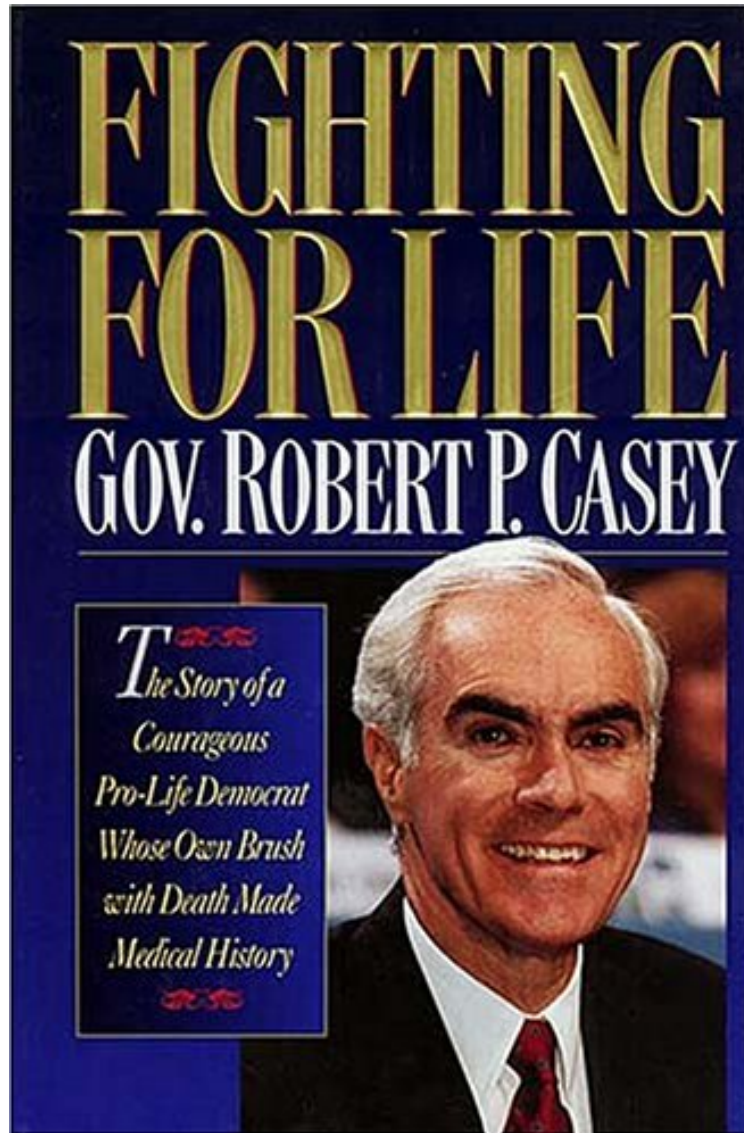


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Robert P. Casey : Fighting for Life before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fighting for Life:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Story of Courage By Cody R. Marks I thoroughly enjoyed reading this work on a man who alternates between his surgeries and his rise in politics. This is the story of a man who championed workers and believed in not only protecting the unborn, but in helping mothers and children achieve their potential as well. After several tries, he was able to win elections as governor of Pennsylvania, and sought to serve the

people, even in the midst of his medical problems and standing up to the pro-choice faction of the Democratic Party. He notes his support for the party and how he felt the pro-choice position was not wholly consistent with what it means to be a Democrat, while explaining his own stance which aligns with the Consistent Life Ethic, and his own criticisms of the stance the Republican party attempts to portray as being pro-life. Having read this work in 2016, I wish Democrats had taken note of what he had said, and how he stood up for the unborn and was willing to help those who were already born. Sadly, many Democrats are pro-choice to a fault that any attempts to stop abortions are a threat to women's rights. This stands in contrast to some of their previous statements where they said that while being pro-choice, they were willing to reduce abortions to some extent and were more welcoming to pro-life Democrats. If Democrats are hoping to win post-2016, this work may be a start, as it lays out how it is possible to be a Democrat and care for life from womb to tomb.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Well Worth the Wait. By Gerard J. St. John

Pennsylvanians had to wait 20 years for Governor Casey to come to office. On three separate occasions in the 1960s and 1970s, Bob Casey lost elections for the office of Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On the third such occasion in 1976, many observers attributed the election result to voter confusion in which many Casey supporters cast their votes for another person named Robert P. Casey who was a candidate for Lt. Governor. In 1986, he made another run for Governor, this time as "The Real Bob Casey," and he won. In 1990, he was reelected, receiving 68 percent of the total vote. Shortly after his reelection, Casey learned that he was suffering from a rare, incurable disease that sometimes affects persons of Irish ancestry who live in the Appalachian region. Three years later, Casey underwent a heart/liver transplant that enabled him to finish his term in office and write this autobiography. He died in 2000. This short (215 pages) book presents Bob Casey's vision of politics and government. Essentially, Casey believed that it is a function of government to help the weak and the oppressed in the community. Throughout the narrative, the Governor often mentions some segment of the population and then briefly describes the policies of his administration that provided that segment of society with assistance and support, be it in education, healthcare, job training, child support etcetera. Especially important to Casey was the subject of abortion, which "excludes an entire class of fellow human beings from our care and protection." In Casey's words, "Who speaks for the child?" When Casey sought to "speak for the child" at the 1992 Democratic Convention the convention managers refused to let him speak, all the while putting pro-abortion speakers on the program. Despite that public insult, Casey chose to stay with his Democratic Party and try to change its present posture from within. The book sets out Casey's thoughts on that subject and also explains his evolving view on the relationship between the Supreme Court of the United States and the chief executive of a sovereign state with respect to interpretation of the Constitution. Unlike most autobiographies, this one is not written in a sequential format. Instead, the heart/liver transplant is the main framework, spread throughout the book from beginning to end. From that main story, the book moves back and forth in time to cover Casey's family life, his early years in Scranton, his college years at Holy Cross, his law school years at George Washington, his early law practice and his political career. It is an unusual approach to an autobiography - but it works. It is an excellent book.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Was Hoping for more about the Supreme Court Case

By Melanie Z. This book is the autobiography of Robert P Casey, the pro-life Gov. of Pennsylvania in the 1990s. The book focuses on his illness, his struggle to survive a terminal disease, his campaigns for office, and his opposition to abortion. I was disappointed that it took three quarters of the book to get to the part of abortion, I thought the book would revolve more around that. I really wish he had gone into detail about the Supreme Court case that bears his name; eagerly talked about it at all. At times he came across as a little self-righteous, but I really think he was a good person and would've made a great president if his health had permitted him to run

Former Governor of Pennsylvania Robert P. Casey has lived a life infused with political justice and morality. But when heart and liver failure threatened to end his life, he began to see with his new eyes. An inspiring story of one public servant's personal act of courage.