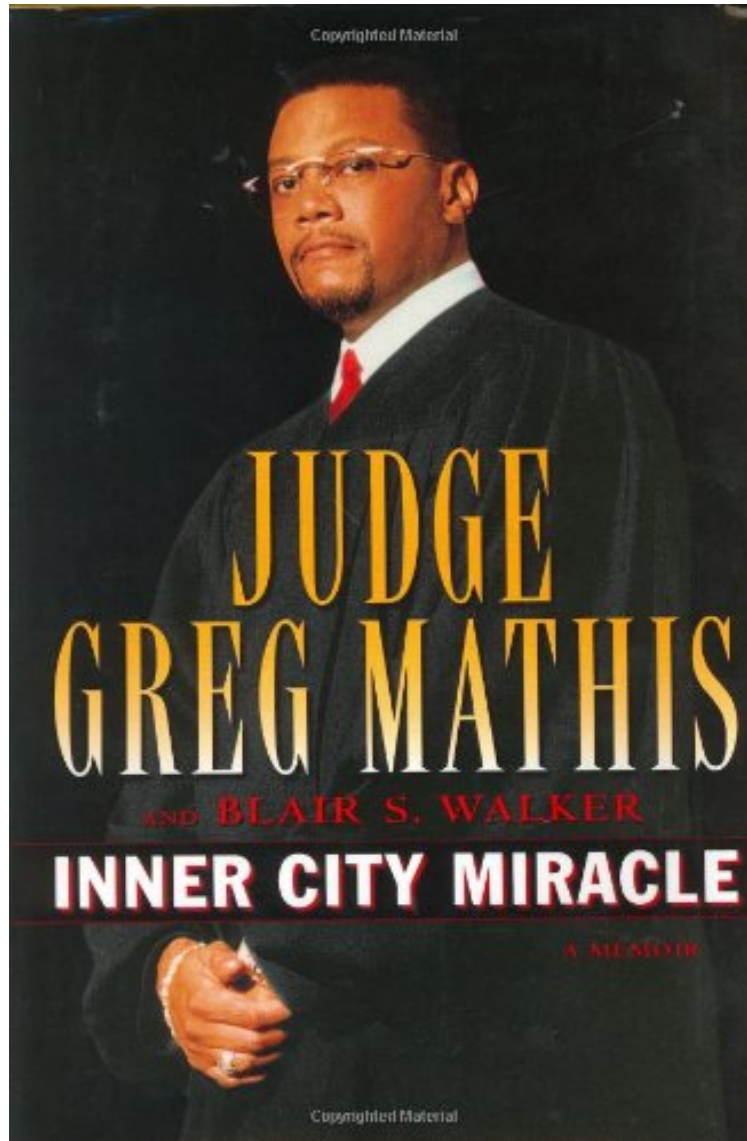


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Millions have seen him on his nationwide TV show, dispensing justice in his own charismatic style. But Judge Greg Mathis' own rise to success has been a trial by fire. In this truly candid memoir, his harrowing life on both sides of the law is revealed for the first time. It starts in Detroit but far from the court where Greg would one day preside. Raised in the hell of the Herman Garden Projects, he grows to become a bad-ass, cool-dressing, do-anything gangsta. His father gone, his mother juggling two jobs, he falls in with the Errol Flynn-stylified English gentlemen in three-piece suits and Borsalino hats, urban Robin Hoods who are truly stylish as they steal from everyone and give to themselves. Considered bright but incorrigible, Greg is sent to stay in his middle-class cousins' mixed neighborhood, where he enlists the local white youth in wrongdoing. Even jail can't keep him from going bad again once he gets out. Then a threat to his beloved mother causes a shaken Greg to make a promise in a prayer to God: save my mother and I will straighten up. To his and everyone else's surprise, he keeps his side of the bargain. Inspired by *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, working at McDonald's by day and attending classes by night, Greg pulls himself through high school and college and then law school, using in positive ways the innate intelligence that made him a master at crime. Soon he becomes the youngest judge in Michigan history, a District Court judge and, at last, undaunted by the odds and propelled by his personal story, a sought-after and highly paid TV star. In its blunt, bold, and sometimes hair-raising honesty, *Inner City Miracle* is both a cautionary and an inspiring story, one sure to stun all those who come to Judge Mathis' TV courtroom every day.

From Publishers Weekly: Underprivileged black boys desperate to rise above their circumstances can benefit greatly from such institutions as school, the army, government social programs and the judicial system as well as a knowledge of options, according to Mathis, himself a kid criminal and gangland thug growing up in Detroit's devastated projects. His turnaround came in 1977, when he heard Jesse Jackson speak. Mathis was 17 years old, and Jackson's advice struck a chord. "Your heart is in the right place, but to win young people's minds and souls, you've got to have ammunition," Jackson told him privately, after his speech. "A year from now, I want to hear what you've done to improve yourself.... We got a deal?" With the help of his single mother's Seventh Day Adventist discipline, his wife-to-be's book-hitting habits and many mentors, Mathis eventually studied his way into law school, passed the bar, toiled in Michigan politics, was elected a judge and landed a syndicated TV show, *Judge Mathis*. His membership in multiple social classes has helped him forge his practical insight into human nature into an organized story about a hero's trajectory. Mathis and coauthor Walker poetically render the rhythms of street language, at least to those who don't speak it, and fairly present Mathis's sometimes testosterone-driven male attitude, making this an honest feel-good story. Mathis's parable from the projects explores a world that will be crucially familiar to many and offers a way to reach poor teens who rightly feel misunderstood and underrepresented in the mainstream. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Library Journal*: Mathis, a former Detroit district court judge, shares stories of his upbringing in a strict household with a mother who worked several jobs to support her four sons. He also reveals that he lived on both sides of the law, eventually escaping to become Michigan's youngest judge ever. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Booklist*: Mathis, star of the syndicated television show *Judge Mathis*, recounts his transformation from an inner-city Detroit youth to a nationally recognized figure. Mathis grew up in the projects with three brothers, raised by a hardworking, religious mother. Despite a steady diet of the Seventh Day Adventist religion, Mathis hung out with thugs, thieves, and drug dealers, escalating his own criminal exploits to gain street respect. Rage and resentment against whites and middle-class blacks fed Mathis' violent behavior. Facing conviction for gun possession in high school, Mathis took a chance offered by a judge: jail time or completing his education. Mathis pushed on past his mother's death through college and law school to a budding career in local politics, including working with Detroit Mayor Coleman Young and heading the Michigan office for Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign. On the bench as Detroit's district court judge, the youngest judge in the state's history, Mathis attracted the attention of Hollywood and went on to a career in television and radio. An inspirational memoir. Vanessa Bush Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved