

## *What other people are saying about*

### The Third Person in the Room

“I learned more about communicating and relationships from reading Bea's essays than I have in 43 years as an attorney. There are a number of situations that I will now approach differently than I have in the past.”

– John Norwine, Executive Director, Cincinnati Bar Association (1995-2016)

“Bea Larsen does not consider this to be a how-to book, though it is one. This book is complex, non-prescriptive, and offers no promises. What it does offer is a lifetime’s worth of professional and personal observations about relationships of all kinds, delivered with great intelligence and perception. And heart. I intend to give copies to all my coupled and uncoupled friends whether they are at ‘turning points’ or not.”

– Howard Wells, Consulting Editor

“Readers of Bea Larsen’s stories from her life and long professional career will benefit from the wisdom and calm assurance she has offered those who have met with her for help with their relationships. I imagine sitting on the long couch in her office, gleaning the insights she has gained and the lessons she has taught herself about handling one's own relationships, and moving on as we age.”

– Karen Faaborg, Professor Emerita, University of Cincinnati

“After 40 years as a professional mediator, by reading *Third Person in the Room*, I enrolled as Bea Larsen’s student in a Master Level Graduate Program in life. Bea became my Professor, Mentor, and Model for personal as well as professional growth. Like *Tuesdays with Morrie*, this book provides life lessons borne of Bea’s wide personal experience. Much more than a self-help primer, *Third Person* is a tool box for resolving conflict in our own lives as well as a fountain of ideas for helping professionals help individuals, families and organizations. Not being able to put the book down, I laughed with and marveled at Bea’s wisdom delivered with reflection and humility. Reading this book is a close second to having a long glass of wine with Bea in her Cincinnati living room.”

– Forrest (“Woody”) Mosten, Mediator, Author and Collaborative Lawyer, San Diego and Beverly Hills, CA

“We join this gracious and wise woman ‘in the room’ as she imparts her sage musings about relationships. Her insights are poetic and profound, nudging us to examine how we connect with others. This book can be devoured in one sitting or enjoyed and savored in small doses. Like fine wine, it is seasoned, impeccable, and refreshing.”

– Charlene Ventura, President and CEO, YWCA of Greater Cincinnati (1988 – 2015)

“Supplementing her career-acquired insights is Larsen’s experience of a fifty year marriage that involved the raising of three children. Here, too, she provides a revealing, personal account of struggles with boundaries, secrets, and all manner of communicative pitfalls.”

– *Robert Shulman, M.D., Psychiatrist*

“Anyone who has encountered conflict in relationships – and that encompasses everyone – will find this compendium of thoughtful reflections by a seasoned family lawyer and mediator a stimulating source of intellectual nourishment. Ms. Larsen goes well beyond the confines of self-help advice and into the realm of deeper introspection and questioning. She provides guidance tempered by the wisdom of knowing there are no easy answers to life’s many questions.”

– *Sherry Davis, Attorney, Mediator*