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In this book, John F. Murphy has written both an autobiography and a memoir. The autobiographical chapters of the book set forth some of the highlights of a full and achievement filled life. In his early years in school, however, Murphy struggled, both academically and in sports, but then, with the help of gifted teachers and an extraordinary football coach at the elite Riverdale Country School in New York City, Murphy turned his life around. His senior year at Riverdale was so successful that Murphy's wife Laura suggested, only half in jest, "Riverdale was the peak for you, it's been downhill ever since." As an undergraduate at Cornell University, Murphy focused his studies on courses in the Government Department, with a view to going to law school, played football, and threw the javelin in track. When he was at the Cornell Law School, he was an editor on the law review and won a \$100 cash prize (a goodly sum in those days) for overall performance in the International Legal Studies Program. Upon graduation from law school, Murphy began his professional career as a Fellow in the Africa-Asian Fellowship Program in India during 1962-63. The innovative Africa-Asian Fellowship Program was financed by the Ford Foundation and administered by the Maxwell School of Public Administration at Syracuse University. During his year in India, Murphy worked with various Indian Government Officials at four different levels of government in both Northern and Southern India as well as for an Indian judge. This experience left him with an insider's view of Indian culture and the challenges facing the Indian Government. It was an ideal beginning for a career in international law and foreign relations. During the rest of his career until his retirement when he became a Professor of Law Emeritus at the Villanova University School of Law in 2014, Murphy worked as an attorney in the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for United Nations Affairs and as an associate attorney in major law firms in New York City and Washington, D.C. He began his academic career by joining the faculty of the University of Kansas School Of Law. He also has taught at the Georgetown and Cornell Law Schools and from 1980-81 was the Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Law at the U.S. Naval War College. He is an acknowledged expert on the legal and political aspects of international terrorism and has written widely and testified before Congress on the subject. In all of the autobiographical chapters of his book, Murphy has included many anecdotes and stories, many of them humorous. His goal has been to ensure that these chapters are both entertaining and informative. In the memoir chapters of his book, Murphy explores subjects of substantial interest to him but which he has not written about until now. These include, among others, "Friendship," "Success," "Wealth Creation," "Coping (Barely) with Modernity," and "Sex: Then and Now." In April 2011 the Section of International Law of the American Bar Association conferred the Louis B. Sohn Award for Public International Law upon Murphy "in recognition of his distinguished and long-standing contributions to the field of public international law."

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