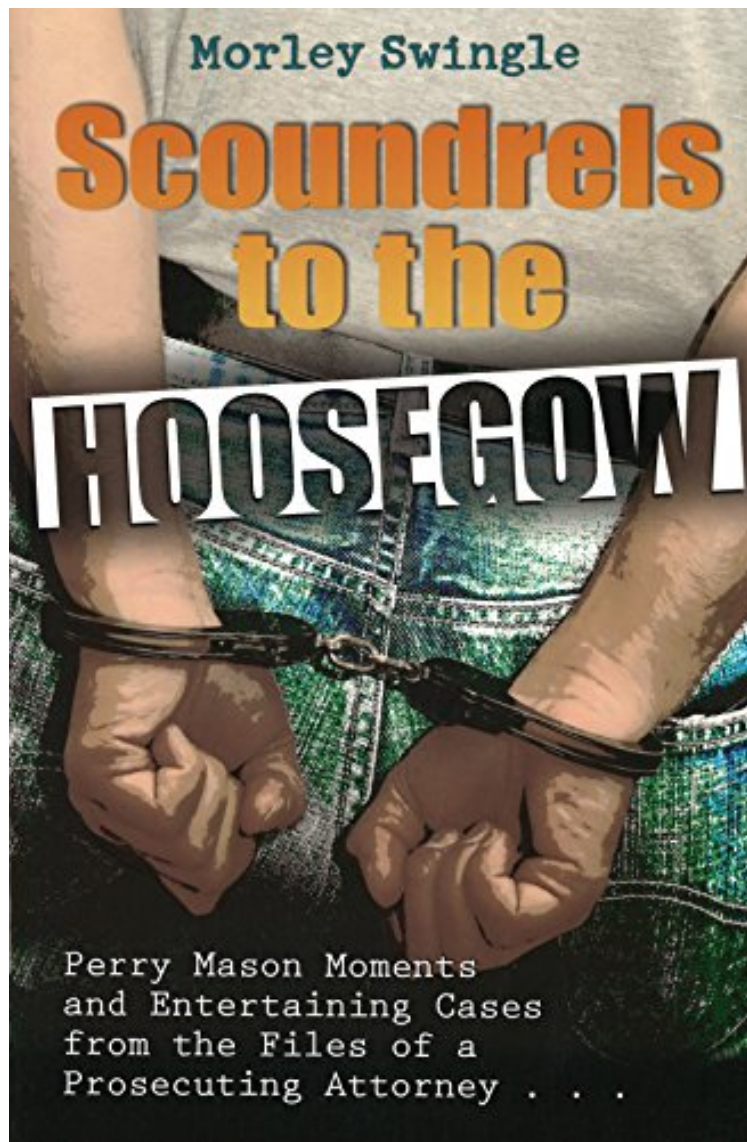


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious, Entertaining, and Worth ReadingBy A. Van MeterHaving spent 5 semesters at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, and being a native of Jefferson County, I recognized some of the people and trials Morley Swingle wrote about and found them hilarious, entertaining, informative, and sometimes disgusting. It is a book worth reading and shows just how low some people will go or how honorable they will be. While the book doesn't necessarily flow from one chapter to the next, it makes it easier to be able to pick up anywhere in the middle of the book and read about a specific case. I only wish Swingle had referenced case and law numbers more. His simple explanations of legal lingo made reading easier and educational. Morley, if you're reading this...I sure am glad I never met you. :-)

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Funny and Informative BookBy JennyChacoI was particularly interested in this book as I worked in the legal field for many years. The author wrote in the style of Mark Twain and his renditions of actual cases was both informative and funny.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. good summer readBy Kristin A. AlyeaMorley Swingle was a friend of my brother when my family lived in Cape Girardeau, MO in the 1960s. He was a nice kid, has grown into a pretty good story teller. This is a book you can pick up put down with ease and not worry about losing track of the plot. The stories are short and entertaining. Perfect to read with the chilled beverage of your choice.

I closed my direct examination of narcotics officer Bill Bohnert by asking, "Detective Bohnert, do you see in the courtroom today the man we just saw on the tape, selling the crack cocaine to Darren Bullard?" Bohnert pointed to Robert Funt. "He's right there. . . ." I heard laughter in the courtroom. I glanced at the defendant, who had dutifully raised his hand. The prisoners seated behind him were laughing. They recognized a Perry Mason moment when they saw one. Bohnert continued, "He's the one with his hand raised in the air." It has been said that the public prosecutor has more power over life, liberty, and reputation than any other persona daunting proposition, but perhaps less intimidating when that officials perspective is tempered by humor and compassion. In *Scoundrels to the Hoosegow*, a veteran prosecutor who is also a consummate storyteller shares more than thirty entertaining legal stories drawn from real life, re-creating, with verve and wit, villains, heroes, and ordinary citizens. In cases both tragic and hilarious, Morley Swingle offers a behind-the-scenes look at the justice system, taking readers from the scene of the crime to the courtroom as he explores the worlds of judges, attorneys, police officers, and criminals. Informed by a deep appreciation of Mark Twain, Swingle aims to do for his profession what Clemens did for riverboat piloting. He leads readers on an enjoyable romp through crime and punishment, while offering a clear exposition of legal points from the subtleties of cross-examination to the role of plea bargaining. In cases ranging from indecent exposure to conspiracy to commit murder, Swingle considers the fine line between pornography and obscenity and discusses sensitive issues surrounding first-degree murder and the death penalty. Whether describing a drunken but well-meaning probationer who frees the dogs on death row or the woman who tries to hire a reluctant hit man to dispose of her husband, he combines true crime and legal analysis with a healthy dose of humor and shares the occasional Perry Mason moment in which a trial dramatically shifts direction. Not since the author of *Anatomy of a Murder*, Robert Traver, wrote *Small Town D.A.* fifty years ago has an American prosecutor penned such a candid, revealing, and funny account of the job an altogether satisfying book that sentences the reader to many hours of enjoyment.

*Morley Swingles Scoundrels to the Hoosegow* is not only consistently fascinating, but there is much to be learned from it about life in and out of an American courtroom. I highly recommend this engrossing book to the general reader and, in particular, to members of the prosecutorial profession. Vincent Bugliosi