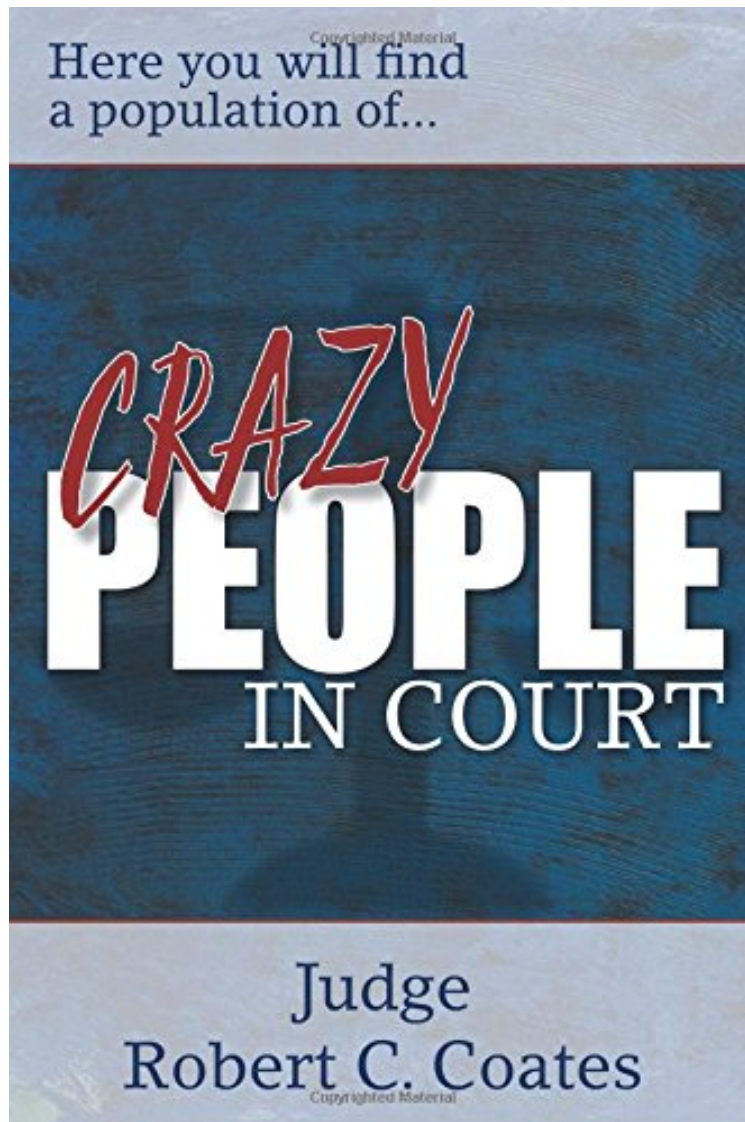


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Crazy People In Court by Judge Robert C. Coates Judge Robert C. Coates served for 28 years as a Superior Court Trial Judge in San Diego. Before that, in Law School, Judge Coates suffered a serious mental breakdown. He graduated, however, with his class and passed the California Bar Exam the first try. He went on to a high-profile career as a Trial Lawyer before his appointment to the Bench. As an attorney, Coates found himself representing hundreds of mentally ill persons; and later, it became natural for Presiding Judges to send Judge Coates cases involving some mental disorder or another. Asked to speak at a MENSA convention about his "Most Interesting Cases," Judge Coates found an audience that was enthralled....and he thereupon started collecting the stories you find here. Coates says that he boiled his Judging job down into two components: "Love everybody who shows up; and ... call balls and strikes ruthlessly." This book is unique in its voice -- the voice of a Trial Judge...who was often caught unawares by the unusual people he found in his courtroom! Judge Robert C. Coates' 1990 book on solutions to American homelessness, *A Street is Not a Home -- Solving America's Homeless Dilemma* is in its third printing, having won the 1991 American Psychiatric Society's Advocacy Award. His 1984 poetry book sold over 2,000 copies. Judge Coates was recently named a "Distinguished Eagle Scout." He was Most Valuable Player of his 1954 high school baseball team and, in an Alumni vs. Varsity game at his age 70, Coates smacked a line-drive single his last at-bat! **CRAZY PEOPLE IN COURT** presents a Judge's look at the variety of interesting mental disorders and persons one finds in those "magnets of humanity," America's courtrooms. Shakespeare's Hamlet told his friend, "There are more things in heaven and earth I than are dreamt of in your philosophy, Horatio." Similarly, there are stranger persona in Judge Coates' world than a reader may have experienced. This book is therefore an exploration, an adventure. And Judge Coates makes it fun - because, for Judge Coates, the serious business of justice is also great fun. Delightful! He has said: "My IQ is not high enough for me to get bored." Try out Sergeant Major Ninja. Or, Reefer Bob. Or Randorino who buried his dead mother in the back yard and collected her Social Security. Or the veteran who lost a ght with a police horse. Or, the genius attorney in "I Believe I'll Have a Drink." And kicking the book off, we find Judge Coates' own Story. Check it out.

"With an enlightened touch of experience, candor and humor, Judge Coates has expertly illuminated a sensitive subject for public consumption and much in need of discussion as the discourse rages in America today about human dignity, rights and an efficacious legal process." Carl E. Englund, forensic psychologist "Judge Robert Coates has again shone a light of reason onto a little-examined but important arena. His earlier book, 'A Street Is not Home,' was the beginning of interest in solutions to American homelessness. In 'Crazy People in Court,' Judge Coates reveals the wide variety of mental problems seen in our courts - and the great hope for recovery, for many." Henry Waxman, former chairman of the Committee on Health in the House of Representatives About the Author Judge Robert C. Coates had a high-profile career as a trial lawyer before his appointment to the bench. As an attorney, Coates found himself representing hundreds of mentally ill people. When he became a judge, it became natural for presiding judges to send him cases involving mental disorders. His book *A Street Is not a Home - Solving America's Homeless Dilemma* won the 1991 American Psychiatric Society's Advocacy Award. His 1984 poetry book sold more than 2,000 copies, and he has written law review articles and dozens of editorials and articles. His newest book, *Crazy People in Court*, is a continuation of his advocacy, revealing difficult encounters with mental health issues in our courts. Coates helped found the San Diego Mayor's Task Force on the Homeless in 1984 and served as president or chairman of dozens of community organizations. His San Diego Serial Inebriate Program is recognized by the federal Interagency Council on Homelessness as the "best practice" for dealing with any city's chronic drunks, and he was chairman of the committee that created the downtown San Diego Substance Abuse Assessment Unit, which supervises convicted drunk driver to sobriety and safety. He was recently named a Distinguished Eagle Scout.