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## BOOK REVIEW

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*I, Too, Nicodemus*, by Curtis Bok. New York: A. A. Knopf. 1946. Pp. 349 \$3.50.

Curtis Bok is a presiding judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia. His ten years' experience upon the bench, coupled with a natural gentleness of introspection, have given him a philosopher's vision of frailties and virtues. *I, Too, Nicodemus* is a resume of a few trials, treated fictionally, that is as rare as it is delightful. Thinly disguised as Judge Ulen, the author passes on to posterity observations and deductions that reflect not only the high intelligence and keen intellectuality of a wise jurist but the human and sympathetic understanding of an upright gentleman imbued with faith in his fellow men. Ulen's Quaker breeding, moral probity and rational idealism find a large field for expression in the solution of family relations, civil disputes and criminal catastrophes. Nowhere in modern trial recounting stands forth any more dramatic presentation than the narration of the cause celebre of the brother and sister, Jon and Sara Sander, nor anything more lovely than the personal story of the affectionate relation between the judge and his little daughter, Julia.

*I, Too, Nicodemus*, is a book for lawyers, men and home lovers to take to heart and for psychologists and criminologists to study. When, with misty eyes, they close the pages they will realize that, for a privileged time, they have appeared before the bar of a court of honor.

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