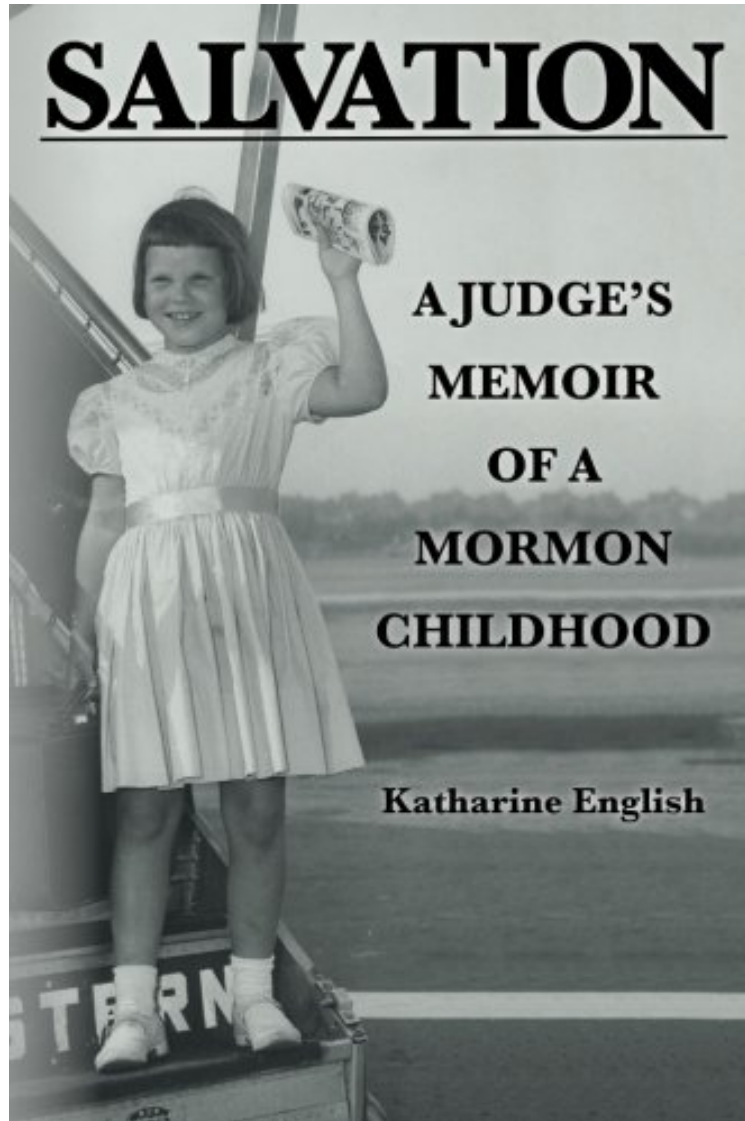


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Katharine English : Salvation: A Judge's Memoir of a Mormon Childhood before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Salvation: A Judge's Memoir of a Mormon Childhood:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. She uses language like a plush blanket to cuddle you to safety and ...By CustomerReview of SALVATIONEnglish is at the forefront of 70-year old-plus authors who actually have something of value to say. Her storytelling is exquisite in its flow and fluidity. She uses language like a plush blanket to cuddle you to safety and before you can turn the page, she uses language to kick you hard in the heart. Her stories are brutal in their telling, pulling the reader in until you want to escape, but you cant. You must turn the next page.She

explores Mormonism (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) through the eyes of a child saved by the Church and destroyed by the Church. She exposes the myths of a Family Court judge and asks, Who is being served. She hauntingly paints the picture of all sexual abuse victims: Did my Daddy rape me or does he just love me so much he wants to be near me. She uses the metaphor of discovery as a journey back to Salt Lake City to face the facts and shadows of her childhood. This book will amaze you with the beauty of English's writing. It is high minded while not always being fair-minded. As you come to the last devastating page you will be thinking about your own brothers and sisters and wondering if they have secrets to tell you.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Story That Asks the Important Questions By Terrell Harris Dougan This book was a head-spinner for me. Anyone who grew up with a mean mother, or within the Mormon Church, or in Salt Lake City in the fifties, or who felt saddened and abandoned by a beloved father, will find a page-turner of recognition here. But wait. That doesn't even begin to tell the layers. I could not get over the shocking realization of how the mean mother had a redeeming feature, and the beloved father had a devastating side. But the theme that turned my head around and made me sit for hours staring out the window was this: what constitutes real abuse and what constitutes real love? Talk about overcoming horrid memories and living a life of love and forgiveness! Katharine English writes beautifully and has written a very tight story that, to me, never had even a boring sentence! I want to smack both her parents, but of course they are gone. But the children they left behind seemed to have survived very well. Once again, the human spirit can get up from being slapped to the floor and stand tall and move forward. I cannot wait to read her next memoir, because this story isn't even half over. What a ride!!

Terrell Harris Dougan Author of THAT Went Well: Adventures in Caring for My Sister 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A memoir that is well worth reading By Customer In "Salvation: A Judge's Memoir of a Mormon Childhood", Katharine English has written a captivating, brutally honest telling of her growing up in a family with strong, yet very conflicted values. Her writing style is delicious. When she writes about her early childhood years, she writes as an innocent child who accepts all that she is told about her Mormon faith and the way she should live. As she writes about her older childhood, the reader can clearly hear her questioning what she has been taught and what she has been experiencing. One of the most remarkable things about this memoir, is that she acknowledged all that she has been told and has experienced, both positive and negative. She has evaluated its meaning for herself and who she wants to be, and allowed that meaning to shape her into the remarkable person she is today. This is a book that is well worth reading.

"Protection from harm:" This is the original Greek definition of salvation, and it's an innate human need that begins at birth. Protection can come in many shapes and forms. Sometimes it is simple, but often it is complicated and confusing. Salvation, Judge Katharine English's personal memoir, presents a road trip through her tumultuous past that traces the many faces of her journey to protect herself, and eventually others, from harm. Mormonism provides exotic stories, gospels, and doctrines that come to life in English's childhood imagination but she confronts confusing contradictions that are difficult to reconcile. Her attentive and devoted father protects her from an abusive, alcoholic mother, but his love takes a devastating turn. As English grows up, salvation drifts farther and farther away from her reality and rebellion creeps into her life to compensate. Throughout this journey, English digs into her childhood, reveals her dark secrets, and uncovers the forces that have influenced who she's become a family court judge and chronicles her journey toward finding peace. A tribute to parenting challenges, religious complications, and forgiving the wrongs committed to us during childhood, this memoir is ultimately a testament to the true meaning of salvation.

About the Author Katharine English is a retired family court referee and judge who grew up within the Mormon Church in Utah and graduated from Portland State University, Lewis and Clark Law School, and Goddard College, where she earned an MFA in creative writing. English practiced law at English and Metcalf, served on Portland's family court bench for fourteen years, and was chief judge of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for seven years. Throughout her career, she was a faculty member of the National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges. English has traveled the United States, teaching and speaking on a wide range of subjects to judges, lawyers, child service agency workers, and volunteer advocates. Raised by a Mormon mother and Southern Baptist father, and provided with her professional experience in court, she has a uniquely broad perspective on factors that help children rise from the destructive forces in their lives.