



The Tumblr

Paying homage to another renowned Brooklynite, law student Shana Knizhnik created the Notorious RBG Tumblr in 2013 “as a funny joke I thought some law school friends would think was cute.” The collection of Ginsburg memes, quotes, and photos went viral, and in 2015, Knizhnik and reporter Irin Carmon cowrote a spinoff book, *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*.



The Biography

Few details are left out of the 752-page *Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Life*, out from Knopf in October. Jane Sherron De Hart spent 15 years interviewing Ginsburg’s friends, family, and colleagues for the book, which covers everything from her days as a high school baton twirler to her husband Marty’s quiet role in helping Ginsburg secure her Supreme Court appointment. “I think millennials are responding to the sense of integrity that runs through her dissents,” says De Hart. “They’re hungry for that.”



Ruth, Justice, and the American Way

Twenty-five years after Ruth Bader Ginsburg became the second woman to be confirmed to the Supreme Court, the country is swept up in an RBG wave. From films to museum exhibits to operas, here’s a look at our current cultural Ruthaissance.

By Rachel Mosely

The Documentary

Released in May, *RBG* has become one of the 25 highest-grossing documentaries ever made. Directors Julie Cohen and Betsy West go behind the bench and show off RBG’s humor (a highlight: Ginsburg’s delighted reaction to Kate McKinnon’s *SNL* impressions of her). “She seems like an unlikely pop hero, but that’s what makes her so appealing,” West says. To go along with the film, there’s even a podcast, *Beyond Notorious*, cohosted by Jeffrey Toobin.

The Movie

Felicity Jones will suit up as a young Ginsburg taking on her first groundbreaking gender-discrimination case in *On the Basis of Sex*, in theaters December 25. The biopic is directed by another trailblazer, Mimi Leder, who was the first woman to graduate from the American Film Institute Conservatory, in 1973, just a year after Ginsburg cofounded the ACLU’s Women’s Rights Project.



The Operas

The most unexpected—and personal—interpretation of Ginsburg’s story comes from her daughter-in-law, opera singer Patrice Michaels, who wrote and performed a nine-song album, *Notorious RBG in Song* (released in June), chronicling key moments in Ginsburg’s life. The album also features a comic aria from composer Derrick Wang’s 2016 opera about the justice’s unlikely friendship with one of her conservative counterparts, *Scalia Ginsburg*, which OperaDelaware will stage this spring.



The Exhibit

On October 19th, LA’s Skirball Cultural Center will open *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, an exhibit developed in collaboration with the authors of the book that inspired it. This three-dimensional walk through the justice’s life and career includes rare photos and artifacts, and even a recreation of Ginsburg’s childhood Brooklyn apartment. “Visitors will get to play and feel the weight of these stories,” says curator Cate Thurston.

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