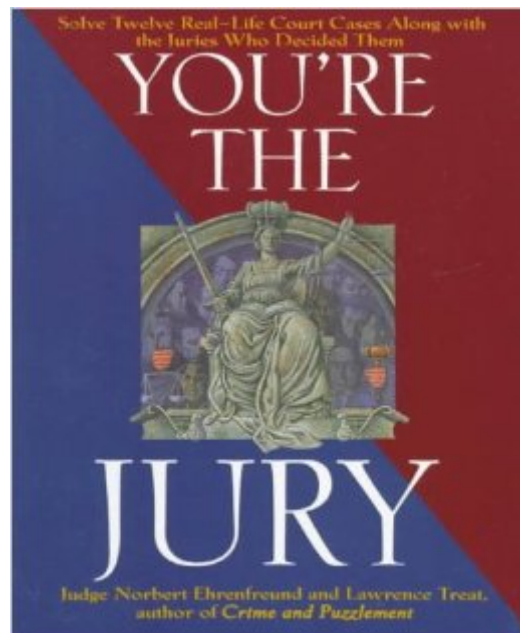


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Synopsis

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Excellent book on real-life trials, the legal issues and the moral dilemmas they sometimes present. Unfortunately this was the first book of Ehrenfreund's I bought. I then purchased *YOU BE THE JUDGE*, which offers twenty cases. Surprise! Twelve of the cases are simply repeated from here. Start with the later book and you won't feel the desire to purchase both. By the way, there's an

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