attorney we've called," he once said. Then I get interested. Those calls came from the likes of the SDS, the Chicago Seven, Daniel Ellsberg, Abbie Hoffman, and Mumia Abu-Jamal, among many others. In a field dominated by egomaniacs, Weinglass was known for his humility, his common touch, his ability to work collectively, his kindness, and his attention to detail. This long-overdue biography captures the vibrant life and inspiring legacy of an American iconoclast. Praise for Len, A Lawyer in History For decades Seth Tobocman has been working within the comics vernacular to create a unique language, and with Len he's at the top of his game brilliantly applying himself not only with pencil and ink on paper, but as an active participant in the same political struggles that Len Weinglass valiantly dedicated his life to solving. Peter Kuper, author of Ruins Tobocman has conjoined past and present to create singular, beautiful, volatile images of struggle. At the center of this explosion as example and harbinger, but most of all as an incendiary intimate portrait stands Len himself. Our coalitions will forever be enriched by his presence, and by the demands his legacy bequeaths. AK Thompson, author of Black Bloc, White Riot I met Len Weinglass in 1964. He was learned, funny, and the best damned trial lawyer I ever saw in a courtroom. The chapters on Newark, Chicago, and the Pentagon Papers case will help a new generation understand the substance behind all the blurry labels about the time. Tom Hayden, author of The Port Huron Statement The book is dramatic in its reach and speechless in its words. It's not just about Len, but who we were as people during his journey. Remarkable. Stanley L. Cohen, attorney and political activist Len said: I would classify myself as radical American. I want to spend my time defending people who have committed their time to progressive social change. This exemplifies how, along with Michael Ratner, William Kunstler, and other US lawyers around the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York, he was an incredibly important role model for radical human rights lawyers in Europe such as myself. Wolfgang Kaleck, Secretary General, European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights PAUL BUHLE is the editor of a dozen comic art books along with many scholarly works, including the authorized biography of C.L.R. James. MICHAEL STEVEN SMITH is executor of Leonard Weinglass's estate and co-editor of Imagine: Living in a Socialist USA. SETH TOBOCMAN is an author/illustrator and one of the founding editors of World War 3 Illustrated.

About the Author Paul Buhle: Paul Buhle, author of over 35 books, is one of the best-known radical historians in the United States.