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Every year, thousands of people seek asylum in the United States because they have been persecuted in other countries due to their race, religion, nationality, social group, or political opinion. In seeking refuge and protection, these immigrants must rely on the American court system to help them achieve safety from the great harm they have suffered.

In her unique and compelling judicial memoir, Susan Yarbrough, a former US immigration judge, highlights five significant asylum cases that she heard and decided during almost eighteen years on the bench—cases that profoundly changed her not only as a judge, but also as a person.

Yarbrough recounts heartrending testimony described against the background of the countries in which the persecution took place, following each account with personal reflections on how she was emotionally and spiritually transformed by each person who testified. From Josué Maldonado, persecuted in El Salvador because of his religion, to Daniel Quetzal, an Indian from Guatemala who was tied naked to a pole and tortured because of his political opinion, the cases that the author shares provide an unforgettable glimpse into the lives of courageous people who risked everything for peace and freedom in the United States.

Bench-Pressed is the story of five asylum seekers and the judge who was irrevocably changed by the intersection of her life with theirs.



Susan L. Yarbrough, JD, practiced law in New York and Texas before being appointed to a judgeship on the United States Immigration Court, where she served for almost eighteen years. Now retired, she lives in Texas, where she enjoys reading, writing, walking, swimming, gardening, volunteering, and being with friends.



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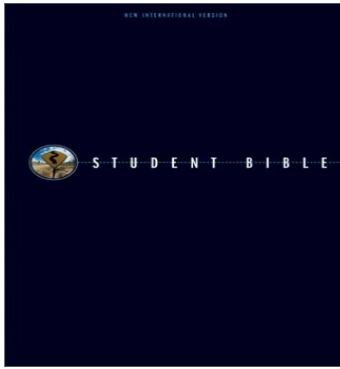
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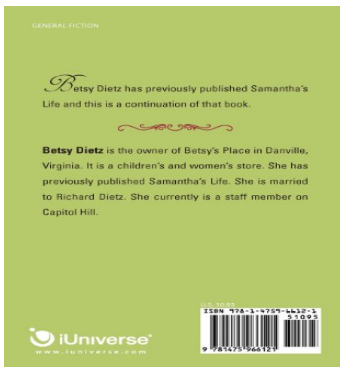
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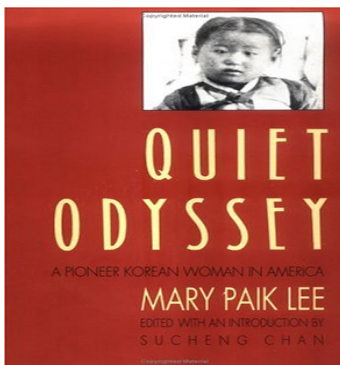
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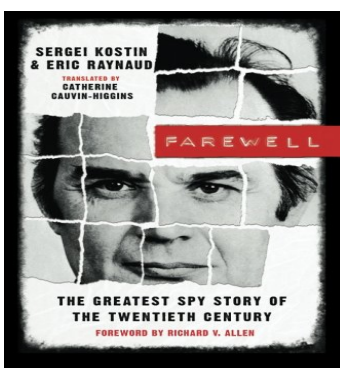
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What a beautiful book! I agree wholeheartedly with all the 5-star ratings and can only add my personal reactions. I was touched and taught by the life, candor, compassion, as well as the writings of this special lady. I will not forget her strength in overcoming the pain in her own life which forged the understanding and concern enfolding her decisions. Besides the inside understanding I gained of the judicial system and the whole asylum process, I would have read this book if only for the historical summaries of the 5 countries of those seeking asylum. They were the most clear and concise I've ever read. Through "Bench-Pressed" I proudly learned and experienced our country at its judicial best and will not be the same. Thank you, Judge Yarbrough, for this your gift to us.

Review 3:

I was so delighted to discover this book, as I know and respect Judge Yarbrough from her time as our Immigration Court judge here in New Orleans. I confess that I read it straight through. I am telling my friends and colleagues about it. I hope that many people interested in the topic of asylum seeker, what they must prove, and how they must prove it will consider reading this and be enlightened by the five examples in this book.

Review 4:

Beautifully written by a compassionate and insightful judge, this compelling memoir helps readers understand the complexity and heartbreak of individuals who seek a new life in the United States. One can not read this and not be moved by their stories.

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An interesting read, but I find her rant on Israeli-Palestinian relations to be very lopsided and not very nuanced. She is entitled to her opinion.

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