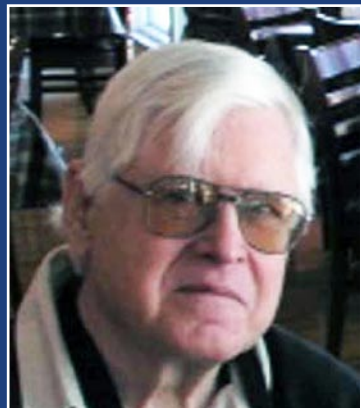
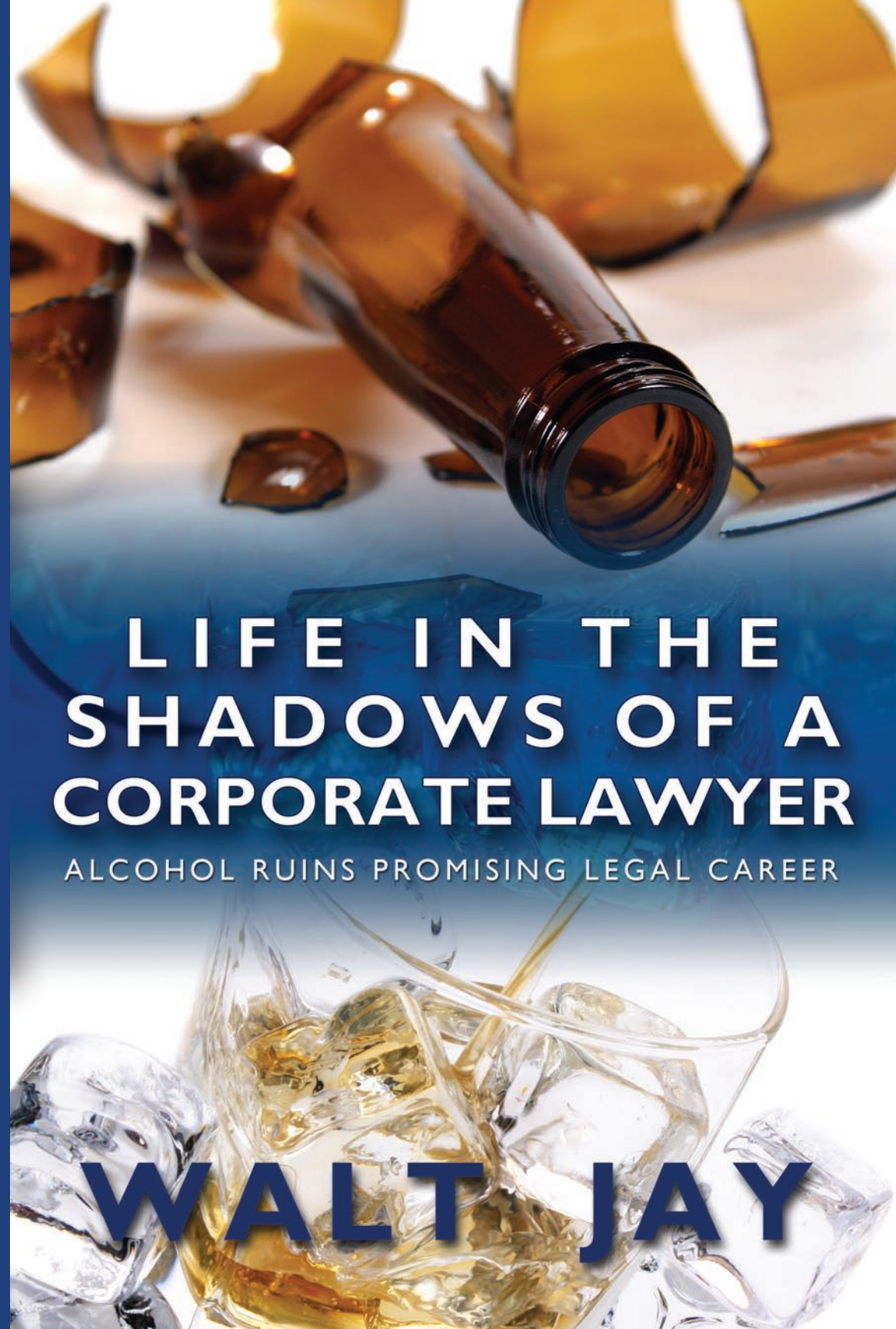


This sarcastic, bitter, often profane and blasphemous memoir recounts the personal and professional roadblocks encountered by an overachieving lawyer who through a lethal combination of alcoholism and repeatedly being in the wrong place at the wrong time never enjoyed the success and satisfactions of life that his genetic endowment and upbringing suggested were his for the taking. From an Eagle Scout and highly religious high school student in Tallahassee through a resentful 4 years at the religious college of his parents' choosing, to nightly drinking at a top tier law school, this story recounts an overly sensitive young man's literally pissing away the opportunity to earn millions as did his classmates who became partners in the most prestigious law firms. From unexpected transfers, to being part of mass layoff, then working for a disbarred attorney smuggling dope on his airplane, to closing down a division after only 5 months' employment, to 4 unrecognized years as a Navy civilian lawyer, Walt Jay never could catch a break, and this fueled his and his late wife's alcoholism. But they both found their ways, separately, for entirely different reasons to recovery in the first 12 Step program. In 1979 they and two sons moved to Groton, CT where he worked in the legal department of the nation's premier submarine builder; but eventually was forced into early retirement due to his age. Dixie Jay contracted cancer in 1987, dying 2 years later. Now the younger son has just been told of his metastatic cancer.



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