



## A Very Private Public Citizen: The Life of Grenville Clark

By Nancy Peterson Hill

University of Missouri. Paperback. Condition: New. 280 pages. Grenville Clark was born to wealth and privilege in Manhattan, where his maternal grandfather, LeGrand Bouton Cannon, was an industry titan, retired Civil War colonel, and personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. Clark grew up on a first-name basis with both Presidents Roosevelt, and his close friends included Supreme Court justices. He was well known and respected in the inner circles of business, government, and education. In *A Very Private Public Citizen: The Life of Grenville Clark*, Nancy Peterson Hill gives life to the unsung account of this great and largely anonymous American hero and reveals how the scope of Clarks life and career reflected his selfless passion for progress, equality, and peace. As a member of the Corporation, Harvards elite governing board, Clark wrote a still-relevant treatise on academic freedom. He fought a successful public battle with his good friend President Franklin Roosevelt over FDRs attempt to pack the Supreme Court in 1937. He refused pay while serving as a private advisor for the Secretary of War of the United States during the Second World War, and he worked closely with the NAACP to uphold civil rights for African Americans during the...

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