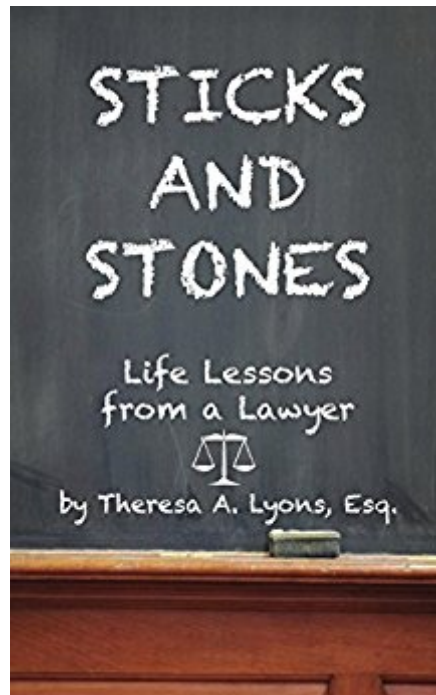




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Sticks And Stones: Life Lessons From A Lawyer



Synopsis

LAWYERS ARE PEOPLE TOO! Brief, easy to read stories remind us that things are not always what we think. Crisply written, some tongue in cheek, the stories make you laugh, cry, think, and feel. You will never look at the law, or life for that matter, the same way again. You'll be left with a sense that among the joys and triumphs and trials and sorrows, there is much we can learn from the law, and there is much the law can learn from us.

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Customer Reviews

I read this book in one sitting. It is a must read. What I liked the most about the book is that it is a compilation of the stories of the people involved in litigation cases. Litigation can seem mundane or protracted or steeped in technicalities. But the author aptly points out that behind just about every case is an interesting story about the litigants or the attorneys involved. She also successfully shows how leaving decision making to a judge rather than settling can result in unintended consequences.

Super read ... well written and thought provoking with some surprises along the way. As the author's

stories point out, the way people act and conduct themselves can be truly amazing (and sometimes just plain scary). Most of all, lawyers are people just like us ... made up of life's experiences and packaged uniquely and individually. A great read ... highly recommend it!!

Stick and Stones is a great read, imparting important life lessons in a highly engaging manner and, most important, encouraging the reader to look at the world with a different perspective. Lyons is no sentimentalist when she lays out the cases that punctuate the book "here we see humanity in all of its glory, truly the good, the bad, and the ugly. What makes this work different than a family court version of CSI is that Lyons doesn't seem to close a case when the gavel comes down for a final time. Instead, she opens another investigation, this time with a humanist's precision "to understand what happened and why and, to our benefit, what can be learned from it. Lyons, like many great lawyers, is also a gifted storyteller. Just as she no doubt captivates her audience juries by painting florid pictures, so too does she ably fill this book with engaging tales. She recognizes, thankfully, that people process information, learn, and are persuaded by stories. And, boy, does she tell some doozies. The book is organized with discrete stories so that the reader can put it down at any time. I for one, however, hoovered up story after story like it was a page-turner novel. While I enjoyed the stories and nodded at the life lessons they reflected, I was most affected by the ability of Sticks and Stones to get me to look at life "my day-to-day and the larger humanity" from a different perspective. Many of us get into a rut and tend to acquire a bit of tunnel vision over time, seeing things from a single viewpoint and including more navel gazing than is healthy. Lyons's book provides just the right jolt to cause the reader to examine things from a different angle. I found that healthy and I am looking forward to being jostled again "when the author has collected the next batch of life lesson stories to publish.

Well written and concise, a great read for anyone. The stories provided in Sticks and Stones are so entertaining and at some times so unbelievable that they could only be based on real life. Take this journey and I guarantee you will not be disappointed.

107 pages of insightful and biting stories that make you pause and look at your own life. After a few pages you cannot put it down; snapshots of people at their best and at their worst... But isn't that what life is!!! A great read.

I started this book not knowing what to expect. Actually I started my first lesson about a third in, just

because the title caught my attention. Right from the start, I was thrown into an example of the depravity of the human condition. A sense of how truly evil some people can be. And then while thinking, well assuredly that outcome shouldn't be the lesson, A brief discussion about which outcome is actually better. A clear case that we as citizens do not always see what is really going through the minds of the court. Perspective, a word that really defines this book, written in such a way to enlighten us about the true nature of our legal system. We are given a synopsis of each case, developing our own thoughts and emotions with regard to the outcome and then Lyons gives us a Lawyers perspective. Drawing back the veil, if you will, to a broader picture. One defined by an insight about not only the legal process, but sometimes how fate can intervene.

Well written and an easy read. For someone (like me) who reads 2-3 books at the same time, this is an easy and interesting read to add to the mix. If Aesop's Fables and Chicken Soup for the Soul has a modern day baby, this would be it. Human nature is an interesting thing. At it's finest, it can foster world peace. At it's worst, it could destroy an empire. This book shows life lessons - some learned the hard way - and how they can either be learned and retained, or ignored and forgotten. You don't want to be in that latter group. It easy to make fun of lawyers, but after reading about the emotional and sometimes heartbreaking cases that they have to handle with poise, dignity and objectiveness on a daily basis, you will find a new found respect for the family lawyer.

A great read by a great lady. You will laugh and cry and wonder what may have happened to some of the folks she writes about but it is a good, fast very entertaining read. I HIGHLY recommend this book for everyone as it does have many life lessons that we forget about. Buy it!

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