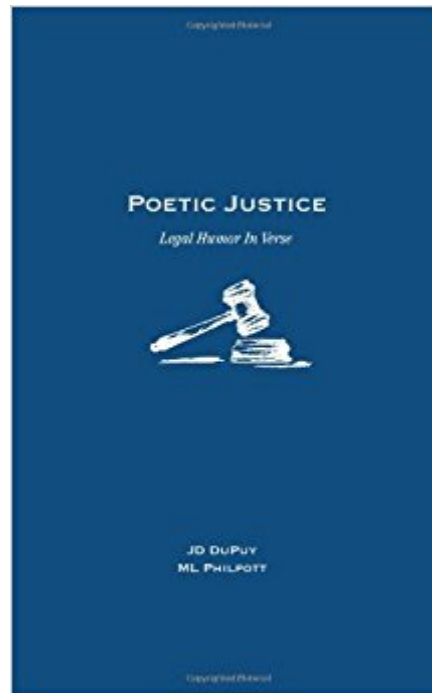




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Poetic Justice: Legal Humor In Verse



Synopsis

The perfect gift for the lawyers in your life -- for law school graduation, birthdays, firm holiday gifts, retirement, or just because. More than 70 vignettes from life in the practice of law are rendered here as wryly humorous poems. Each one stands alone as the sort of snapshot one lawyer might forward along to another for a laugh or a knowing nod. Together, they comprise a collection to be treasured by anyone who has lived through law school, first jobs, thrilling victories, eye-opening disappointments, and the lifestyle particular to this career choice. This book is not about laughing at lawyers. It's about laughing with them. It's for everyone who's in on the joke: Everyone who has witnessed the madness and met the quirky characters in this field. Everyone who, even just for a second, has wondered if they should have gone to medical school, culinary school... anything other than law school. Everyone who has ever sat down at the end of an evening and thought, "No one would even believe me if I told them about my day." We believe you. Editorial reviews: "In many of the poems, the authors capture perfectly the oddities of law practice and law school. "Sisterhood" may be one of the most insightful poems that could be enjoyed within any profession. These poems took the mundane and made it soar." Arizona Bar Association "A book of candid truths and palpable honesty, with a sincerity that can only come from experience." North Carolina Bar Association "A must-read for lawyers persisting in long-term practice who like to keep it light, who continue to muse on the sometimes bizarre world in which a lawyer finds himself or herself, and who simply enjoy a good poem." Colorado Bar Association Featured on Above the Law and Bitter Lawyer. Named the SmallLaw Pick of the Week by TechnoLawyer. (Authors donate a portion of book proceeds to WomensLaw.org, The WomensLaw Project of the National Network to End Domestic Violence.)

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Customer Reviews

My wife (a lawyer) brought this book home, and I didn't know what to make of it. I'm not a lawyer, and I definitely do not read poetry for fun. But I could not put this book down. I laughed all the way through it, because it made me recall many of my wife's funny experiences going through law school, taking the bar exam and working at a firm. It captures the essence of being a lawyer: the trade-offs you make, the characters you meet, the pressures you face - I've been hearing many of these same themes from my wife over the last 15 years. If you don't know any lawyers, you might not get a lot of the humor in "Poetic Justice." But if there are lawyers in your life, this book certainly will resonate with them and maybe with you. It is exceptionally creative and well-done. It's also well-suited as a gift for a lawyer or recent law school grad.

I have read this book and all I can say is verisimilitude. I felt the beginnings of nascent nausea and disquiet when I read the passages about law school; I sensed an Amygdalic spike of serotonin as I perused the poem about attending CLE's and spending most of the time there worrying about all the things you were doing wrong; and I vomited when I studied line after interminable line dedicated to the craft of the billable hour. JD and ML have faithfully captured the essence of the legal experience in verse form. Who is this book for? * The uppity lawyer in your book club who talks endlessly about jurisprudence, even when the topic of conversation is a Kardashian. * The member of your nonprofit board who desires to run meetings according to Robert's Rule of Order. * The affable espresso barista who plays in a funk band but talks about becoming a funk barrister. Use this book to bridge gaps, win lawyer friends, and influence lawyerphils. Please buy it now.

As apt as it is funny. Great purchase! Every lawyer should take a minute every day and read one of these poems. It helps keep some perspective on the practice of law.

This comical collection of poems isn't just for lawyers. It's a fun read for anyone who is married to a lawyer, related to a lawyer, knows a lawyer, or is just addicted to Law and Order. I plan on giving quite a few copies as gifts for graduation, birthdays, and Christmas. I have read every poem and I have my favorites (Nursery Rhymes, Voir Dire, Passive Aggression in Writing, Sisterhood) but I

really enjoyed them all!

These brief poems (get it?) are beyond clever. Anyone who has spent 3 years in the fish bowl will agree. Attorneys, recovering attorneys and law professors alike should have this book on their desks--to help them keep it real. Trust me: JD and ML leave no stone unturned, even those adversely possessing Blackacre. Read away and enjoy the self-deprecating humor--or heave a sigh of relief if you are one of the few folks left on the planet who has not gone to law school.

I got this gift for my girlfriend who was just sworn in to the California State Bar. She opened the book to a random page in the middle and immediately started laughing. She told me some of the jokes and I didn't really get it, but I have no Legal background. If you have a friend/family member in the Legal profession they will love the inside jokes.

Very funny and clever book. Well written. As a real estate lawyer, I especially enjoyed "Blackacre." This would make a great gift for lawyers, anyone who works at a law firm or law students. I laughed out loud numerous times while reading this book.

I found the book to be spot on for law students, lawyers, friends of law students and lawyers and anyone associate with the legal profession. It is a great gift for the graduate or the seasoned lawyer as he or she will relate to the experiences so eloquently and creatively narrated through poetry. A must have and a must read!

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