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experience a set of characters entangled with one another, and of course the judge, leading the reader into an unresolved set of circumstances until the very end of the tale. This is a book that I had great difficulty in setting down every time I picked it up to read a few of the tales. It is captivating. I recommend it to anyone who enjoys a book having a series of somewhat brief encounters, each case a story in and of itself. These, of course, are particularly exciting because of the odd, but true, individuals as seen through the eyes of a fair and curious Judge. Pick it up. You won't regret it. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. I could not put this down.... By Martha Byington I began to read this book as soon as it arrived, planning to complete each section as time allowed. Didn't happen! I read the entire book from start to finish in one sitting. How to describe it? Human, humane, funny, and poignant, and entirely believable. The author is a concerned and loving individual as he tries to make sense and make judgements in an imperfect setting with limited (or self-serving) information from both sides. His humor is subtle, and the sad stories don't beat you over the head with their pathos, though we readily see the human tragedy that presents itself each day in the courtroom. There is much to learn from Judge Meagher's fine stories. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. a box of the best chocolates By Vincent P. McCarthy This collection of judicial vignettes is like a box of the best chocolates - eat one and you eat them all. This book is great reading and is especially relevant for anyone thinking of becoming a lawyer as it gives an intimate view of the judicial system at its most human level.

Here at last are the best of Dermot Meagher's tales of life as a judge in Boston Municipal Court, where he presided over real-life cases rivaling the best of David E. Kelley's *The Practice*, *Boston Legal*, and *Ally McBeal*. These true-to-life stories, some of which first appeared in *Boston* and *DoubleTake* magazines, showcase a writer of rare talent and humor: a Harvard-educated "man of the people," who has seen it all yet never lost his ability to be surprised by the parade of humanity that came before his bench--from the offbeat to the curiously affecting to the downright tragic (not to mention tragicomic). A wise, wry, and disarmingly humane observer of human foibles, Judge Meagher waives judicial discretion and deliberates in a way more familiar to literature than to any court of law (but with names changed to protect the innocent as well as the not-so-innocent). Judge Meagher's great achievement in *Judge Sentences* is to give us a voice of justice rendered as kindness and humor rather than judgment and discipline. In these hugely appealing and provocative tales of dysfunction and conflict, readers have the privilege of experiencing a side of Boston (and America) that is otherwise largely hidden from public view. Real life often is stranger than fiction, and Judge Meagher shows us just how strange--and how urgent and real--it can be.

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decision." --Worcester Telegram Here is the law, as it comes to life in the courtroom, and is given the compelling, lively presentation of a knowing, veteran participant, who is also a careful, experienced observer of his fellow human beings as they go about their insistent and willful ways; and who is, too, a wonderfully compelling writer whose words and his skills, and trenchant asides will carry readers right into the heart of the lawthe courtroom as a human scene of unfailing justice and of individuals (men, women, children) become participants, protagonists, for themselves, or on behalf of others in the world at large. Here, as well, is a book that will help its readers learn and know so very much about how human frailties are arraigned and considered by the individual whose judgment becomes, finally, the law enacted. (Robert Coles, James Agee Professor of Social Ethics, Harvard University) True stories told by an experienced judge who presided in a busy trial court. You will enjoy reading about the characters, foibles, and nitty-gritty of disputes in an urban courtroom, where theatre prevails, and the ending is provided by a compassionate judge rendering rough justice. (Justice John M. Greaney (Ret.)) Dermot Meagher has given us a great read. The Daumier-like scenes he paints in his courtroom are fabulous, rendered with wit and compassion. Like Doritos, you cant consume just one. He also writes with ease about his own life as a gay man and recovering alcoholic-essential parts of the story. Nothing feels forced in this book. The man writes like a dream. (Sam Allis, Boston Globe) Again and again in these stories one gets the sense of a deeply humane man trying to thread the law through the needle of human misery. This judge is empathic but he is not naive. He is worldly but he is never cynicalhe is what used to be called civilized. I loved the stories and I am inspired by Judge Meagher, as a lawyer and as a human being. (Michael Nava, novelist and attorney) About the Author DERMOT MEAGHER was a judge of the Trial Court of Massachusetts for seventeen years. He sat in the legendary Boston Municipal Court, the oldest trial court in Massachusetts. Before that, he investigated and prosecuted lawyers, was a court and bail reformer, an assistant district attorney, and a fellow in criminal justice at Harvard Law School; he also taught criminal and constitutional law and procedure to police officers. He is the coauthor (with Robert Coles, M.D. and Joseph Brenner, M.D.) of *Drugs and Youth: Medical, Psychiatric, and Legal Facts*. He retired as a judge in 2006.