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Sommario/riassunto	'Unjust Deeds' explores the history of an often overlooked civil rights milestone: the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in Shelley v. Kraemer (1948). In a group of cases from St. Louis, Detroit, and Washington, D.C., six African American families challenged the hardening boundaries of the nation's racial ghettos as they fought desperately to hold onto their homes. Aided by the NAACP and local civil rights attorneys, they attacked the legal legitimacy of racial restrictive covenants, one of the most pervasive instruments of residential segregation in the 1940s. Their campaign culminated in a unanimous Supreme Court victory that left the struggle for justice under the law forever transformed. 'Unjust Deeds' explores the origins

and complex legacies of the covenant cases and reveals how the campaign against housing discrimination helped to reshape the post-war nation.

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