

# Pupillage Reading Suggestions

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Hayley Parkes - Crime

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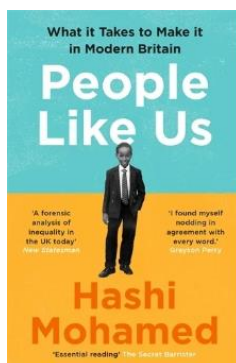
## *Overruled* by Sam Fowles



Timely, captivating and accessible. Sam Fowles’ selection of cases and passionate commentary provide a perfect platform for reading about the interplay between the law and the political landscape of Britain in recent years. Interweaved are Sam’s own experiences from his practice, which colour the book with a personal touch. The short sections and subsections make this a great one for casual holiday reading.

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## *People Like Us* by Hashi Mohamed

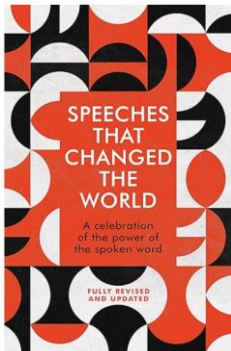


Hashi Mohamed’s story will have you saying “just one more page” again and again. Although Hashi practices as a planning barrister, “People like us” is not just a book for aspiring lawyers. For anyone with an interest in social mobility and equality —important topics for the Bar and all those interacting with it — this is a must read. Whilst the book gives many personal accounts, the author wants the reader to work hard by reflecting on

their own journey through British society. A truly fascinating read. I particularly enjoyed the chapters on Language and Employment.

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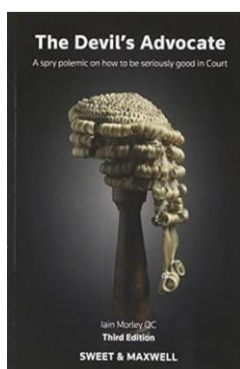
## *Speeches that changed the world - Quercus*



During pupillage, several members of the Bar and Bench have stressed to me the importance of expert use of language. Any aspiring barrister should therefore consider their use of language and how to develop the main ‘tool of the trade’. For an entertaining and informative way of approaching this topic, I would recommend delving into this collection of historical speeches. Each arranged into three sections (the speech, the person, the story) it is ideal for picking and choosing content on holiday. Several can be listened to on YouTube so you can decide how you might approach the speech.

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## *The Devil's Advocate* by Iain Morley KC (then QC)

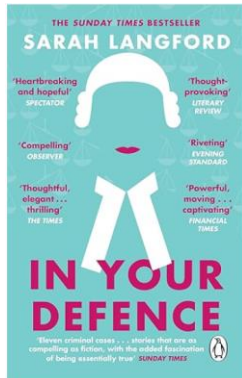


Described as a “sly polemic” by the author, this book is packed full of useful advice and practical tips for anyone heading towards a career at the Bar (or mystified by how it is done by those already there). Iain Morley’s tone is encouraging, direct and concise – I felt accountable as the reader, even before I’ve begun on my feet. Your highlighter may run dry on this one! On page 1, Iain assures the reader that the whole book will take

around 4 hours to read, however I would speed through this book at your peril. The lessons and reflection points are too good to miss.

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## ***In Your Defence* by Sarah Langford**



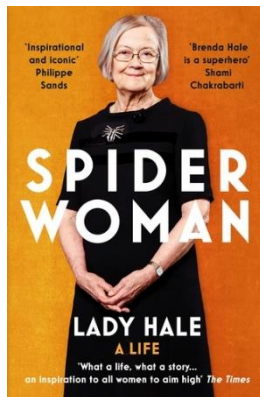
Some years ago, I went to Waterstones in search of some reading material. I was toying with the idea of a career change, so with my curiosity spiked, I turned to reading for inspiration. The two books that I caught my eye in the modest “Law” section were Tom Bingham’s “The Rule of Law” (a brilliant read) and “In your defence” by Sarah Langford. Sarah bears all in these enthralling stories from her practice as a criminal barrister. The paramount importance of the individual in criminal law, encapsulated by Sarah’s choice to give the names of individuals to chapters, is the red thread that runs through this read. Providing a glimpse into the emotional and mental challenges faced by barristers, Sarah’s accounts are sure to provoke reflection on the criminal justice system and all those who engage with it.

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### **Other titles worthy of review:**

- *The Art of the Advocate*, Richard du Cann

## ***Spider Woman* by Lady Hale**

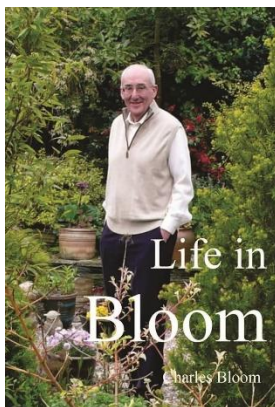


*Omnia Feminae Aequissimae* – 'Women are Equal to Everything'

Baroness Hale of Richmond is the first woman to serve on the Law Commission, the first woman to serve on the UK's new Supreme Court and the first female president of the UK's Supreme Court – and yet she is perhaps most well-known for that spider brooch! The principal architect of the Children Act 1989, instrumental in the creation of both the Family Law Act 1996 and the Mental Capacity Act 2005, this book is a must read for anyone interested in family law, particularly public. A truly inspirational figure who became the most senior judge in a dramatically male dominated environment.

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## ***Life in Bloom* by Charles Bloom**



From working class Manc to (then) QC and indeed a prosperous career as a CJ, this lovely little memoir tells the tale of HHJ Bloom's fifty plus-year career in law starting in a time rife with racism, discrimination and classism. A truly pleasant read full of humour and witty anecdotes, albeit harrowing at times. A rare 'behind the curtain' insight into the life of a Judge and a thoroughly enjoyable read for those interested in law in general but especially the judiciary.

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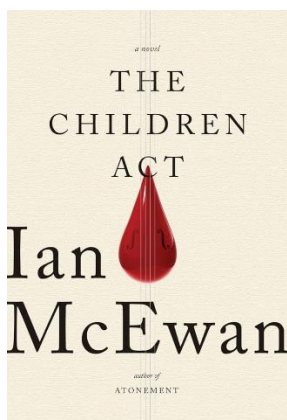
## **Prima Facie Script – by Suzie Miller**



This one woman play completely broke boundaries and the box office picking up major awards worldwide. The script is a must read for those especially interested in the criminal Bar, but also anyone passionate about the law in general. It deals head on with issues arising in respect of sexual assault claims, classism and gender at the Bar. The play tells the traumatic tale of a highly successful criminal barrister who comes to question everything she knows and believes about the law when she becomes the victim herself of sexual assault at the hands of fellow barrister. A really stunningly crafted script, full of legal nuances, at times very witty, but a deeply powerful piece of work.

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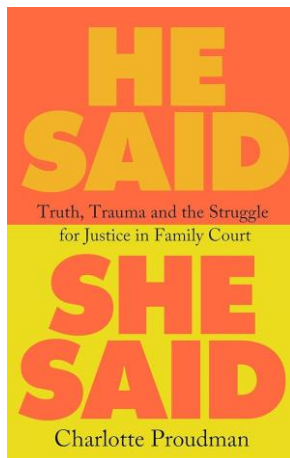
## **The Children Act – by Ian McEwan**



A great piece of fiction for anyone interested in care proceedings and indeed Court of Protection matters, this novel's protagonist is a female High Court Judge who is faced with an inextricable dilemma concerning the law and her own humanity and emotions when a case is put before her involving a child - a devout Jehovah's Witness - refusing a lifesaving blood transfusion. It is a moral maze through which the protagonist must somehow find a way, a fictitious account of real-life ethical quandaries, based very much on real cases, and told in a poignant and extremely engaging manner.

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## ***He Said, She Said* – by Charlotte Proudman**



Dr Charlotte Proudman is a prominent campaigner and the founder of 'Right to Equality' which focuses on legislative changes to achieve gender equality. In her capacity as a Barrister she specialises in family law and violence against women and children, indeed, she has dedicated her working life to representing women who have suffered unimaginable trauma. But Proudman believes the struggle to achieve justice is ongoing in what she terms to be an unjust system; a system in which women across the country are suffering at the hands of a legal system built by men. A controversial figure, in fact very recently the much-publicised subject of BSB misconduct proceedings (no case to answer), but this promises to be a thought provoking read and insight into the Bar.

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