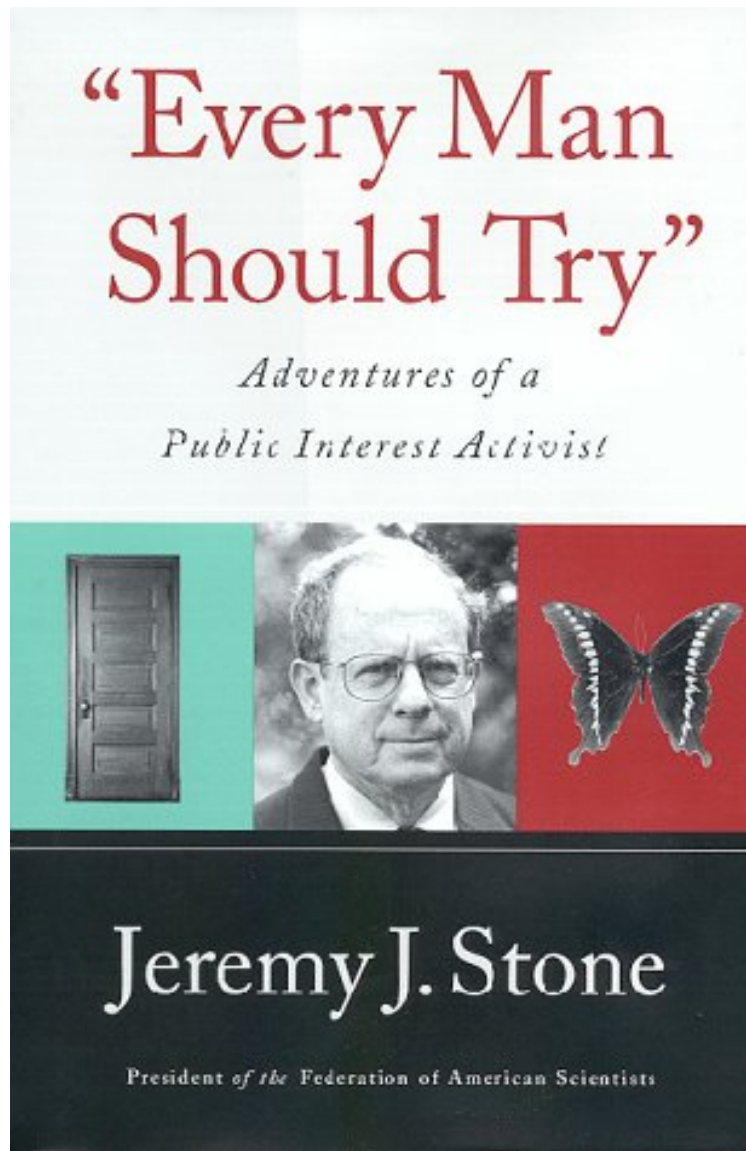


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Jeremy Stone a renowned, almost Zelig-like figure in the world of public interest activism offers his antic, wry and moving memoirs of a life spent trying to make the world a better place. There probably isn't another human being who's been involved with more issues as an activist than Jeremy Stone. Stone never intended it to be that way. Starting out as an academic mathematician in search of a job, he was asked by the Hudson Institute to finish writing a report on nuclear weapons for which the Institute had a grant but no writer. Stone became fascinated in the issue, and he ditched mathematics and began a life as an activist. As any reader of this book will notice, Jeremy is the sort of person who, once interested in a particular issue, becomes a bit obsessed. During his tenure as head of the 2,000 member Federation of American Scientists, Stone has been involved with just about every major activist issue of the past quarter century. He was crucial in freeing Sakharov; influential in getting arms control treaties signed; the secret force behind the arrest of the Shining Paths leader; the man who helped save Cambodia from a return of the Khmer Rouge; the scientist who discredited the sonic boom scare; and the one person who just might have an idea that brings peace to Kosovo. John F. Kennedy once said, Not every man can make a difference, but every man should try. Jeremy Stone took JFK up on his word, and this book is a wonderful memoir of his wild, sometimes successful, heartening life.

From Publishers Weekly In an unusual, event-packed memoir, Stone comes out from the shadows cast by his famous father, radical journalist I.F. Stone, by recounting his three decades of public interest campaigns on behalf of a variety of causes and issues. As head of the Federation of American Scientists since 1970, Stone (a mathematician by training) helped clinch the 1972 U.S.-Soviet treaty banning antiballistic missiles; defended Andrei Sakharov through hunger strikes and arrests, speeding his 1986 release from exile in Gorky; brought Cambodian nationalist leader Hun Sen to Washington in 1992 to solidify political resistance to a return of the genocidal Khmer Rouge; and alerted the CIA to Peru's Shining Path, a Maoist terrorist insurgency, which led to the arrest of the group's leader by the Peruvian government. Stone measures these and other qualified "successes" against numerous failed campaigns, such as efforts to create a legislative check to the U.S. president's first use of nuclear weapons. A freewheeling, globe-trotting activist, Stone secured medical care for Khrushchev's daughter Lena, who was dying of lupus; confronted then-governor Ronald Reagan on his dependence on astrology; and in 1996 briefed Taiwan on a scheme for reunification with mainland China. Although the stodgy, methodical narrative often bogs down in detail, this instructive casebook will challenge activists and opinion-makers, while general readers will enjoy its insider's glimpses of the foreign policy establishment and the corridors of power. Stone's use of four iconic symbols throughout the text--a butterfly, chain, open or closed door--to flag turning points or connections is, however, silly and distracting. Photos throughout. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author A mathematician by training, Jeremy J. Stone has been the President of the Federation of American Scientists since 1973 and lives with his wife B.J. in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He is the son of the legendary journalist I.F. Stone.