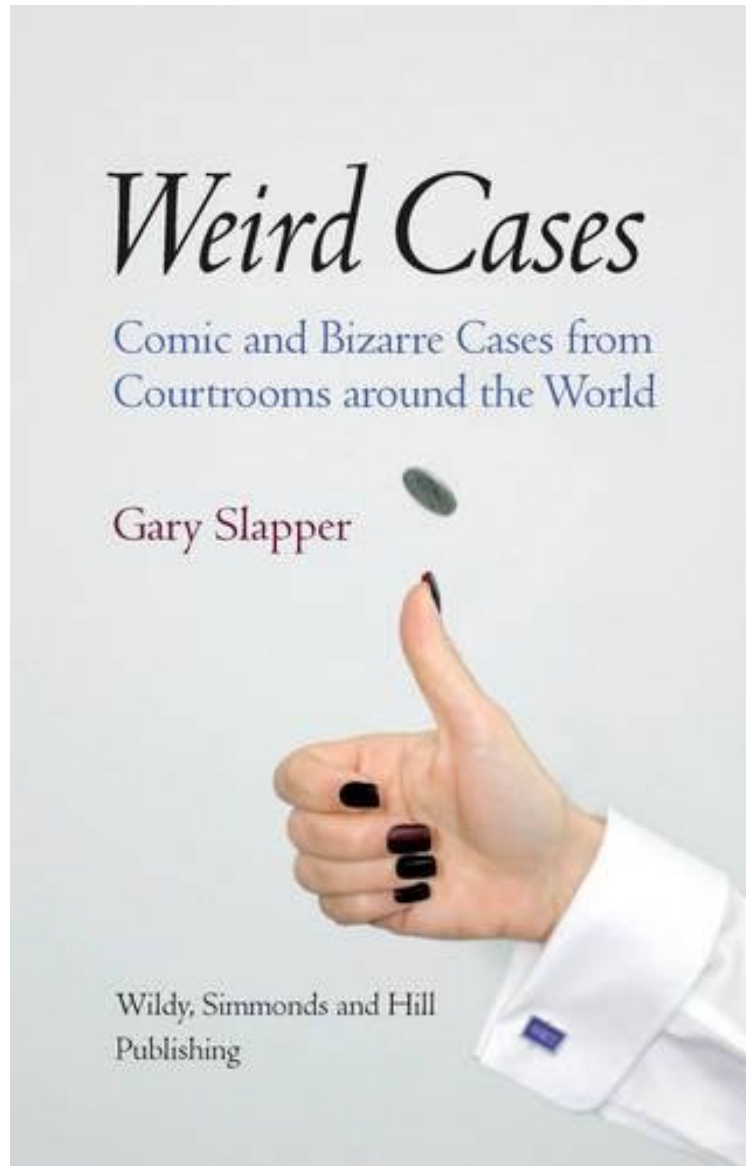


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Gary Slapper : Weird Cases: Comic and Bizarre Cases from Courtrooms Around the World before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Weird Cases: Comic and Bizarre Cases from Courtrooms Around the World*:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent!By J. ShintonThis is a must read for any law students... it keeps the humour going long after you have burned the midnight oil from studying.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. More than a touch...By Phillip Taylor MBE OF THE BIZARRE IN COURTAn appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green ChambersWeird's not the word for some of the wild, wonderful, rude, crude and yes, bizarre things that happen, or are apt to happen in courtrooms worldwide, if Gary Slapper's entertaining new book is anything to go by.As Slapper, leading legal academic and Times columnist notes: "courts must often come to rational conclusions about events that would in fact be rejected by television drama producers as implausibly bizarre."Most of the cases he cites -- indeed probably all of them -- should be classified under the 'you-couldn't-make-it-up' category. Take the case of the injurious underpants, for example. Well, you could call it that, especially when it's brought to your attention that in 2002, there were 369 people seriously injured by their underpants or knickers.Attitudes to other instances of sartorial crime seem to vary around the world and indeed in the same country, notably the United States, a rich source of 'weird cases' as avid Judge Judy fans will confirm. Do not, for example, wear revealingly 'saggy' trousers in Delcambre, Louisiana, or you might end up with a \$500 fine and a 6 month jail sentence.In Flint, Michigan, though, where things are a bit more lenient, you might get off with one of the 'droopy-drawers' tickets that have been issued to local people since early 2009. However, not to worry if you are holidaying in the aptly named Riviera Beach, Florida where a defendant named Mr Hart escaped conviction for a similar offence, when the judge ruled that the local law prohibiting low slung trousers was unconstitutional. And on it goes. This little gem of a book contains chapters on everything from compensation and punishment, to love and sex -- and from judges, jurors and lawyers to pets and animals, violence and death. Food, drink and drugs, and of course, fashion, do not escape scrutiny eitherScintillating with wry humour and enlivened by personal aside and anecdote from the learned author, 'Weird Cases' is more or less a compendium of the sort of 'funny old world' stories that you might read in 'Private Eye', except that each has been revealed in the light of day within the august precincts of a courtroom. In particular, the revelations about vexatious or loopy litigants are hilarious. What a rich trove of anecdotes for your next after-dinner speech with the legal eagles!If you're a member of the legal fraternity, (or even if you're not) this is one jolly book and one of no small practical value too. It will certainly reassure you that even in the law - particularly in the law - 'there's nowt as queer as folk'. And as Christmas will soon be upon us, this book is a gift for your more solemn legal friends with more than a touch of the bizarre in court.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. No mere puff to say that this book must be top of your to-buy list....By tara`A mere puff', is the title Prof Gary Slapper employs in relation to one instance of legal weirdness which delighted me. No, lawyers, we do not mean carbolic smoke balls; we are speaking of how sheep helped exonerate a man from a small marijuana possession.... it was personal puffing, as Shepherds have it hard.Men interested in sheep sometime have it hard in different ways; go to page 55. Related, as Prof G asks (before providing us avid readers with a response)... how noisy can sex be before it is illegal loud? P 40 . Perhaps further related (this is me being bad, as opposed to the Prof's diplomatic, beautifully-composed relations) is that actually... blondes do not have more fun. Not legally, anyway. P 4 to 6.I take these pages randomly... relooking through one of my favourite books, one of a series, which will have you laughing, cross, intrigued, surprised, full of admiration for the author... and then delighted to have these random pieces of knowledge in your head to bring any tedium back to life. From experience.... try them at a dinner party. Smiles!No legal experience required. The only requirements for reading this book are 1) a sense of humour, 2) an appreciation of the oddities of the law and 3) well. The ability to read, smile, learn and laugh including at self and the world surrounding oneself!The cover is perfectly chosen.... look inside, and you will understand how the judicial decisions in some legal cases are akin to the tossing of a coin..... Worrying; wonderfully reported. I run out of adjectives....Absolutely brilliant. I doff my proverbial cap to the author and I recommend this, one of a series, to all. Denning to Madonna are citations, a few Greeks thrown in.... wonderfully divided into appropriate sections, beautifully told, impossible to dismiss.... an absolute must for you. And for you, and you, and you.....:)

Based on the author's popular Times Online column 'Weird Cases', this book draws on extraordinary cases from many countries, including the UK, USA, Canada, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Italy, Romania, and China. The result is a highly entertaining read for anyone who enjoys reading about the more bizarre aspects of human life that fetch up in the law courts at the beginning of the 21st century. Courts have seen judges do things like try to turn off a musical tie playing "We wish you a merry Christmas" while sentencing a defendant to prison, fall fast asleep in the middle of trials, flip a coin to decide a case, demand a foot massage from a clerk, and get sentenced for judicial racketeering. Courts have listened to the defences like that of a bogus dentist caught using DIY tools on his patients, a man who based his defence on being as hapless as Homer Simpson, and a woman who was running a brothel from an office in the criminal courts. Courts have seen a litigant sue for becoming pregnant by a stray sperm in a swimming pool, and a litigant suddenly strip naked before the judges. The cases featured in Weird Cases are those that truly stand out as odd, even among all the unusual dramas that challenge the courts. The chapters are: Compensation and Punishment, Love and Sex, Food, Drink, and Drugs, Judges, Death and Violence, Pets and Animals, On the Road,

Lawyers, and Jurors, Friends, and Neighbours.