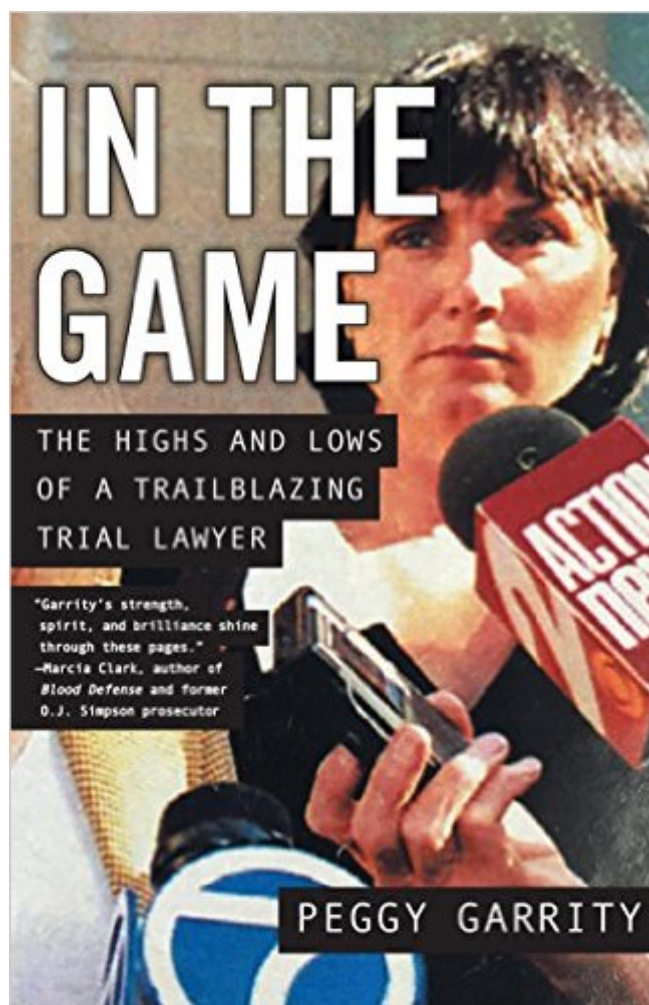


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In The Game: The Highs And Lows Of A Trailblazing Trial Lawyer



Synopsis

Peggy Garrity began her life as a small-town Irish Catholic girl in the Midwest. Initially convent-bound, she became determined to escape a life like her mother's, and in the mid-1970s she reinvented herself as a high-profile Los Angeles trial lawyer and single mother of four. At a time when there were virtually no women solo practitioners, she represented David against Goliath and risked it all in the process. Including compelling courtroom dramas featuring would-be presidential assassin Sara Jane Moore, celebrities Clint Eastwood, Sondra Locke, and Cheryl Tiegs, and some of Los Angeles's most notorious murder cases, *In the Game* is the groundbreaking story of a thrill-seeking solo trial lawyer and single mother who beat the odds at a time when working mothers, especially those in male-dominated professions like the law, faced the gauntlet of discrimination.

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If I did not know this author, I would probably have considered "In The Game" as fiction. It seems to be a description of not one life, but many. However, because I had the good fortune to meet Peggy Garrity in the middle of her life number two (hard to count), and then again after life four or five, I can tell you this: It's a true and remarkable story. Peggy's account of her intertwined personal and professional ups and downs is riveting, because it is rich with factual material and intriguing anecdotes we can all relate to on some level, and because it is a story well told. For me it was unputdownable. Each episode leaves a reader thinking, "Brilliant!!" - or - "Yes!! That's what I would have done!" - or (often more likely) - "What were you thinking? How in the world could you have

done that?" ... along with ... "Fantastic! I wish I had an experience like that!" - or - "Oh my God! I'm glad I avoided experiences like that in my life!" I guess it depends a lot on which four Myers-Briggs indicators best describe your personality traits. The book is an engrossing account of an American life well-lived, and includes the good, the bad, and even a bit of ugly. It's always tough going for the pioneers, and that's what Peggy's book gets across so well. But for trailblazers like this, where would we be now? If Nietzsche was correct about "That which does not kill us," Peggy must be very strong by now ... I'm looking forward to Part Two of this autobiography ... in about thirty years.

This book really took me on a journey. Ms. Garrity is an inspiration and I really admire her accomplishments. I bought one for my Mom friend who is in law school right now too! It is a powerful, truthful and compelling story. And it is true! READ IT!

Author Peggy Garrity is an accomplished trial lawyer who takes on "lawyering" with wit, grit and gusto. Garrity is funny and authentic. She gives gripping glimpses into a work life dominated by bullies, assaulters and murderers which the audience can handle because she eases the blows with humorous, interesting anecdotes infused with compassion and deep family values. I like this author's style and honesty.

This story is engrossing on so many levels. The author presents herself as a real, flawed person who overcomes so many obstacles. I cared about the character from the start. I felt her struggle from predatory priest to hostile male-dominated legal profession of the 70s/80s. Her descriptions of actual cases she fought and won are themselves gripping, and she is heroic in the way she fights for the underdog. But I'm also learning a lot about the legal system and trial system, although she never gets too technical. The book leaves me with a lot to think about, including the value of jury trials (which I see now are important for the underdog even if they are imperfect).

You'll read it in one sitting. I loved, loved, the brisk read early on of midwest life for one real life baby boomer. And later a marvel of the dauntless aspirations of a brave, indomitable and always harried single mother --- who became a STAR in her field IN SPITE of the field's cynics, naysayers, and shams. There's gotta be an outstanding actress looking for good material and pining for an engaging life to portray!

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