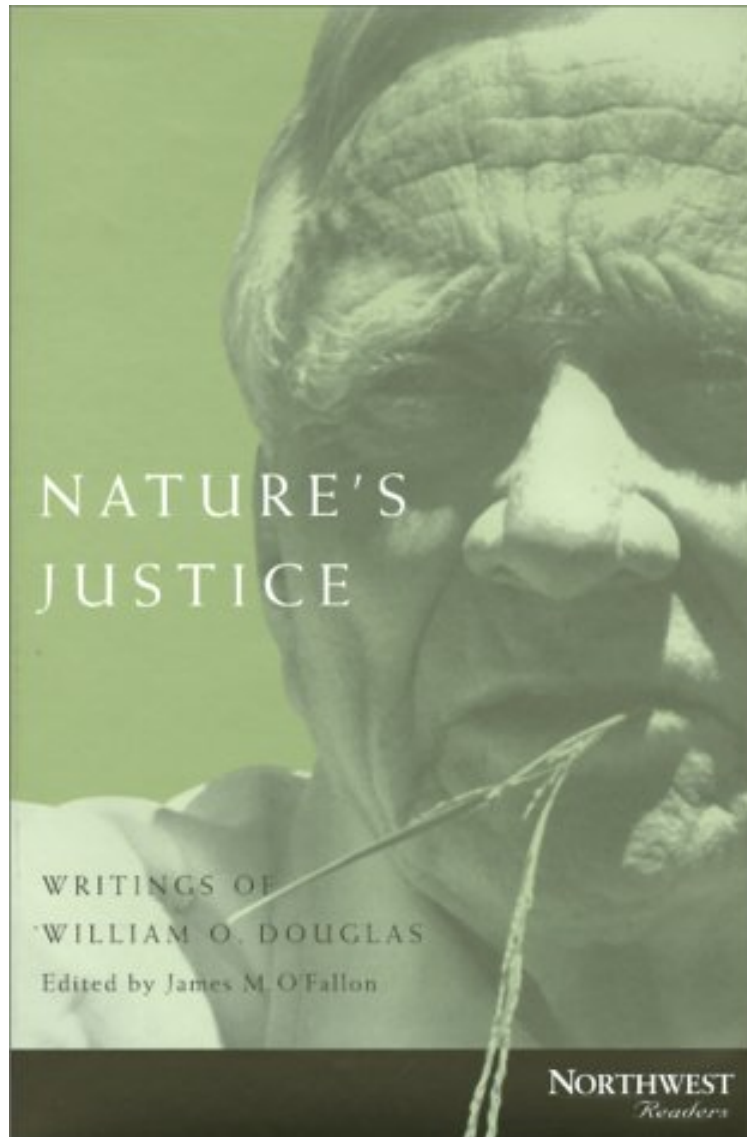


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From the Inside Flap As the longest serving Justice in the history of the U.S. Supreme Court, William O. Douglas was known for writing a host of dissenting opinions. He was also a prolific writer off the bench, a man whose work was as much concerned with nature as with law. This collection brings together writings that represent the wide range of Douglass interests. It includes selections from his autobiographical and political books, and opinions from landmark cases all reflecting not only his love of justice but also his roots in the Pacific Northwest and his lifelong commitment to the environment. About the Author Editor James M. O'Fallon is the Frank Nash Professor of Law and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Oregon School of Law.