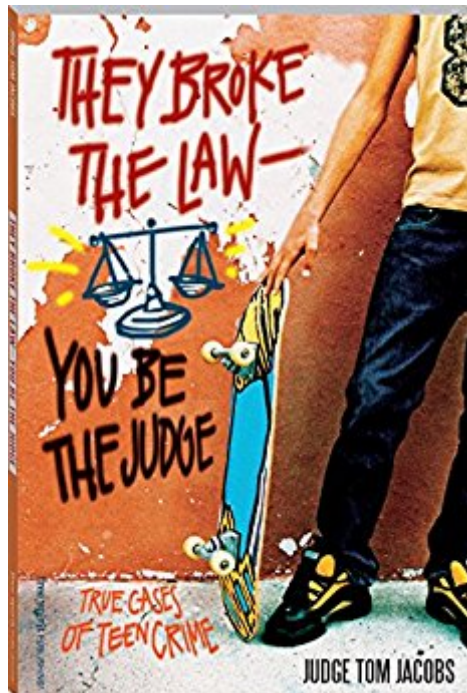


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# They Broke The Law-You Be The Judge: True Cases Of Teen Crime



## Synopsis

Teens often hear about other teens who get into trouble with the law. But theyâ™re seldom asked what they think should happen next and why. A unique introduction to the juvenile justice system, *They Broke the Law*â™ You Be the Judge: True Cases of Teen Crime invites teens to preside over a variety of real-life cases. They meet Adam, who makes a threat in school; Erica, who assaults another student and uses marijuana; and more young people who commit crimes and are caught. Like a judge, readers learn each teenâ™s background, the relevant facts, and the sentencing options available. After deciding on a sentence, they find out what really happenedâ™and where each offender is today. Along the way, readers learn Judge Jacobsâ™ concerns about each case, reflect on probing questions, and discover that they canâ™t jump to conclusions. Teens (and teachers) who want more can find role-playing ideas and scenarios related to the stories available as free downloads here on the Free Spirit Web site. Thought-provoking and eye-opening, this book is for all teens who want to know more about the juvenile justice system and the laws that pertain to them and their peers.

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## Customer Reviews

I have used this book with juveniles I work with on probation. It is neat to see them problem solve the cases and how many times they would actually punish the crime much harder than what the judge actually decided. This book creates great discussions and has a lot of value in the therapeutic groups for problem solving. I highly recommend this book to use with teens in all different ways.

I purchased this book as it was one on a list provided by our school for a summer book report project and the title interested my son. We both read the book and found it to be very interesting for different reasons. My son learned about the juvenile judicial system and the case studies provided a good opportunity for discussion with my son about various topics - how poor friend choices and peer pressure can cause someone to make poor decisions; what happens to those who break the law; how drugs can mess up your life, etc. I really thought that this was a great book for many reasons.

Love this book. have used it with 5-8th graders. Highly engaging and eye opening for this age group. I like to read beginning - have them decide what they would do in the case and then read what was actually done for the cases. Highly recommend!!!!

I am a high school counselor for students with learning disabilities. I use this book in my classroom along with free role play scenarios. My students love it. They are engaged and excited about the lessons. I am worried about what I'm gonna do when I finish the book. Judge Jacobs, we want more books like this one!

I saw a sample of this and bought the book for use in my middle school G/T classroom. We were doing a unit on how the court system works. I particularly appreciate the way the book lets you get inside the head of the judge, to see how he tries to balance the law, the safety and well-being of society, and what is best for the teen long-term. There are ten case studies included, but I only really had time for about three or four during the quarter-long class. Even so, it really made my students think about the reasons for mandatory minimum sentences but also for giving the judge some discretion on sentencing.

I bought this for a class of high school students. It really holds their attention as I read it, present the options and have them explain why they chose the option they did, and then compare it to what actually happened.

Great for my students! I'm always looking for compelling non-fiction for my freshmen to read and analyze. These stories really get them thinking, because they're true.

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