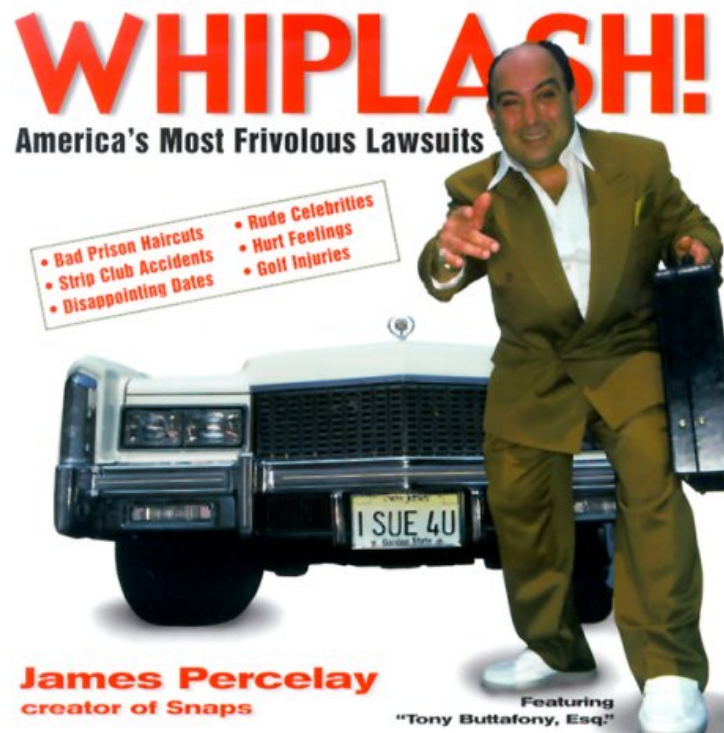


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12 of 17 people found the following review helpful. The only funny thing about this book is that I bought it. By One Fancy Angel The author attempts to tell hilarious stories of exceptionally frivolous lawsuits brought in various Courts. I'm certain the stories themselves would in fact have been funny if the author knew how to write humor. This is Percelay's attempt at humor as he writes about the verdict of a case involving a Little League game: THE VERDICT, Please.... The judge felt that this case didn't deserve to get to second base..... An appeals court agreed that the judge's ruling was SAFE. (emphasis the author's). This and other un-funny embellishments of otherwise funny stories is about the level of humor that this book offers. Also completely non-hilarious are the scattered jokes about lawyers; I admit to laughing at only one. And trust me, I usually find lawyers' jokes funny. I cannot begin to imagine what anyone found funny in this supposed humor book. The joke is on me for having spent the money to buy it. My next humor book is going to be something by Dave Barry, where I am quite certain I can get what I originally wanted from this book: a hearty laugh. Don't buy this book, I beg you. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Legal lunacy By T. G. Gutheil This compendium of true but bizarre litigation is amazing and amusing; it grimly reveals how litigation has gotten under the skin of Americans with disastrous but often hilarious results. 16 of 22 people found the following review helpful. Truth Isn't Always Stranger Than Fiction By A Customer I first heard of this book when the author appeared on "Crier Today" on Court TV; an engaging speaker, but his pithy description of one case covered in the book indicated that his accounts of lawsuits might not be quite accurate in all instances. A humorously recounted tale

of a stuporously drunk man trespassing onto rail tracks and electrocuting himself, followed by a lawsuit and a \$3 million verdict might give rise to a sense of outrage about a legal system gone wrong. A review of the decision by the Illinois Supreme Court in *Lee v. Chicago Transit Authority*, 152 Ill.2d 432, 605 N.E.2d 493 (1992) (in which it is clearly stated that the jury acknowledged Mr. Lee's own degree of fault, and reduced the verdict by 50%) might lead to a different conclusion. The verdict was based upon dull things like the CTA's knowledge that the third rail was at street-level, accidents had occurred in the past, and a not-at-all frivolous or terribly innovative application of the Restatement (Second) of Torts. Those who want a relatively succinct account of how the *Lee* case was used (after appropriate distortion of the underlying facts) to rally support for tort reform in Illinois, please see: Stephanie B. Goldberg, "Tough Times for Victims? Tort Reform Is Supposed to End Outrageous Lawsuits, But Its Impact May Be Far Greater Than That," *Chicago TRIBUNE*, July 30, 1995 (Sunday Magazine). If you want a quick, undemanding and entertaining read, you might enjoy this book. But don't rely upon it as a reliable citation for what really happened in the courtroom. Frivolous lawsuits are brought every day -- but based upon Percelay's and Deutchman's treatment of the Lee case, they're not always terribly careful about their research. That might be too much to demand from a book such as this.

A compendium of the most outrageous real-life lawsuits ever concocted by greedy, legal minds. This book hilariously demonstrates techniques for cashing in, in court, and boasts the funniest legal jokes, most outrageous lawyer license plates, a legalese dictionary, and, of course, a caseload of comical lawsuits.