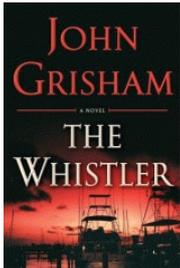


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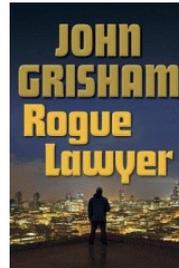
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## The whistler

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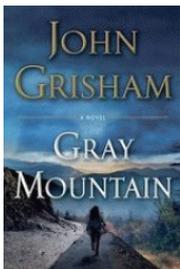
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## Rogue lawyer

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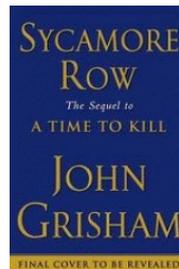
(October 20, 2015) The Lincoln Lawyer novels of Michael Connelly were so good that Grisham penned a tribute to the series with this novel featuring his reincarnation of Mickey Haller -- Sebastian Rudd.



## Gray Mountain

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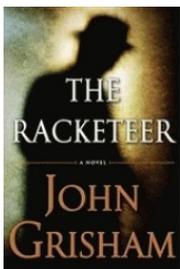
(October 23, 2014) City girl Samantha Kofer is exiled to Appalachia after the 2008 Subprime Mortgage Meltdown and fights the coal companies.



## Sycamore Row

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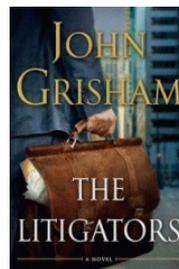
(October 22, 2013) Seth Hubbard drew up a holographic will that disinherited his children and named a surprise beneficiary. Lawyer Jake Brigance is called to defend the will in a trial every bit as riveting as his first major trial. A sequel to Grisham's first novel, A Time to Kill.



## The racketeer

John Grisham.

(October 23, 2012) In a rush to indict associates of Barry the Backhander, the Feds sent lawyer Malcolm Bannister to jail. Jailhouse lawyer Bannister learned of a murder and used Rule 35 to barter for his freedom, but now needs his wits to keep it.



## The litigators

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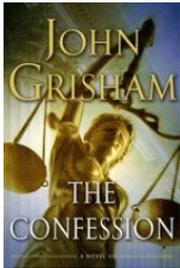
(October 25, 2011) A gritty law firm in southwest Chicago hires burned-out corporate lawyer David Zinc, who leads the firm in a mass-action tort suit against the makers of a diet pill, defended by his old employer.

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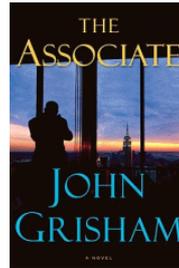
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## The confession

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(October 26, 2010) The real case of Marty Tankleff inspired this story about a death row convict. Travis Boyette confessed a crime to a minister, who learned that Dante Drumm is scheduled to be executed for that crime.

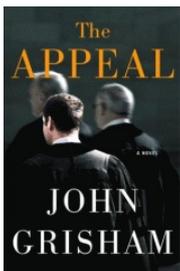


## The associate

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(January 27, 2009) A socially-conscious Yale lawyer must accept a job at a high powered New York legal firm, in order to steal some highly confidential legal documents, in order to protect himself from criminal charges resulting from an incident at a college fraternity party.

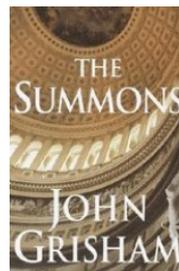
Inspired by the Duke...



## The appeal

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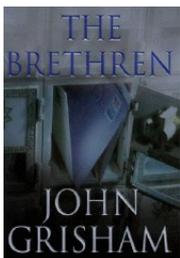
(January 29, 2008) An unknown candidate for the Mississippi Supreme Court defeats an incumbent with a spirited campaign financed by some wealthy benefactors. The man finds his conscience tugging him in opposite directions when an important court case is heard.



## The summons

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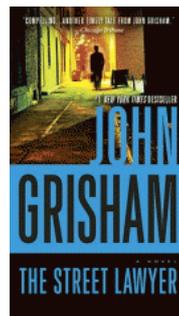
(February 5, 2002) Ray Atlee obeys the summons, only to find the father who sent the summons dead at home. A large inheritance is left behind, but threats are made. Atlee finds some answers but must make up his mind before he winds up dead.



## The brethren

John Grisham.

(February 1, 2000) Three judges from a kangaroo court at a federal penitentiary pretend to be pen pals to lonely men in order to extort money by threatening public embarrassment. They target a candidate for President backed by the FBI.



## The street lawyer

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(February 4, 1998) Corporate lawyer Michael Brock becomes a lawyer for the homeless after being held hostage. The street lawyer stumbles upon a wrongful eviction by the corporation hired by Brock's old law firm that ejected the man who took him hostage.

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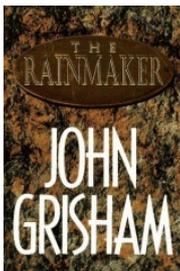
(February 26, 1997) Patrick Lannigan faked his death and absconded with \$90 million from a Gulf Coast law firm. How he hid and how he was discovered are the mysteries of the novel, as well as the location of the money.



## The runaway jury

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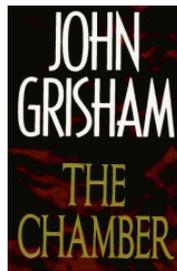
(May 1, 1996) This modern Twelve Angry Men tale involves a wrongful death trial against a tobacco company that brings jury fixer Rankin Fitch to town as well as professional juror Nicholas Easter and his girlfriend Marlee.



## The rainmaker

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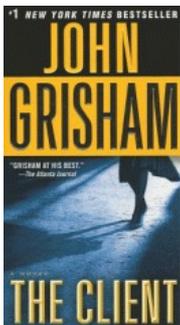
(April 1, 1995) A law school graduate takes job out of college for Bruiser's ambulance-chasing firm. When Bruiser is arrested, Rudy Baylor starts his own law firm, only to find himself in court facing the top law firm in Memphis.



## The chamber

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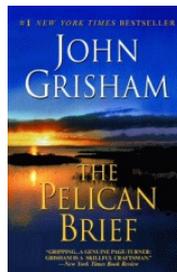
(May 1, 1994) A former Klansman on death row finally finds a lawyer who he can work with, a grandson who establishes a personal connection through his professional visits.



## The client

John Grisham.

(February 1, 1993) When a child tries to prevent a man from killing himself, others believe that suicide victim told him a secret. He hires a lawyer to fend off overzealous federal prosecutors and the mob.



## The pelican brief

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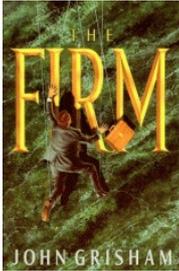
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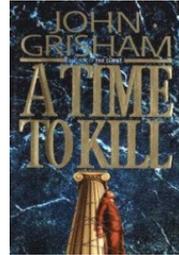
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## The firm

John Grisham.

(February 1, 1991) Top student Mitch McDeere accepts an offer he cannot refuse to join a corporate tax law firm in Memphis, but soon after passing the bar he is hounded by the FBI, who say The Firm is a front for the Moralto crime family.



## A time to kill

John Grisham.

(June 1989) Clanton lawyer Jake Brigance knows his client killed two men, but he believes he can convince a jury that each person would do the same thing in the same situation in a case that interests both the KKK and NAACP.