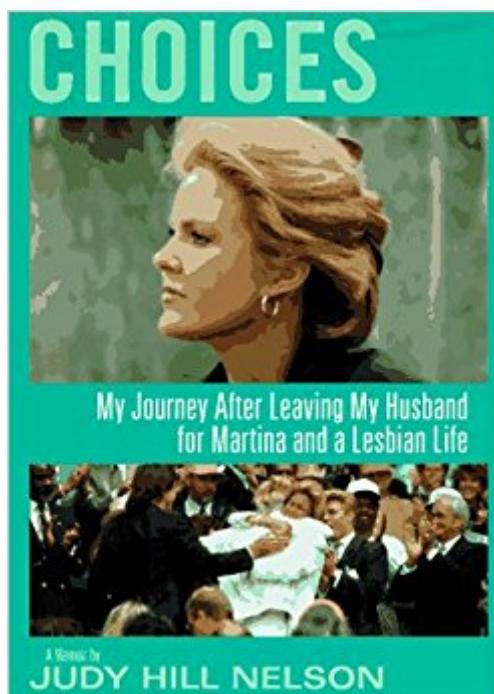


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# Choices: My Journey After Leaving My Husband For Martina And A Lesbian Life



## **Synopsis**

The onetime Texas beauty queen traces her decision to leave her husband, a Texas doctor, her love affair with tennis star Martina Navratilova, whom she sued for palimony in 1991, and her abortive return to heterosexuality.

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## **Customer Reviews**

At age 50, having been ignominiously dumped-as the author sees it-by two lovers, tennis star Martina Navratilova and, later, novelist Rita Mae Brown, Nelson tells us here she is learning how to make her own living, experimenting with such careers as writer, TV commentator and tour-group leader. If this bleating memoir is any indication, writing is one field she ought to scrap. Although she testified against Navratilova in her 1993 book, *Love Match* (coauthored with Susan Faulkner), Nelson again rehashes their seven years together, which culminated in Nelson's lawsuit for a financial settlement (settled out of court for an undisclosed sum). She also burdens readers with recollections of her Texas childhood, her supportive parents, her divorced husband and their sons, Eddie, now a law student, and Bales, an undergraduate. She also tells of two years with novelist Brown, who was herself a one-time lover of Navratilova, and of her current lover. Whether in love or in business, victimization seems to be the theme of Nelson's life, at least as related here. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Nelson examines her much-publicized split with international tennis legend Martina Navratilova within the context of her pre-Martina past as a genteel Southern woman who married a genteel

Southern womanizer; her development since the breakup, including the financial settlement with Martina and Nelson's romance and financial entanglements with Martina's previous ex, author Rita Mae Brown; and her newly found inner calm despite all the publicized personal upheaval. Many will flock to this chronicle, hoping to "see" the "true" Martina and the "true" Rita Mae. They may find Nelson rambling, chatty (she refers to men as "fellas" ), and ostensibly focused on the joys of nature and long-term friendship in the face of adversity but as strongly interested in money matters. To offset this obsession, she summarizes the causes she has addressed as a spokeswoman on such gay and lesbian issues as same-sex marriage, homophobia, and lesbian mothers. Whitney Scott

## COULDN'T PUT THE BOOK DOWN.

As Dorothy Parker once said in a review, "This book should not be tossed aside lightly, it should be thrown with great force." This is Part Duex of Ms. Nelson's self-aggrandizing, exploitative effort to wring yet another buck or two out of her experiences with her two notable exes - Rita Mae Brown and Martina Navarati洛va. Please do not spend the money for this thing - we really don't want to encourage her.

When I finished this book, I had a new respect for Judy Nelson. With everything that has been said and printed about her she still finds it in herself to let us in and get to know her a little better. Since the only things that we really knew before her books, was that she left her husband and kids for another woman, she took a lot of heat for that from both sides, gay and straight. She took even more heat when the two women parted company and her first book. It takes real strength and character to come through all of this and still refuse to tear Martina apart like she has done to Judy. I for one really thank Ms. Nelson for her honesty.

This book was magnificent. If you have ever been in love and lost that love, this is the book you need to read. I have read her first book "Love Match" and it was wonderful, but this book is "double" wonderful. She seems at peace finally and once again happy with her life. And if anyone deserves it, it is Ms. Nelson. She helped me in my time of crisis. I lost someone very special to me, and I read her book. The courage she exemplifies, made me feel like I had a friend to talk to. She is a wonderful person, makes you feel like she is your best friend. I truly hope she writes another wonderful book.

[...]. This book has huge gaps in time, lacks any rational thought [...] and is short on any relevancy to most women (straight or gay). I will never be able to get back the few hours I spent reading this "book"...and that is a shame.[...]

This book, is a definite for anyone who needs the courage to make difficult choices in their lives. Judy Nelson has become a heroine of mine just for her convictions and her honesty. I really related to her. I read Love Match but found her changed and "still" in this one. I wish she would write more!!!

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