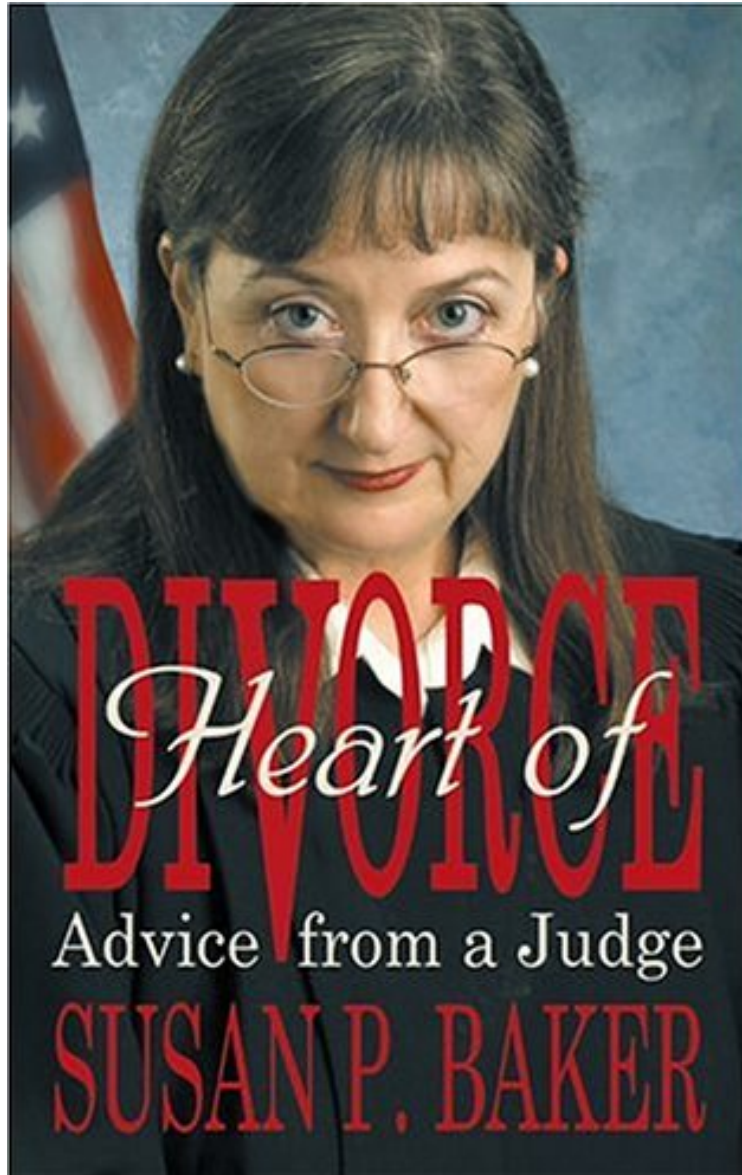


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three StarsBy CustomerPerfect! Thanks!!!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Judge without a heartBy A. MacMoyI think family court judges must lose some perspective about divorce and heartache after years of dealing out the final legal blow to a family. I understand they must be

impartial, but for goodness sake, Ms Baker, show some mercy to those who don't WANT to get a divorce. Shouldn't there be some kind of incentive to keep families together? The title suggests that there is some softness in divorce (or at least in the book) but it is a very dry, legal and hopeless process for what to expect when you go through a divorce. Good for those who are going through the process without a lawyer (or with a lawyer who doesn't explain the process) but not at all what I expected based on the title. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. KnowledgeBy Deborah C. Higgs The Heart of Divorce is written for people who need to understand the process of divorce. It has been utilized as a presentation for several organizations including therapists and paralegals who face helping people with decisions on a daily basis. Judge Baker writes with kindness and compassion. She learned, from her many years on the bench, the heartache that divorce causes for families. In her book, she desires to move people from the adversarial thought processes often involved in divorce to one of compassion and understanding by all parties. She is a kind and considerate person who utilizes her knowledge to help people throughout a very trying time. Good work Judge Baker. Please continue your efforts for the good of all people.

Written from the perspective of a judge, who is also a divorced person, this book helps you realize that you are not alone. The experience is painful to everyone, but this book can help you make it through without too much misery by following a few simple steps. If you have always taken the high road in your dealings with others, this is no time to go against your nature. People that have been married can part ways and, if not be friends, at least treat each other with dignity and respect. By setting out things that need to be considered logically before making the plunge into the murky waters of the divorce court system. It isn't an easy system. From clerks to judges, you will be met by a cast of characters who may seem to have confusing you as their only goal. Often the system is like a giant octopus, its tentacles ready to reach out and ensnare its victim. The bigger the fight the victim (you) puts up, the tighter its grip (the more confusing the system), and the farther you seem from the shore (from getting divorced). You didn't know the octopus was there; you thought you knew the route from point A to point B. Suddenly a frightening new element was introduced into the equation. You felt you would never wade into the courtroom for the final hearing. You need an alternative to the costly nastiness that seems to be a trademark of divorce. During the past twenty (20) years, I have seen people squander tens of thousands of dollars on lawyers and experts to help them win in court. Sometimes the money was spent in divorces with large estates. Other times it was spent to make sure a party got custody of the children. Often, both property and children were at stake. This book will make a world of difference for you.

If you do not "get it" before reading this book, you certainly will by the end." -- Deborah C. Higgs, Marriage and Family Therapist, January 1, 2003 Not fortunate enough to be in her court but we were fortunate enough to find her book. Highly recommend. -- Carol Lund and Mike Hessen, January 6, 2003 The ability to give the reader true insight into their own ability to control their destiny in the Court System. -- Kathryn Lanan, Family Law Attorney Mediator, January 14, 2003 About the Author Susan P. Baker was a family law judge in Texas for 12 years. Prior to and during her years on the bench, Judge Baker was involved in organizing the following programs and services in her community to benefit families in crisis: Family Law Mediation (a form of alternative dispute resolution), including financially aided mediation, Parent Education Classes (For Kids Sake), CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Texas Chapter AFCC (Association of Family and Conciliation Courts), Community Service work for delinquent youths, and the Women's Resource and Crisis Center (a shelter and other programs for abused women). Judge Baker, also, wrote grants for Galveston County for the Children's Justice Act and Court Improvement Act, which helped reform the way child abuse and neglect cases are handled. The new program served as a model for the State of Texas. Judge Baker was married for 25 years. She and her first husband have two daughters and three grandchildren. Judge Baker remarried in 1998. During her tenure on the bench, the judge was a member of the Galveston County Family Bar Association, Island Youth Advisory Board, Galveston County Mediation Board, Galveston County Community Supervision and Corrections Board, Galveston County Juvenile Board, State Bar of Texas Family and Juvenile Law Sections, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges, and The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Texas and National Chapters. She has been a frequent speaker and trainer for such groups as Galveston County Family Bar Association, Family Law Ad Litem Seminars, Brazoria County Youth Home, University of Houston Clear Lake Legal Studies Program, South Texas College of Law Family Law Judicial Panel, St. Mary's School of Law "A View from the Bench," Foster and Adoptive Parent Training, Court Appointed Special Advocates Training, ABWA, Coastal AHEC, Prevention of Child Abuse, Mainland Bar Association, and singles programs, police departments, teachers organizations, school career days, Rotaries, and Optimists. Judge Baker, also, advocated for courthouse security in Galveston County, which caused the acquisition of metal detectors and trained peace officers for the protection of court participants. Her up-coming book *Murdered Judges of The 20th Century* is a result of her research into courthouse violence in this country. Books by Susan P. Baker *My First Murder* A murder mystery. Houston's Mavis Davis investigates her first murder case. *Heart of Divorce: Advice from a Judge* Self-help nonfiction Common sense advice on doing your own divorce without bitterness. *Murdered Judges of the 20th Century* Nonfiction - true crime 42 stories of American judges who were

murdered or died mysteriously.