

The Summons John Grisham

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Ray and his brother, Forrest, receive a letter from their father, a reclusive, retired judge, instructing them to return home to discuss his estate, but the judge dies before they arrive, leaving behind a secret known only to Ray.

#1 bestselling author John Grisham's *The Reckoning* is his most powerful, surprising, and suspenseful thriller yet. "A murder mystery, a courtroom drama, a family saga . . . *The Reckoning* is Grisham's argument that he's not just a boilerplate thriller writer. Most jurors will think the counselor has made his case."--USA Today October 1996, Clanton, Mississippi Pete Banning was Clanton, Mississippi's favorite son--a decorated World War II hero, the patriarch of a prominent family, a farmer, father, neighbor, and a faithful member of the Methodist church. Then one cool October morning he rose early, drove into town, and committed a shocking crime. Pete's only statement about it--to the sheriff, to his lawyers, to the judge, to the jury, and to his family--was: "I have nothing to say." He was not afraid of death and was willing to take his motive to the grave. In a major novel unlike anything he has written before, John Grisham takes us on an incredible journey, from the Jim Crow South to the jungles of the Philippines during World War II; from an insane asylum filled with secrets to the Clanton courtroom where Pete's defense attorney tries desperately to save him. Reminiscent of the finest tradition of Southern Gothic storytelling, *The Reckoning* would not be complete without Grisham's signature layers of legal suspense, and he delivers on every page. Praise for *The Reckoning* "The quest for justice is only the beginning in this Southern family saga. . . . [Grisham] does so much more this time around."--Akron Beacon Journal "John Grisham is not only the master of suspense but also an acute observer of the human condition. And these remarkable skills converge in *The Reckoning*--an original, gripping, penetrating novel that may be his greatest work yet."--David Grann, New York Times bestselling author of *Killers of the Flower Moon* "John Grisham is the master of legal fiction, and his latest starts with a literal bang -- and then travels backward through the horrors of war to explore what makes a hero, what makes a villain, and how thin the line between the two might be."--Jodi Picoult, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Spark of Light* and *Small Great Things* Promising law school graduate Kyle McAvoy harbors a secret that falls into the hands of some unscrupulous characters who blackmail him into taking a job with a prestigious law firm, where he participates in a scheme that can land him in prison or get him killed.

A suicidal billionaire, a burnt-out Washington litigator, and a woman who has forsaken technology to work in the wilds of Brazil are all brought together by an astounding mystery of the testament.

'The best thriller writer alive' Ken Follett The most corrupt judge in US history. A young investigator with a secret informant. Lacy Stoltz never expected to be in the firing line. Investigating judicial misconduct by Florida's one thousand judges, her cases so far have been relatively unexciting. That's until she meets Greg Myers, an indicted lawyer with an assumed name, who has an extraordinary tale to tell. Myers is representing a whistle blower who knows of a judge involved in organised crime. Along with her gangster associates this judge has facilitated the building of a casino on an Indian reservation. At least two people who opposed the scheme are dead. Since the casino was built, the judge has made several fortunes off undeclared winnings. She owns property around the world, hires private jets to take her where she wishes, and her secret vaults are overflowing with rare books, art and jewels. No one has a clue what she's been doing - until now. Under Florida law, those who help the state recover illegally acquired assets stand to gain a large percentage of them. Myers and his whistle blower friend could make millions. But first they need Lacy to start an investigation. Is she ready to pit herself against the most corrupt judge in American history, a judge whose associates think nothing of murder? ***** Praise for THE WHISTLER 'Grisham really is the master of the legal thriller!' - 5-star reader review 'A great read' - 5-star reader review 'A thriller with plenty of action' - 5-star reader review 'Another gripping tale' - 5-star reader review 'Absolutely loved this book' - 5-star reader review

Present at the suicide of a New Orleans defense attorney, a young boy hires a lawyer to protect himself, sharing with her the dead attorney's shocking last words and hiding from her some dangerous information. 500,000 first printing. \$500,000 ad/promo.

No. 1 on the New York Times bestseller list! New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune highly recommended! Houston Chronicle, Boston Globe, USA Today highly recommended! Arizona Tribune, Book List Magazine, Entertainment Weekly highly recommended! Atlanta Constitutional News, Publisher Weekly, Seattle Times highly recommended! 5 stars from Amazon USA! A tobacco lawsuit involving a huge amount of money in Mississippi, strangely disappears... [Based on the Foreign Translation]

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Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Commentary (books not included). Pages: 25. Chapters: Novels by John Grisham, *The Associate*, *Ford County*, *A Time to Kill*, *The Confession*, *The Firm*, *The Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town*, *Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer*, *A Painted House*, *The Client*, *The Broker*, *The Street Lawyer*, *The Appeal*, *The Runaway Jury*, *The Rainmaker*, *Skipping Christmas*, *The Last Juror*, *The Pelican Brief*, *Playing for Pizza*, *The Partner*, *The Testament*, *Bleachers*, *The King of Torts*, *The Chamber*, *The Brethren*, *The Summons*. Excerpt: *The Associate* is a legal thriller by John Grisham. His twenty-first novel, it was published by Doubleday and released in the United States on January 27, 2009. As an idealistic law student and editor-in-chief of the Yale Law Journal, Kyle McAvoy has the promise of a highly successful career, although after graduation, he intends to devote three years to public service before applying for employment with a prestigious firm. His plans are derailed when he is approached by two FBI agents (later proved to be bogus) who interrogate him and then pass him on to a mysterious man known only as Bennie Wright. Bennie has a videotape of a party that took place in Kyle's apartment five years earlier, when he was an undergraduate student at Duquesne University. In it, two of Kyle's fraternity brothers, Joey Bernardo and Baxter Tate, are seen having sexual relations with Elaine Keenan, a coed who later claimed she was raped while unconscious, a charge seemingly supported by Joey asking Baxter "Is she awake?" on the tape. At the time, the incident was investigated by local police, who determined there had been no assault and declined to take further action. With the tape now in his possession, Bennie threatens to expose Kyle's secret unless he cooperates with him and his associates. Bennie's plan is to have Kyle accept a position at New York...

From the author of *THE PARTNER*, a thriller, in which the rising star of Drake and Sweeney finds that it is better not to have a conscience if he is to obtain a partnership. But a violent encounter changes his whole outlook on life and he begins to dig into the secrets of Drake and Sweeney. An act which could cost him his life.

Washed-up public defender Clay Carter's latest case, a routine street killing, takes an unexpected turn when he discovers evidence of a conspiracy involving a large drug company and a lawsuit with a huge potential settlement. Reprint. 35,000 first printing.

Following the brutal rape of his ten-year-old daughter, Carl Lee Haily, a black man living in a small Mississippi town, kills the two white men accused of the crime

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • Investigator Lacy Stoltz follows the trail of a serial killer, and closes in on a shocking suspect—a sitting judge—in “one of the best crime reads of the year.... Bristling with high-tech detail and shivering with suspense.... Worth staying up all night to finish” (Wall Street Journal). In *The Whistler*, Lacy Stoltz investigated a corrupt judge who was taking millions in bribes from a crime syndicate. She put the criminals away, but only after being attacked and nearly killed. Three years later, and approaching forty, she is tired of her work for the Florida Board on Judicial Conduct and ready for a change. Then she meets a mysterious woman who is so frightened she uses a number of aliases. Jeri Crosby’s father was murdered twenty years earlier in a case that remains unsolved and that has grown stone cold. But Jeri has a suspect whom she has become obsessed with and has stalked for two decades. Along the way, she has discovered other victims. Suspicions are easy enough, but proof seems impossible. The man is brilliant, patient, and always one step ahead of law enforcement. He is the most cunning of all serial killers. He knows forensics, police procedure, and most important: he knows the law. He is a judge, in Florida—under Lacy’s jurisdiction. He has a list, with the names of his victims and targets, all unsuspecting people unlucky enough to have crossed his path and wronged him in some way. How can Lacy pursue him, without becoming the next name on his list? *The Judge’s List* is by any measure John Grisham’s most surprising, chilling novel yet.

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A lawyer searches the Brazilian jungle for a missionary doctor working with Indians, the illegitimate daughter of an American tycoon who left her his fortune. But the tycoon's real children are determined to prevent the inheritance.

Number One bestseller John Grisham returns with his most suspenseful thriller yet. Given the importance of what they do, and the controversies that often surround them, and the violent people they sometimes confront, it is remarkable that in the history of the USA only four active federal judges have been murdered. Judge Raymond Fawcett just became number five. His body was found in the small basement of a lakeside cabin he had built himself and frequently used on weekends. When he did not show up for a trial on Monday morning, his law clerks panicked, called the FBI, and in due course the agents found the crime scene. There was no forced entry, no struggle, just two dead bodies - Judge Fawcett and his young secretary. I did not know Judge Fawcett, but I know who killed him, and why. I am a lawyer, and I am in prison. It's a long story.

In the small north Florida town of Seabrook, a young lawyer named Keith Russo was shot dead at his desk as he worked late one night. The killer left no clues behind. There were no witnesses, no real suspects, no one with a motive. The police soon settled on Quincy Miller, a young black man who was once a client of Russos. Quincy was framed, convicted, and sent to prison for life. For twenty-two years he languished in prison with no lawyer, no advocate on the outside. Then he wrote a letter to Guardian Ministries, a small innocence group founded by a lawyer/minister named Cullen Post. Guardian handles only a few innocence cases at a time, and Post is its only investigator. He travels the South fighting wrongful convictions and taking cases no one else will touch. With Quincy Miller, though, he gets far more than he bargained for. Powerful, ruthless people murdered Keith Russo, and they do not want Quincy exonerated.

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author, a new legal thriller about a man who might be the most criminal sitting judge in American history As an investigator for the Florida Board on Judicial Conduct, Lacy Stoltz sees plenty of corruption among the men and women elected to the bench. In *THE WHISTLER*, she took on a crime syndicate that was paying millions to a crooked judge. Now, in *THE JUDGE'S LIST*, the crimes are even worse. The man hiding behind the black robe is not taking bribes--but he may be taking lives. *THE JUDGE'S LIST*--you don't want to be on it.

John Grisham, delivers another legal thriller of unparalleled suspense. With fourteen years left on a twenty-year sentence, notorious Washington power broker, Joel Blackman, receives a surprise pardon from a lame-duck president. He is smuggled out of the co The best-selling author of *The Runaway Jury*, *The Pelican Brief*, and *A Time to Kill* explores the dark and dangerous depths of America's legal system in a new thriller. 2,500,000 first printing.

Jake Brigance, the protagonist of *A Time to Kill*, John Grisham's classic legal thriller is back. This time he's at the epicenter of a sensational murder trial that bitterly divides the citizens of Clanton, Mississippi. *A Time to Kill* is one of the most popular novels of our time. It established Jake as a classic American hero--a lawyer who seeks truth and justice at all costs, even when his life and reputation are on the line. Brigance returned in 2013's *Sycamore Row*, in which he once again found himself embroiled in a deeply divisive trial. Now, in *A Time for Mercy*, Jake is the court-appointed lawyer for Drew Gamble, a young man accused of murdering a local deputy. Many in Clanton want a swift trial and the death penalty, but Brigance sees it another way. Once he learns the details of the case, he realizes he has to do everything he can to save Drew--who is sixteen. Jake's commitment to the truth puts his career and the safety of his family at risk. Filled with all the courtroom machinations, small-town intrigues, and plot twists that have become the hallmarks of the master of the legal thriller, *A Time for Mercy* emphatically confirms John Grisham's reputation as America's favorite storyteller. There is a time to kill, a time for justice, and *A TIME FOR MERCY*.

When the Supreme Court's most liberal and most conservative justices are gunned down, law student Darby Shaw builds a case against a powerful suspect, whose threats send her underground. By the author of *The Firm*. 250,000 first printing. \$500,000 ad/promo. Tour.

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Abandoning his aspirations about living the good life, Memphis attorney Rudy Baylor fears he will lose everything in the face of a pivotal case that could cost him his life or turn him into the biggest rainmaker in the land. Reprint.

In the long-awaited successor to the novel that launched his phenomenal career, John Grisham brings us the powerful sequel to *A Time to Kill*. As filled with page-turning twists as it is with legal mastery, *Sycamore Row* proves beyond doubt that John Grisham is in a league of his own. Jake Brigance has never met Seth Hubbard, or even heard of him, until the old man's suicide note names him attorney for his estate. The will is dynamite. Seth has left ninety per cent of his vast, secret fortune to his housemaid. The vultures are circling even before the body is cold: the only subject more incendiary than money in Ford County is race, and this case has both. AS the relatives contest the will, and unscrupulous lawyers hasten to benefit, Jake searches for answers to the many questions left by Seth Hubbard's death: What made him write that last-minute will leaving everything to a poor black woman named Lettie Lang? Why did he choose to kill himself on the desolate piece of land known as Sycamore Row? And what was it that Seth and his brother witnessed as children that, in his words, 'no human should ever see'?

The Book Publishing Industry focuses on consumer books (adult, juvenile, and mass market paperbacks) and reviews all major book categories to present a comprehensive overview of this diverse business. In addition to the insights and portrayals of the U.S. publishing industry, this book includes an appendix containing historical data on the industry from 1946 to the end of the twentieth century. The selective

bibliography includes the latest literature, including works in marketing and economics that has a direct relationship with this dynamic industry. This third edition features a chapter on e-books and provides an overview of the current shift toward digital media in the US book publishing industry.

A member of the jury for the century's most explosive trial against a giant tobacco company, Juror #2, a mysterious man with a past and a hidden agenda, joins forces with a beautiful woman on the outside to get the verdict he wants, no matter what the cost. Reissue. (A 20th Century Fox film, releasing Fall 2003, starring Gene Hackman, Dustin Hoffman, & John Cusack) (Suspense)

Recent parolee Travis Boyette, who suffers from an inoperable brain tumor, confesses that he committed a murder nine years earlier for which another man awaits execution, but finds it difficult to convince the justice system of its error.

25th Anniversary edition of the bestselling legal thriller - now with a new introduction from John Grisham. When Mitchell McDeere qualified third in his class at Harvard, offers poured in from every law firm in America. Bendini, Lambert and Locke were a small, well-respected firm, but their offer exceeded Mitch's wildest expectations: a fantastic salary, a new home, and the keys to a brand new BMW. It was his dream job - but it was to become his worst nightmare. Unravelling a complex trail of secret files, undercover surveillance, and millions of dollars of illegal mob money, Mitch stumbles across a shocking conspiracy and a horrifying truth: nobody has ever left Bendini, Lambert and Locke - and anybody who has ever tried has ended up dead. 'Slickly plotted ... unputdownable' Mail on Sunday 'A furiously paced thriller' Sunday Times 'Enthralling characters and mesmeric plot' Time Out

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER * A high-stakes thrill ride through the darkest corners of the Sunshine State, from the author hailed as "the best thriller writer alive" by Ken Follett We expect our judges to be honest and wise. Their integrity is the bedrock of the entire judicial system. We trust them to ensure fair trials, to protect the rights of all litigants, to punish those who do wrong, and to oversee the flow of justice. But what happens when a judge bends the law or takes a bribe? Lacy Stoltz is an investigator for the Florida Board on Judicial Conduct. It is her job to respond to complaints dealing with judicial misconduct. After nine years with the Board, she knows that most problems are caused by incompetence, not corruption. But a corruption case eventually crosses her desk. A previously disbarred lawyer is back in business, and he claims to know of a Florida judge who has stolen more money than all other crooked judges combined. And not just crooked judges in Florida. All judges, from all states, and throughout United States history. And now he wants to put a stop to it. His only client is a person who knows the truth and wants to blow the whistle and collect millions under Florida law. When the case is assigned to Lacy, she immediately suspects that this one could be dangerous. Dangerous is one thing. Deadly is something else. Praise for The Whistler "[A] main character [who's] a seriously appealing woman . . . a whistle-blower who secretly calls attention to corruption . . . a strong and frightening sense of place . . . [John Grisham's] on his game."--Janet Maslin, The New York Times "[John Grisham is] our guide to the byways and backwaters of our legal system, superb in particular at ferreting out its vulnerabilities and dramatizing their abuse in gripping style."--USA Today "Riveting . . . an elaborate conspiracy."--The New York Times Book Review

Court-appointed lawyer Jake Brigance puts his career, his financial security, and the safety of his family on the line to defend a sixteen-year-old suspect who is accused of killing a local deputy and is facing the death penalty.

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#1 New York Times bestselling author John Grisham's newest legal thriller takes you inside a law firm that's on shaky ground. "[A] buoyant, mischievous thriller . . . Grisham writes in such an inventive spirit. . . . A treat."—Janet Maslin, The New York Times Mark, Todd, and Zola came to law school to change the world, to make it a better place. But now, as third-year students, these close friends realize they have been duped. They all borrowed heavily to attend a third-tier for-profit law school so mediocre that its graduates rarely pass the bar exam, let alone get good jobs. And when they learn that their school is one of a chain owned by a shady New York hedge-fund operator who also happens to own a bank specializing in student loans, the three know they have been caught up in The Great Law School Scam. But maybe there's a way out. Maybe there's a way to escape their crushing debt, expose the bank and the scam, and make a few bucks in the process. But to do so, they would first have to quit school. And leaving law school a few short months before graduation would be completely crazy, right? Well, yes and no . . . Pull up a stool, grab a cold one, and get ready to spend some time at The Rooster Bar. "Satisfying . . . Grisham [is] at his best when he brings his sardonic sense of humor to the sometimes questionable ethics of law and banking."—USA Today "[A] smartly told tale . . . gratifying and all-too-real."—The Washington Post

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