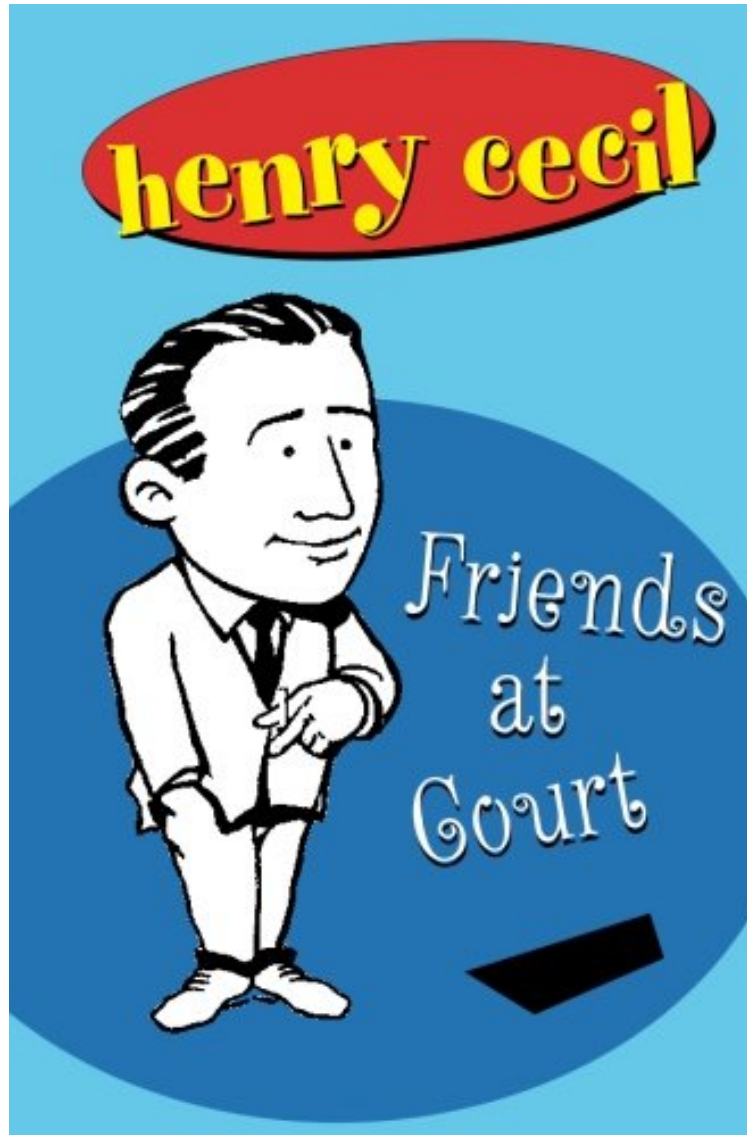


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**Henry Cecil : Friends At Court (Roger Thursby)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Friends At Court (Roger Thursby):

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YEARS AND THE PROSE IS DELIGHTFULLY LIGHT An appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green Chambers The twenty-first century advertising blurb for the Henry Cecil's "Friends at Court" says that "Roger Thursby is prospering in the legal profession and is about to be made a Queen's Council. In this brilliantly funny sequel to *Brothers in Law* we follow him through a further series of hilarious legal highs and lows". That does not tell the full tale, as his pupil master would have expected him to do, for this is a rather splendid and special book for yesterday and today although you should have some knowledge of the Thursby saga to understand this story and the others featuring the priggish Roger. To us the story line is as fresh as the first time we read it fifty odd years ago, Both the story's format and the writing style have that splendid light touch with its lack of complication which makes it what it was originally, the essence of the best seller! Yes, we know you should be complex, awful and most contemporary today but these stories by Cecil (HHJ Leon) were from a bygone, carefree and simple age even though the cases ( ) were complex and the facts generally disgusting even then. The original work commented that Thursby's original appearance was where he "first displayed his ignorance in the law courts" much to the consternation of part of the legal establishment of 1956 who did not like being "twitted". With "Friends at Court", Thursby has "grown in knowledge and stature" as he prepares to take silk. And the way he does it is also quite quaint. We follow Thursby in one of his last cases as a junior where he represents a Defendant to what was then the Court of Criminal Appeal, now the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division). His client is "the estimable Swiss hotel proprietor, Mr Glacier, who is just the sort of client we would come across today (sadly) as they don't change. The allegations involve an alleged breach of the licensing laws, where the client might or might not have offered a bribe to a police inspector. And the inspector might or might not have taken it! As with all Henry Cecil's books, his characters are what makes his works so relevant today even though the laws and procedures have changed a bit. And the commentary sixty years ago, continues saying "the law's delays are very pleasantly increased by the appearance of many choice characters, such as high-speed grimes, incoherent Crabtree, and omniscient young Anthony Trent" (remind you of anyone?), who "in three months at the Bar has learned everything... except sense." And there's another appearance of a favourite, Mr Green, decades before the creation of Norman Stanley Fletcher. Cecil is "better than ever", as Wodehouse describes the work, and the humour is as funny as ever without causing any offence. All Cecil's books are easy to read as light legal stories. He always excels as a short story writer with the vignettes to run the plots along and well worth devouring today to acquire a more rounded knowledge of where the common law is today, and they cheer one up after a tough day in court!

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Will delight the addicts and increase his admirers for, like *Brothers in Law*, it is extremely funny. (News Chronicle) About the Author Henry Cecil, known to many as His Honour Judge H.C. Leon, MC, was a High Court judge as well as a famous author. He wrote during the three-week-long family holidays which were usually spent in comfortable hotels in Britain. He would sit in a deck chair in a sunny garden, exercise book on lap and pen in hand, writing from 10 am to 1pm, then again from 2.30 to 4 pm each day. His writing career is attributed to his Second World War experiences. Sailing around the Cape on a 'dry' troop ship on the way to Cairo, the colonel asked his adjutant (Cecil) to tell stories to keep the officers' minds off alcohol. The stories were so popular that they became a regular feature, and formed the basis of his first collection, 'Full Circle', published in 1948. Thereafter, the legal year, his impressions at court, or at other official functions, as well as dinners at the Savoy Grill or at his club, the Garrick, all provided material for his considerable brain power. Many of his stories were made into films or plays - notably 'Brothers-in-Law' and 'Alibi for a Judge'. These and other books have also provided a stimulus for those wishing to take up law as a career. They are a delight for those who look for authenticity in the most aptly described British characters. Cecil died in May 1976, still at the height of his mental powers.