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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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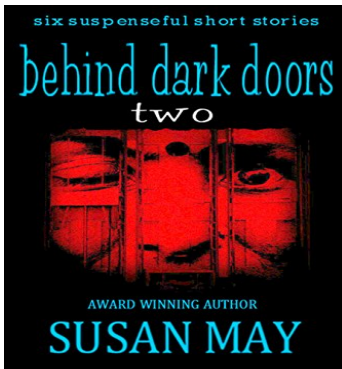
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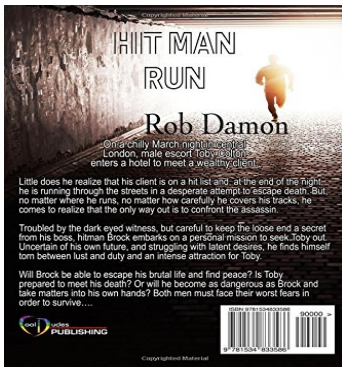
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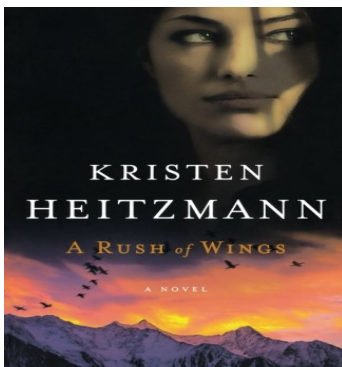
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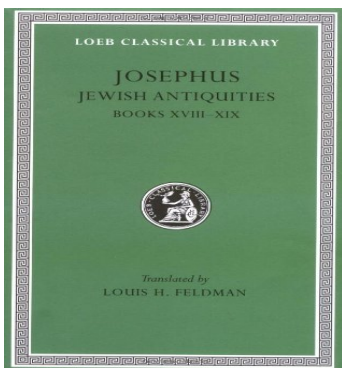
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Josephus: Jewish Antiquities, Books 18-19 (Loeb Classical Library, No. 433)

Josephus, soldier, statesman, historian, was a Jew born at Jerusalem about 37 CE. A man of high descent, he early became learned in Jewish law and Greek literature and was a Pharisee. After pleading in Rome the cause of some Jewish priests he returned to Jerusalem and in 66 tried to prevent revolt

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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.

Review 5:

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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