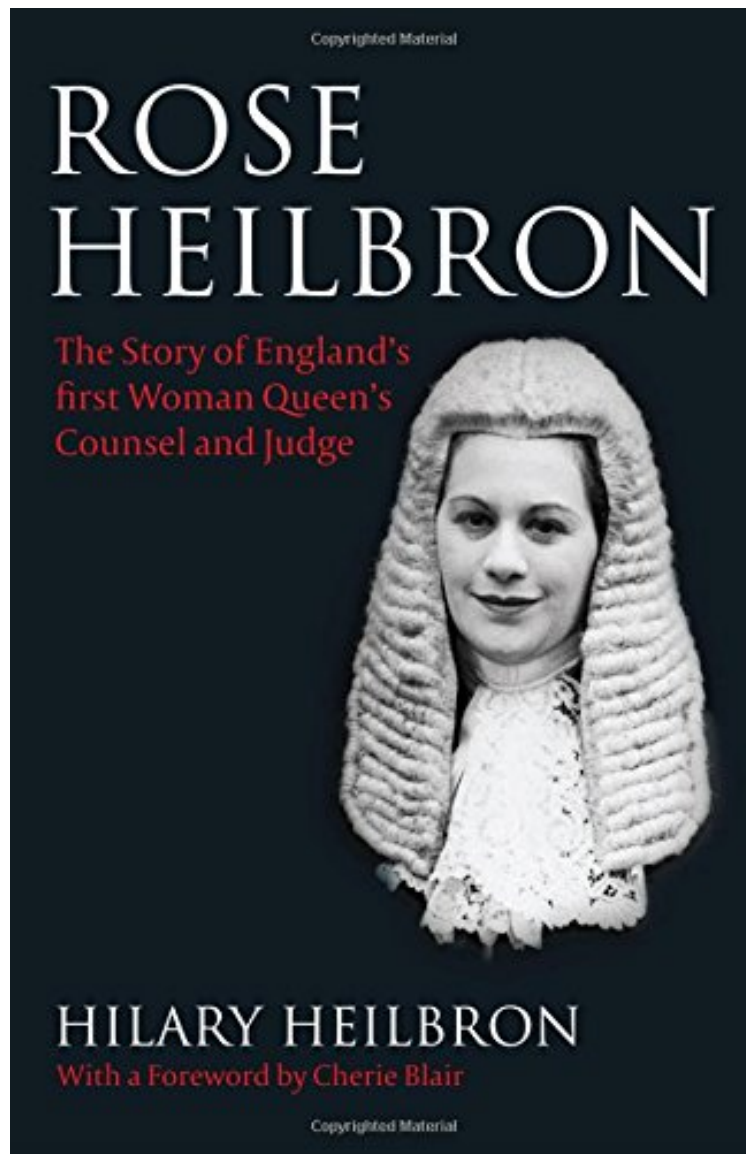


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MBE[[VIDEOID:mo1M2NNQZJIDOVK]]HOW A LIVERPOOL GIRL MADE IT TO THE BAR AND BECAME ENGLAND'S FIRST WOMAN QC AND JUDGEWhether you're a member of the legal profession or not, you'll enjoy this recent biography from Hart Publishing, of Rose Heilbron! You may or may not remember the name offhand, until you're reminded that Rose was appointed England's first woman Queen's Counsel in 1949 and in 1956, England's first female judge. Rose's story -- related in affectionate detail by her daughter Hilary, also a QC -- is one of a life well lived; full of incident, insight and achievement, as well as family life and fun - and yes, the more than occasional setback and disappointment. Don't, however, read this lively and compelling book as the story of an outstanding woman. Read it instead as the story of an outstanding lawyer - someone who possessed the two attributes that the Victorian author William Thackeray prized above all others: brains and heart. Rose's career path, as Hilary puts it, coincided with the slow progression of women in the professions in the twentieth century. Set against the backdrop of turbulent times, this biography is a testament to her remarkable life. Rose Heilbron was born in Liverpool on 19th August 1914, two weeks after the start of World War I. Her family prized education and accomplishment and she was given every opportunity to reveal her academic ability, earning a string of prizes and other scholastic achievements. Her family also provided piano lessons, which led to Rose becoming an accomplished pianist. She even tried her hand at acting before her eventual decision to read law at Liverpool University. Interestingly, it was later on in her career that Rose unknowingly provided the inspiration for another Liverpool girl to become a barrister. This was none other than Cherie Blair, who writes the Foreword of this biography. 'Rose Heilbron became a role model for me,' Cherie explains, 'and an example of what a Liverpool girl could achieve in the law... it was no surprise that I reckoned the law was a good place for a girl from Liverpool.' As fiercely as Rose supported equal opportunities for women, she was not a feminist as such and didn't consciously regard herself as a pioneer. Her outstanding qualities, besides a sharp intellect and a compassionate viewpoint, were her love of the law and a fierce determination to learn as much as she could and do the best job she could for those she represented. Unafraid to stand up to judges - she was a good tactician and a fighter for her clients. Juries 'hung on her every word,' Hilary reports. 'She had a way of encapsulating issues in her final speeches in ways a jury could understand. She was 'an incisive and effective cross-examiner' and in the words of Cherie Blair, 'a brilliant advocate and a master of her brief.' Thanks to Rose, Cherie adds, 'the glass ceiling (for the appointment of women judges) is slowly breaking.' The details of Rose Heilbron's remarkable career, together with her affectionate family life, are too varied and numerous to mention here, which is why his book is such a treasure trove of anecdote and insight -- and a revelation, to anyone interested in those who have made history at the English Bar. We would say, order it now! The biography certainly deserves pride of place in anyone's professional or home library.

Rose Heilbron QC (later Dame Rose Heilbron), was an English barrister who became a world famous icon of the 1950s and 1960s. She was one of the two first women King's Counsel (later Queen's Counsel) in 1949 and the first woman Judge in England in 1956 when she became Recorder of Burnley. This biography, written by her daughter Hilary, also a barrister and Queen's Counsel, charts her rise to prominence and success against the odds, excelling as an advocate and lawyer and later as only the second female High Court Judge in a career spanning nearly 50 years. She broke down many barriers with a string of firsts in the legal profession. She became a pioneer for women at the English Bar and for women generally, championing many women's causes in an era when it was not fashionable to do so. The biography highlights her role as an inspiring and successful defense advocate in many famous and fascinating cases as well as in cases of great legal importance. These include the Cameo murder case in 1950; the trial of Devlin and Burns for capital murder; the representation of the striking Liverpool Dockers in a case of national importance; the defense of the notorious London gangster, Jack Spot; and the representation, in an early anti-discrimination case, of the world renowned cricketer, Learie Constantine. Also chronicled are her years as a High Court Judge and the wide range of other legal and non-legal activities she undertook as a result of her fame including her appointment by the government in 1975 to chair an Advisory Committee on Rape. With the added insights and recollections of her daughter, it portrays a multi-dimensional picture of the young and beautiful Rose Heilbron - barrister, judge, working wife, and mother - not only managed to combine these public and private roles in an era when to do so was extremely rare, but who did so with the combination of warmth, flair, and determination which was to make her an internationally acclaimed role model for women. Many people over the years have wanted to write about her: this is the first authorized biography.

...[A] trailblazer for women. Hilary Heilbron's biography of her mother, ...tastes of postwar Britain like the rock sold on Rhyl beach by one of Rose's clients who was accused of breaching rationing orders. In an age of true austerity and deprivation, an attractive young woman achieves celebrity status through her advocacy skills and the acres of newsprint (invariably under a headline describing her as a Portia) that they provoked. It is an astonishing story and Heilbron tells it well, with as much objectivity as one could reasonably expect from a (justifiably) proud daughter...the range and quantity of Heilbron's work is impressive[Rose Heilbron's] contribution to the development of the legal system is unique and permanent. Hilary Heilbron's entertaining book captures the legal and social atmosphere in which

her mother climbed to the top of her profession and started the process (still continuing) of removing the barriers against women. --David Pannick, The Times, Nov 22, 2012

Star who raised the Bar..this biography of an extraordinary woman.Rose Heilbron was the Margaret Thatcher of the law, a woman who broke through the glass ceiling by sheer force of personality and talentThe list of firsts in Rose's career was uniqueThis lucidly written and gripping biography is a fitting filial memorial to a great woman. --Jonathan Goldberg QC, The Jewish Chronicle, Nov 2, 2012

Rose Heilbron was one of the most prominent and influential English lawyers of the past century....Hilary Heilbron adds intimate and vivid touches to the portrait of the private Rose as wife, mother, home- and holiday-maker which no other author could (or maybe would) have essayed. But it was the public Rose who inspired a new generation of female advocates; and if more than half of those called to the Bar this year are women, she can claim the posthumous credit. The young Margaret Thatcher, when a Bar student, presciently praised Rose as a role model in an article in the Sunday Graphic; she was indeed as much a pioneer in the field of law as Lady Thatcher was in the field of politics. The author is properly proud of her mother and in this book, which supplies a necessary chapter in legal history, she has done her proud. --Michael Beloff, Times Literary Supplement, Feb 1, 2013

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