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Passion and Power: A Life in Three Worlds

by Harriet Newman Cohen

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9798765164679, \$38.00, HC, 280pp

Critique:

Told with a remarkable candor, "Passion and Power: A Life in Three Worlds" is a simply fascinating and deeply personal story offering experience and insight, drama and life lessons. Articulate, exceptional, memorable, "Passion and Power" is especially and unreservedly recommended for community, and college/university library Contemporary American Women biography and memoir collections. It should be noted for personal reading lists that this hardcover edition of "Passion and Power" from Bloomsbury Academic is also readily available in a digital book format (Kindle, \$34.20).

Editorial Note: At 92 years old and still a formidable presence in New York's matrimonial courts, Harriet Newman Cohen embodies what she calls the "three lives" of her career, and now, chronicled them all with the publication of "Passion and Power: A Life in Three Worlds" - a professional autobiography, a portrait of changing social mores around marriage and divorce, and a deeply personal reckoning with the legal system's role in the most intimate corners of our lives.

Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Passion-Power-Life-Three-Worlds/dp/B0F7H154N4>

Barnes & Noble: <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/passion-and-power-harriet-newman-cohen/1147446255>

PASSION AND POWER: A LIFE IN THREE WORLDS

Synopsis: "Passion and Power: A Life in Three Worlds" is about the life and career of Harriet Newman Cohen, one of the nation's most celebrated divorce attorneys, as she navigated the male-dominated legal world from the 1970s to today.

This sweeping narrative (written with the assistance of David Feinberg) details Harriet's journey through three worlds: raising a family at a time when men held all the power, graduating from law school on the cusp of the "divorce revolution," and re-fighting old battles over women's rights in today's time of reaction of retrenchment.

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