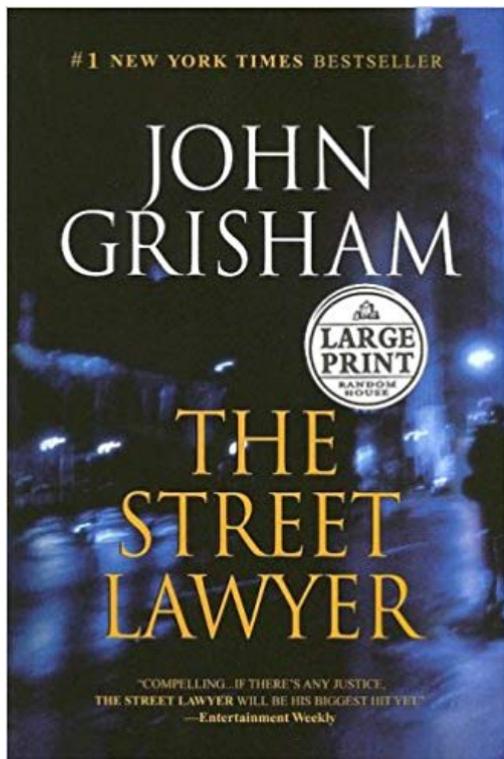


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Michael was in a hurry. He was scrambling up the ladder at Drake & Sweeney, a giant D.C. law firm with eight hundred lawyers. The money was good and getting better; a partnership was three years away. He was a rising star with no time to waste, no time to stop, no time to toss a few coins into the cups of panhandlers. No time for a conscience. But a violent encounter with a homeless man stopped him cold. Michael survived; his assailant did not. Who was this man? Michael did some digging, and learned that he was a mentally ill veteran who'd been in and out of shelters for many years. Then Michael dug a little deeper, and found a dirty secret, and the secret involved Drake & Sweeney. The fast track derailed; the ladder collapsed. Michael bolted the firm and took a top-secret file with him. He landed in the streets, an advocate for the homeless, a street lawyer. And a thief.



Reviews of the **The Street Lawyer (Random House Large Print) by John Grisham**

Xtani

Not to many people know the plight of homeless people. The story was an education into this dark side of the American Way. The characters were described to a tee as they sprang to life. What I didn't like is that it ended to abruptly. Two more chapters would have given the story a fitting end.

Juce

Michael Brock rethinks his life at Drake & Sweeny after a homeless man follows him up the elevator and follows him as he enters the offices. He calls himself Mister and hold several lawyers hostage in a conference room holding a grudge against the firm. After several hours, he orders food from a homeless shelter because everyone is hungry, after the food is delivered and the door is opened, a cop with a scope kills "Mister" and the blood splatters on Michael. The others in the room run for it, thinking that Michael has been hit, too.

After he reads the Post (D.C.) he discovers his name and that he was homeless, and also that Mordecai Green, a lawyer and director of the 14th Street Legal Clinic. He drove to the clinic and talked with Mordecai thinking that Devon Hardy might have AIDs and he was splattered with his blood. They talked awhile and since there was a blizzard coming he was more worried about making sure all the homeless were somewhere safe in a shelter.

Later, Michael, steals a file from Braden Chance, a real estate lawyer with the help of his paralegal, Then he is in a horrible car accident, with the file in the car when it was towed away. That's when the story twists and turns, and Michael turns down his huge salary of a hundred, and twenty thousand a year to thirty thousand as a street lawyer for the poor. His wife, Clare, knows she can't afford their exclusive, expensive home, so she divorces him, and the marriage was ending anyway. He is comfortable with his new lifestyle, and keeps the file, plus finds out that Chance has shredded the most important memo that the homeless were evicted from their makeshift apartments without a thirty day notice, and thrown out on the streets. Mordecai and Michael sue the firm and end up with five million plus, however, after returning the file, Michael license is suspended from practicing law for nine months, but the story continues....

Asyasya

Very well written. what did I expect, right? The best part is that this book has me looking inward. Thank you!

Leceri

SPECIFICALLY STATED early on in the book: The homeless problem in America is caused by George Bush, Rudy Giuliani, and greedy, rich, white-racist Republicans. I'm NOT making this up. So being thusly stunned from the beginning, I keep reading for the moment when our hero suddenly awakens and discovers that maybe, JUST MAYBE, personal accountability might play some small, incidental role in the plight of the homeless. BUT, NO! The weirdly emphasized conservative-bashing was not some red herring to be purged at the book's climax, IT WAS THE BOOK!

Thundershaper

An eye and heart opening book. Impossible not to feel pain and sadness. Perhaps somewhat politically slanted. But undoubtedly an insight into the real and sad world that, fortunately, so few of us who read these books have any personal experience.

Zainian

I had just finished, and thoroughly enjoyed Grisham's "The Litigators" and was deciding which of his books would be my next read. I was totally enthralled with "The Street Lawyer." I have to admit that the first-person narration distracted me at first, but once I became engaged with the story, I didn't notice it as much. I very much enjoy Grisham's male characters who are fed up with the corporate system and take courageous steps to break away. I rate this book at the top of my Grisham favorites, only second to the "The Firm." Highly recommended.

Cktiell

This novel had me struggling to stop reading. The more I read the more I realized that this was more about corporate greed and the ills of our society which correlates with that personal and corporate greed. Certainly we take for granted do much of our middle, upper middle and upper social class outlook on life and whats good for us and how this view may not match that of the less educated and fortunate. A storyline which invoked much soul searching and food for thought on what is the truth and doing the right thing really worth to me personally and any institution that I may represent as a finance professional. I found the writing style crisp, pointed and enlightening. A good read to awaken your social conscience

This book is a typical Grisham lawyer story with quite an unusual twist. As usual the central character is a bright attorney. The difference is that this guy goes from riches to rags in monetary terms but his legal dealings with homeless street people give him a sense of satisfaction that money can't buy.

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