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Abstract

Novelist and lawyer Louis Begley, author of *Wartime Lies*, *About Schmidt*, and *Matters of Honor*, presents his book *Why the Dreyfus Affair Matters* (Yale University Press, 2009). Begley investigates the abuses of judicial and military power that led to the persecution of Dreyfus for treason in 1894 and caused bitter divisions in French society for years afterward. His study sheds new light on the Affair and makes clear its continuing significance for contemporary American legal and political debates.

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Lecture & Book Signing

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*"... a clear introduction to the historical, legal, cultural and literary ramifications of the
Dreyfus Affair . . . a call to arms to contemporary creative writers."*

--The New York Times

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